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Dear parents,

I would like to say a very big thank you to the outgoing Co-Chairs of the PTFA, Hannah Worthington (Matilda 4H, Jonah 2S and Eli RKM) and Greg Allen (Innes 4M and Juno 2S), who are stepping down after two years at the helm. They have done a fabulous job, but are ready to and deserve to hand over to a new team.

I am delighted to say that Marghanita Spooner (Lysander 1M and Dante in Nursery) will be taking over as Chair from now, which is great news and I know she is looking forward to working with the parent community and the school to raise more money for activities, opportunities and resources for our children.

We recently asked parents if they were interested in becoming a parent governor and serving on the governing board of the school.

I am very pleased to announce that we have a new parent governor – Alex Shepherd (Arlo 1M and Alba 1C) who will be joining the governing body from 18th November.

Congratulations to the Hackney Futsal Champions 2019! This is the very first ever Futsal tournament for primary schools in Hackney. I had asked the team in the morning to make sure they won and they did! The team from William Patten beat Daubeney, Queensbridge and St. John and St. James in the group stages. In the semi final, our team beat St. Pauls and St. Michaels and in the final we were triumphant over Woodberry Down (our old rivals!) in a thrilling penalty shoot out. A huge well done to Romeo, Fabio, Jack, Jamie, Jared, Alec and Ronnie. Thank you to Fabio's dad, Jared's dad, Ronnie's mum and Alec's dad for accompanying the Jim and the boys and supporting the team! The trophy has taken pride of place in the cabinet!



Have a lovely weekend
Best wishes
Karen

Kench Hill

'Last week, 6B went to Kench Hill for the Year 6 residential. It was great fun! Our class enjoyed multiple activities including orienteering, bread making, gardening, archery and team games. One of the highlights was going to Camber Sands, a local beach, where we did exhilarating stunts whilst dune jumping!

We also visited the Rare Breeds centre to meet lots of unusual animals like the owls we saw in the breath-taking falconry display. The trip was really amazing!

Matilda 6B

I would like to say a huge, ginormous thank you to the staff team who accompanied the children in both Year 6 classes - Harriet, Craig, Caitlin, Jim, Ben, Sian, Cem and Sue.

We simply cannot do this type of activity without a huge amount of goodwill from the staff and I know that they also had a fabulous time and they have asked if they can go back next year - a sure sign that a great time was had by all.



Celebrating Black History Month

Hackney Museum is celebrating Black History Month with an exhibition on the history and impact of African and Caribbean fashion and hair in the borough 'Hackney's Got Style' this month. Classes across the school are taking part.

5E had a fantastic time at Hackney Museum for our Black History Month workshop last Wednesday. The children explored the exhibition and got dressed up in clothes and hats from different periods. Here are Alegria and Adaeze searching the exhibition to find out the history of their costumes!



Celebrating Children's Rights conference at UCL

Last Thursday, Ridji, Ramin, Scarlett and Keira went to UCL with Jan Cullen to present a speech about the Soundscape project we did last year. Some ex WP children (Bill, Luka, Ivy and Maya) all now in Year 7 also went. The children presented their speech in a conference room to an international audience. The delegates from France wanted to follow the example of the WP children and do their own project to improve air quality in Paris! The children were able to listen to other speeches, enjoyed a lovely free lunch and participated in activities including designing and making their own bags imprinted with a right that was important to them.



Visit to the Guardian Newsroom

5E were lucky enough to visit the Guardian Newsroom Education Centre for a whole day workshop in Kings Cross. We were introduced to the roles of reporters and editors and then had a mini-news conference with our partner, choosing the most important stories of the day. After establishing the 5 'W's of each story (who, what, when, where, why) we selected the stories which intrigued us most and wrote copy for our front pages using our own online research. We then took on the important task of editing our work by using a spell checker and ensuring our punctuation was accurate. Finally, we wrote our by-lines and headlines and became photo editors, choosing the best pictures to entice our readers. At the end of the day we had our own newspaper front page which we'd created entirely ourselves. What a fantastic day!

'We learnt about what reporters and editors do for a newspaper and we also created our own newspapers. We might have a future creating newspapers for the Guardian!' – Cara

'Mena (our teacher) taught us how to make a front page – first we took notes and then we started the real work. We chose pictures and we wrote headlines. In the end we printed them and got to take them home, it was really great!' – Orla

'5E were very impressed with this trip and it inspired us. It took us a short amount of time to produce such a tremendous newspaper, we are all very proud and happy with our work'. – Hope

'A million thumbs up' – Alva

'We had a chance to try out all of the jobs they do there' – Matilda

'We learnt how to be editors and reporters...now we kind of know how to make newspapers...it's not that easy!' – Alegria



Celebrating Differences

KS2 had a wonderful performance from Chain Reaction about 'Celebrating our Differences.' There were different scenarios of how division and bullying could occur, it is not only in the traditional sense of it being physical but cyber bullying is now a huge issue. The performance highlighted on how we could transform them by making small changes in the way that we think. It was lovely to have a chance to ask questions to the actors about how they changed their way of thinking and created a positive atmosphere for their team. We have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week this week (11th – 15th November) with the theme 'Change Starts with Us.' There will be an Anti-Bullying poster competition that children can take part in.



Steve McQueen's Year 3 children exhibition unveiled at Tate Britain

Last year, our (now Year 4) children were delighted to be included in Oscar-winning filmmaker and renowned artist, Steve McQueen's latest project. More than 75,000 Year 3 children across London's schools were photographed for his latest exhibition by specially trained Tate photographers.

'Explored through the vehicle of the traditional school class photograph, this vast new art work is one of the most ambitious portraits of children ever undertaken in the UK. It offers us a glimpse of the capital's future, a hopeful portrait of a generation to come.'

The project aims to be a visual snapshot of people in the city and was inspired after the Turner Prize-winning artist looked at his own 1977 class photo. Our school was very excited to be a part of this and we are now looking forward to seeing our children featured in the full exhibition at Tate Britain. It runs from 12th November 2019 to 3rd May 2020 and is free to visit.

Performing at the Royal Albert Hall

Some of our children - Ben, Silver, Matilda C, Eliza and Marnie - play in the Hackney Youth Orchestra. They were recently invited to play at the Barnardo's Young Supporters Concert at the Royal Albert Hall. Their enthusiastic rendition of 'Land of Hope and Glory' - with union jacks waving and everything - was an incredible end to the whole concert, and was an amazing experience for all involved!



Mary Wollstonecraft Assembly by Dexter 6B

Yesterday we had an assembly on Mary Wollstonecraft and what she did as a women's rights activist. We learnt about how much she believed in everyone getting an equal and good education. When she was alive only the boys got to learn all of the subjects that we learn today and the girls just learnt how to be a good mum or wife. After we learnt some things about her, we sang a song about her wanting all girls and boys to get a good education. Then we sang the song a few more times but in strange ways like each year singing it but at different speeds which everyone thoroughly enjoyed. It was a great way to end the assembly (Dexter Renshaw 6B).



Black History Month lunch

On Wednesday we continued to celebrate Black History Month with a special menu of jerk chicken, fried chicken and macaroni cheese with jollof rice, rice and peas and plantain fritters. Dessert was pineapple with sweet potato pie. The children thoroughly enjoyed the menu and many came back for seconds. Someone even said it was better than Christmas lunch! The kitchen team worked so hard, so a big thank you to Ali, Nora, Tilda, Althea and Firoza for the fabulous feast!



Congratulations to all the children who completed the Summer Reading Challenge in 2019. The big prize this year went to Northwold School with 30 children completing the Summer Reading Challenge. Well done Northwold who won a £50 Amazon voucher to buy books. William Patten wasn't far behind with 21 children ... next year we are aiming to win!



Donations urgently needed for the Winter Toy Appeal.

Each year the Winter Toy Appeal collects new toys for children experiencing extreme poverty in North London.

Please support the appeal - you can drop toys at the school office or at Location Location opposite the school or buy via the wishlist at www.toyappealwishlist.com Last year's appeal reached over 4,000 children, including every child in temporary accommodation in Hackney and many more - the toys are given out to children in most need via schools, social workers, refuges, food banks and migrant centres.

The last day to give is December 7th. New toys only please and no clothes.

The appeal is run by the Local Buyers Club and Location Location. For more information, please visit www.wintertoyappeal.com

PTFA update

The PTFA are launching a monthly cake sale with each year group providing cakes and volunteers from the year group selling them at the end of the day in the playground. Cakes will be 50p each and if they are small, then two for 50p. All money raised goes to the PTFA.

Friday 15 Nov	Reception provide cakes
Friday 17 Jan	Year 1 provide cakes
Friday 13 March	Year 2 provide cakes
Friday 01 May	Year 3 provide cakes
Friday 12 June	Year 4 provide cakes
Friday 10 July	Year 5 & 6 provide cakes

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Ruby-May, Mohinder, Aya, Arlo, Elisha, Floris, Hafsa, Lizzy, Sonny O and Martha D who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

Up to date contact details



Please ensure that the school office has up to date contact details for your child. If you change your mobile/work phone numbers, home address, childminder etc. let us know.

Easyfundraising

Thank you to everyone raising money for the school by shopping online with easyfundraising. Your support really does make a difference, so don't forget there are 3,300 shops and sites you can shop with. You have raised £1061.40 to date. Please make sure you shop the easyfundraising way every time you buy something online: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/williampattensch>

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John Lewis & Partners are giving TRIPLE DONATIONS to William Patten School until 17th November, so this is the best time to get your Christmas shopping started. You can get organised and raise three times as much for us at the same time! Just remember to use #easyfundraising! Visit: <http://efraising.org/Dy1cC3M9gP>

Attendance Chart



Well done to **5E** who are at the top of the chart for the second time this year with excellent attendance. Both **1C** and **6H** are very close behind. Maybe next time there will be a new winner?

Rec Cyrelle	98.1%
Rec Kate/Maria	95.6%
Y1 Charlotte	98.4%
Y1 Maya	97.2%
Y2 Laura	96.8%
Y2 Sophie	97.9%
Y3 Luke	98.1%
Y3 Christine	97.8%
Y4 Hannah	97.5%
Y4 Marion	97.1%
Y5 Ellen	98.6%
Y5 Yeter	95.9%
Y6 Ben	96.2%
Y6 Harriet	98.4%



Childnet International

Childnet has updated their parent and carer toolkit that will help parents have conversations about online safety. Their booklet 'Let's talk about life online' includes ten key messages that should be shared with children:

1. "You can always come to me if you need help."
2. "What would you do if this happened...?"
3. "Remember that not everyone is who they say they are online."
4. "Keep your personal information safe, and other people's too."
5. "Be respectful to others online."
6. "Think before you post."
7. "Remember to ask if it's okay."
8. "Remember not everything is true online."
9. "The things other people post online might not always show what their life is really like."
10. "Recognise how going online makes you feel and take a break when you need to."

The Parent and Carer Toolkit can be found [here](#) and contains useful links and resources.

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