

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

In assembly last week we announced which children will be in the first ever William Patten Eco Team. Laura and I were both amazed and overwhelmed at the number of applications we had from children in Years 2 – 6. Out of the 300 children who could apply, over half did, 156 in total. Astonishing and hugely reassuring that so many children are committed to environmental issues. The children had to consider and then answer

- what do you already do in your day to day life that supports the environment and promotes sustainability?
- what would you like to improve at school so we are more Eco friendly?
- what skills and new ideas would you bring to the William Patten Eco Team?

The children explained what they did at home already and so many are recycling and trying to avoid single use plastic, they are making sure they take reusable bags when the family goes shopping, and they scoot and cycle and take the bus. We had lots of ideas for what the school could do to be more eco-friendly such as installing solar panels on the roof, building a windmill on the roof to generate energy, have a meat and dairy free day once a week and one that lots of children suggested – that teachers stop laminating! The first meeting is on 2nd December and we will let you know what the Eco team discussed, in the next Pages.

Well done to our cross country team who made a fabulous start on Thursday. We had some amazing results from individual children and hopefully can repeat this over the next three weeks and maybe win the overall event? Fingers crossed! Thank you to Jim and the parents who accompanied the group.

We are looking forward to the Winter Fair on Sunday with lots of super stalls and activities and hope to see you there!

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

Superhero Day

On Wednesday morning, you will have spotted a huge number of strange and mysterious characters in the playground - such as a Paper Bag Princess, Supertato, Super Daisy, Spider Men/Women, Superwoman, Supergirl, Super Pirate, Supercat, Elliot (from Elliot saves the day) and a Super Fireman to name but a few!

This wasn't anything to be alarmed about, or a junior Comic Con Convention, but just Nursery and Reception children celebrating all they had learnt and enjoyed during this term's topic of 'Fantasy and Adventure!' During the day, we had a very special assembly where Nursery and Reception children showed their costumes to all of the children in EYFS and explained the character they had dressed up as and also the particular superpowers that they had. Well done, we all had a super-spectacular day!



Centre of the Cell

Year 4 visited the Centre of the Cell last week. The Centre of the Cell is a science education centre based at Queen Mary University of London. It is an incredible building modelled on human cells. The children saw research scientists at work as they entered the centre and then learned about the amazing world of cells, the human body and latest medical research through interactive games. Many of the children decided to become scientists as a result of their visit! We are really grateful to the parents that volunteered to come with us. Our 'Science Explainer' told us that the children had the right balance of enthusiasm and good behaviour.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Harry, Sumire, Rudy, Maeve, Cara, Honor, Ciro-Mael, Rosie, Elise M, Rosa, Alfie D, Aveleine, Leo D, Lilly, Etta, Arthur A, Valentine, Matilda W and Tristan T who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all!

Coding club

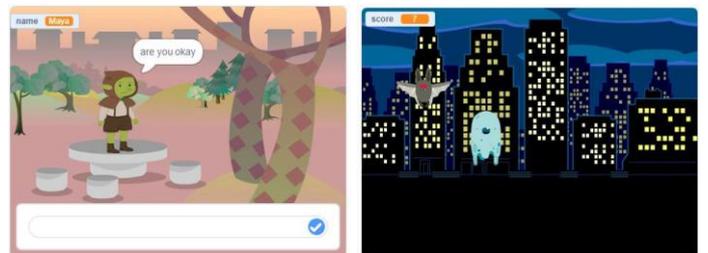


Since the launch of the WP Code club, earlier this half term, our young programmers have been delighting pupils and teachers alike with their amazing creations!

Whether new to coding with Scratch or experts from the outset, the children have worked on a series of projects, such as creating interactive 'chatbots' that travel the universe, and making sailing games to challenge even the steadiest of hands. If you can imagine it, you can bring it to life with code!

Maya and Frank have been very impressed with the enthusiasm and creativity shown by the coders, as well as their ability to apply logical reasoning to create their desired results.

We look forward to sharing more of our digital adventures with you soon.



"I really like code club! I enjoy figuring out how to do things and playing around on scratch. The project we are doing now is really hard but really fun!" Jibril 6B

"Coding club is cool. I can do so much stuff. I can record sounds I like and use them in my games."

Evan 4H

"Coding club had really brought us into the world of coding and is a great experience for us! It's a good thing to be able to do – we are glad we joined."

Artemisia 6B and Nyah 6H

"I can now code way better. I can move things so they follow my mouse and make sound effects".

Matilda 5E

"I am genuinely amazed at how quickly the children are learning to code and how creative they are!"

Frank (club tutor)



Our school Christmas tree was provided by The Christmas Forest. They have opened their pop-up shop at St Paul's Church, 306 Amhurst Rd. They are selling a fabulous selection of sustainably grown, freshly cut Christmas trees all handpicked for their quality. For every tree sold, they donate to plant a tree in the African drylands through Tree Aid www.treeaid.org.uk, changing lives for thousands of some of the poorest families in the world. Wander through and pick your perfect Christmas tree. Code FESTIVE19 will get parents a free gift with purchase.

Results of the November PTFA lottery draw:

- 1st Prize, £40 - Emma Barker
- 2nd Prize, £30 - Paul Gillen
- 3rd Prize, £20 - Emily Midouhas

Thank you to everyone who takes part in the lottery which raises a lot of money for the PTFA. If you would like to join please collect a form from the office or contact Jasmine (Cecily, Y5 and Vita Y3) at Jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk



Don't forget to come to the Winter Fair this Sunday from 12-3pm. Everyone welcome!

William Patten's Eco Team

Eco Team assemble! William Patten is thrilled to have its first ever Eco Team, a group of 21 children who are passionate about promoting environmental issues and sustainable living. We received a whopping 156 applications, which just shows how enthusiastic our children are when it comes to looking after our planet. All children and staff will play an active part in making sure we achieve any Eco targets the team set out. The first team meeting with Laura will be next Monday!

Our Eco Team Members 2019-2020

- Year 2 - Martha, Bruno, Stella, Audrey
- Year 3 - Abdurrahman, Anna, Ed, Imogen
- Year 4 - Muren, Sophia, Maeve, Kallias
- Year 5 - Charlie, Ephraim, Ava, Olive
- Year 6 - Martha, Isobel, Lei, Taro



Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral

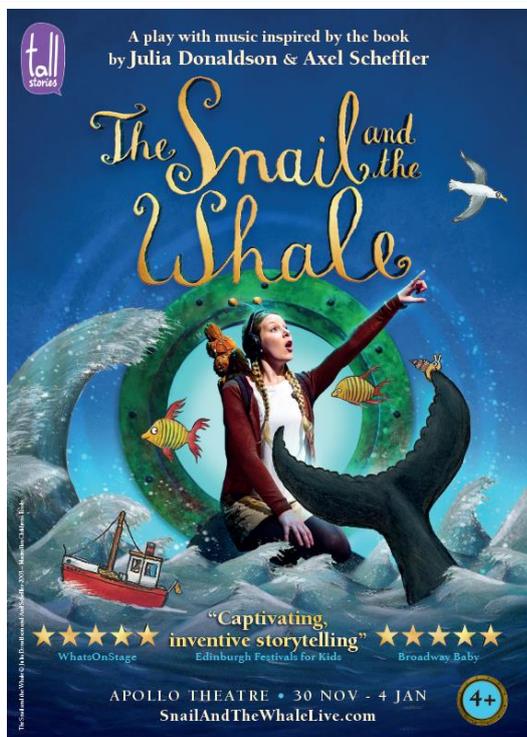
On Tuesday 19th November, Mia, Amaia, Malaika, Seth and Rosa who are all members of Hackney Children's Choir had the opportunity to sing during Evensong at St Paul's Cathedral. The service was attended by the Bishop of London and the Order of the British Empire!

London Jazz Festival

Mia also took part in the EFG London Jazz Festival, with the group 'Girl Plays Jazz' Project on Sunday 23rd November. The London Jazz Festival has taken place every November since 1992.

What a wonderful experience for Mia, being part of such an exciting event!





Are you ready to set sail this Christmas?

Join an adventurous young girl and her seafaring father as they reimagine the story of a tiny snail's incredible trip around the world, inspired by Julia Donaldson and Axel Scheffler's much-loved picture book.

Longing to see the world, a tiny sea snail hitches a lift on the tail of a great big, grey-blue humpback whale. Together they go on an amazing journey, brought vividly to life through live music, storytelling and lots of laughs - but when the whale gets beached, how will the snail save him?

A heart-warming adventure for everyone aged four and up, from Tall Stories, the Olivier Award-nominated company that brought you 'The Gruffalo' and 'Room on the Broom' live on stage.

Running time 55 minutes (no interval)

'The Snail and the Whale' will be at the Apollo Theatre in London's West End from 30th November 2019 to 5th January 2020.

Attendance Chart

6H are the attendance chart winners this time with a high score of **98.5%**. Well done to you! We have so many fantastic events, trips and projects going on, that if you miss school, you miss out!

R Cyrelle	96.5%	R Kate/Maria	97.2%
Y1 Charlotte	97.1%	Y1 Maya	97.5%
Y2 Laura	97.1%	Y2 Sophie	97.4%
Y3 Luke	97.6%	Y3 Christine	97.1%
Y4 Marion	96.4%	Y4 Hannah	96.9%
Y5 Yeter	95.6%	Y5 Ellen	97.2%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Harriet	98.5%

Christmas Lunch Menu 11th December 2019



Choice of:

Roast turkey with stuffing & Cranberry sauce

Roast chicken with gravy

Quorn sausages

Somerset brie & blueberry tart

Goats cheese and red onion tart

Quorn vegan nuggets (vegan)

Country mushroom pie (vegan)

Served with:

Roast potatoes

Brussels sprouts

Honeyed Parsnips & Carrots

Desserts:

Chocolate yule log

Mince pies

Christmas pudding & custard

Chocolate brownie

Belgian vegan chocolate cake (vegan)

Vegan strawberry ice cream (vegan)

Cost of lunch - £2.75 (Rec-Year 2 - free)

Please pay through SIMS Pay.



Christmas countdown



- 1st Winter Fair: 12pm – 3pm
- 3rd Year 1 visiting the V & A Museum of Childhood
- Year 4 visiting the Museum of London
- 4th Gymnastics performance for parents:
Year 2 (9.45am) and Year 4 (3.00pm)
- Year 5 visiting British Museum
- 5th Scooter training for Year 2
- 6th UCL ChemAirPoll workshop for Year 6
- 9th Last week of clubs
- EYFS show - 11.00am and 2.30pm
- 10th Year 1 & 2 show - 2.30pm
- 11th Christmas lunch
- 12th Year 3 & 4 show – 2.30pm
- Year 6 visiting Hackney Museum
- 13th Year 5 & 6 show 2.30pm
- 17th Deborah Reade Art Award Assembly
- 18th Christmas parties
- 19th Last day of term. Break up at 1.30pm