

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

This is the last Patten Pages for this term. I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Winter Fair on 1st December. It was another hugely successful PTFA event for our families and the local community. As ever, it was a huge team event so THANK YOU! We look forward to finding out how much money was raised very soon!

What a wonderful week of Christmas shows we have had – five in total! Packed houses at each one. The children were amazing and performed with such enthusiasm and professionalism. The singing was utterly delightful and the children had worked so hard to learn the words to the songs and master some quite complex musical arrangements.

As ever at WP, the shows have been a culmination of a huge team effort, with the children, staff and parents working together. Well done everyone and a huge thank you our music teacher Alison, for all her hard work in ensuring the shows were of such quality. We were collecting for the Hackney Foodbank and the Winter Toy Appeal after each show. The overwhelming generosity of our families has meant that each charity will benefit from £500 each, as £1000 was raised. Thank you.

It is with much sadness that I have to announce that Devi will be retiring at the end of the term after a mammoth 31 and a half years as a Teaching Assistant at the school. She started in 1988 which is before some of the staff were born!

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank Devi for all her hard work; she has been an asset to the school and has worked tirelessly for the SEND children she has supported and the children in EYFS. Throughout her time at the school, she has always shown such kindness and compassion to children and her colleagues.



We have had another very busy, action packed term, with so many super events, projects and trips. The children and staff have worked incredibly hard to make the term such a success and I would like to thank the staff team for their all their hard work and commitment. They always go above and beyond what they are expected to do.

I would like to thank our parents too, for their support and commitment to William Patten and wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and best wishes for 2020

Best wishes

Karen

Congratulations Sadie and Melissa



Sadie and Melissa from 1C took part in 'Hackney Gymnastic Competition 2019' which was held on Sunday 8th December at Queensbridge Leisure Centre. Both girls were in group 'Girls 2014 B' for children aged 5 or 6. They had to perform 'Routine One' which consisted of:

1. One Leg balance
2. Forward roll to straddle
3. V-sit with hands
4. Back support
5. Rock to stand
6. Straight jump
7. Star jump
8. Bunny jump / Cartwheel

Sadie came 1st and Melissa came 2nd. What a wonderful achievement. Well done girls. We may have two Olympic stars in the making!

Ancient Egyptians and mummified cats!

As part of our History topic, Year 5 visited the British Museum's Ancient Egyptian galleries. We learnt about different Egyptian gods and their beliefs around the afterlife. After sketching up a storm in the sculpture gallery, 5E and 5Y competed in a hotly-contested quiz in small groups. The children were fascinated by the eventful trip - particularly the mummified cats!



'Change starts with us'



This year's Anti-Bullying Week poster competition theme was launched at a special Anti-Bullying Week assembly. The theme was 'Change Starts with us' with the focus of taking responsibility if bullying ever occurs at William Patten. We used one of Ghandi's famous quotes to remind us to 'be the change we want to see' and that it really is up to us to make our environment a happy place for all to enjoy. There were over 140 children taking part in this competition which made it very hard for School Council to decide who the winners would be! Fortunately, they created a set of criteria for each key stage to judge each entry based on its content, language and presentation.

The winners of the Anti-Bullying Competition were:

- **EYFS - Jasper**
- **KS1 - Bruno**
- **KS2 - Manon and Sasha**

Well done to the winners and to everyone who took part in the competition.

Early Years Christmas Show

Both EYFS Nativity performances were spectacular! We had singing camels, donkeys and stars as well as the support of our wonderful Year 6 narrators and percussionist. Children performed their Nativity show to packed audiences of parents, grandparents and family members as well as siblings that attend William Patten School. Children quickly learnt all the words and actions to their songs and during the performances, as well as during the rehearsals, they worked brilliantly as a team to listen to, encourage and support their friends. We were very proud of the way they performed in front of such packed audiences and we are sure that all of their families are too!



★ HAPPY ★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Tristan T, Felipe, Cecily, Alexina, Hattie, Amelie, Alexa, Jack S, Sunny, Tobi, Camilla, Abdurrahman, Hope L and Rex who recently celebrated their birthday. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

Forest School Maths Day



William Patten School was once again invited to take part in the recent Forest School Maths Day. Matilda, Ramin and Theda, from Year 6 spent an afternoon investigating and solving mathematical problems in a Key Stage 3 setting. The children were well supported by Forest School students and were presented with a certificate in recognition of their efforts during Headteacher's Assembly. Well done to all three for representing the school so well and also for working with older students and those from primaries across London at this special event.

Year 4 trip to the Museum of London by Diya 4H and Siri 4M

Recently, 4M and 4H went to the Beasts of London immersive exhibition to learn about extraordinary animals through history. We looked at a range of scenes like an amphitheatre, an apothecary and a rat-baiting pub. An interesting part was the circus where there was a lion in a cage who looked very real! One of the other rooms was a carousel where we found horses. They each had a name written on the side and that told you what their jobs were, it was really amazing.

"It was great because it told us all about animal history in a fun way." – Ariyah

"I would really recommend it for animal lovers or history lovers!" – Diya



Christmas Dinner

Over 380 children enjoyed a festive meal on Wednesday with LOTS of choice, including roast turkey or chicken, three vegetarian dishes and two vegan options - all served with roast potatoes and a variety of vegetables. This was followed by a HUGE selection of desserts - Christmas pudding and custard, yule log, chocolate brownies, Belgian vegan chocolate cake, mince pies and strawberry ice cream - and best of all Christmas crackers! Thank you to Ali and the fabulous kitchen team for working so hard on the day, chopping, peeling, baking and roasting. It was a huge success!!



Ali's recipe for mulled apple juice



Ingredients

1 litre carton apple juice
1 cinnamon stick
Peel of 1 large orange
Peel of 1 large lemon
Small knob of fresh ginger, grated
2tsp runny honey

Method

Add the cinnamon stick, orange and lemon peel, and a sprinkle of the grated ginger to a large saucepan. Pour in the apple juice and place the pan over a low heat, simmering for 10-15 minutes to allow the flavours to infuse. Stir in the honey (you can add a little more to taste if required). Strain the mixture into a jug and serve whilst still warm. **If the jug of mixture cools before you've finished drinking, you can simply return it to an empty saucepan and reheat it again!**



The Eco Team have had their first two meetings with Laura, which have been a great success! They are in the process of completing an environmental review to see what wonderful things we already do at WP to help the environment and what we could do better. The team will study the results in the New Year and then decide on what our first Eco project will be!

Year 4 Gymnastics Performance

After weeks of preparation and hard work, Year 4 performed their gymnastics routine to parents. They displayed their amazing team work and demonstrated sequencing, rhythmic movement and balances to an amazed audience. Many thanks to Rochelle for her hard work, the children should be enormously proud of their hard work and incredible skills.



Letter from Marghanita – new Chair of the PTFA

I'd like to use this opportunity to thank everyone for making the Winter Fair such a success and introduce myself.

The atmosphere at the Fair on Sunday was relaxed and enjoyable. This was a direct result of all the hard work and time put in by the many volunteers in the weeks running up to the fair, on Saturday and Sunday setup, during the fair itself, and the inevitable clean up after. There is no doubt that the people are what make it a successful and vibrant event.

Particular thanks go to Sophie Broadbridge who co-ordinated the whole shemozzle with me. Paget Gaunt for her stunning Grotto, Hayley Beswick for organising the food inside, Lena Corner for the bar, Christina Petzny for the Jumble coordination, Greg Allen for the outside BBQ/bar, and Jonathan Parr for organising the floats and counting all the money afterwards. Also thanks to Jenny Diprose for designing the amazing posters and Hannah Worthington for organising all the Location Location signs. Each of these people also had a band of merry helpers who are too numerous to name individually but whose hard work was noticed and greatly appreciated.

Thanks also need to go to the school, in particular Karen and Sian for standing at the gate all fair, Rita and Liana for collecting and processing all the raffle and jumble donations and David for being on-call around the grounds all day Saturday and Sunday.

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Marghanita and I was recently elected as Chair of the PTFA. I have two boys; Dante in Nursery and Lysander in 1C. I grew up in New Zealand and am a trained Secondary teacher. I am also most of the way through my Family Therapy training (two children notwithstanding!). The majority of my work life has been spent in special units/schools/PRUs which cater for young people with mental health difficulties.

I am looking forward to being your Chair of the PTFA and working with the school to find useful and engaging ways to enrich the young people's school experience.

Huge thanks to local Raffle donors. They were extremely generous as always!

Royal Albert Hall performance

Some of our children (Amaia, Malaika, Mia, Raphael and Seth) who are part of Hackney Children's Choir, sang again at the Royal Albert Hall on 7th December in support of Water Aid. Amongst thousands of voices they beautifully sang Handel, the Messiah. The concert also featured groups from France and Italy.



To learn about the work of WaterAid, visit their website <https://www.wateraid.org/uk/>

Word of the Week – Spring Term 2020

We have started a new scheme called Jigsaw PSHE which was recommended by PSHE Association and is being used by schools in Hackney. It covers current issues like emotional and mental health to tackle issues that could be a barrier to children's overall well-being at school. Therefore our Word of the Week has changed based on the themes we will be learning about.

Spring 1st half term words - *Dreams and Goals*

Spring 2nd half term words - *Healthy Me*

| Week beginning | Word of the Week |
|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 06.01.20 | Dreams |
| 13.01.20 | Goals |
| 20.01.20 | Overcoming obstacles |
| 27.01.20 | Success |
| 03.02.20 | Challenge |
| 10.02.20 | Making a difference |
| (Half Term Break) | |
| 24.02.20 | Being healthy |
| 02.03.20 | Road safety |
| 09.03.20 | Being relaxed |
| 16.03.20 | Being safe |
| 23.03.20 | Healthy friendships |
| 30.03.20 | Emotional & mental health |

Cross Country League

The first two rounds of the Hackney Cross Country league took place on Thursday 28th November and Thursday 5th December culminating in our team of boys and girls lying in second place behind old rivals Betty Layward at the halfway stage of the event. All of our runners performed admirably and I was literally bursting with pride as we cheered them through the finishing line, but I have to give a special shout out to our girls team who are in first place overall after some quite phenomenal performances. In a cross country event such as this one, it doesn't matter if you have one outstanding runner, it really is a team event and that was so evident in all of our WP runners. With the final two rounds still to come in the new year, it really is all to play for. No matter what though, the children should be so so proud of all their efforts thus far! (Jim)



Gymnastics and Cheerleading

Congratulations to all our Gymnasts and Cheerleaders this term. All gymnasts participated in our annual clubs competition. They had to perform a series of 8-10 skills in a set routine. Medals were awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place. Medals were also given out to the Gymnast and Cheerleader of the term for each class. These awards went to children that have been working very hard, achieving new skills and helping others in class.

Gymnastics Competition Results:

Advanced Gymnastics

1st Paige 6B

2nd Scarlett 6H

3rd Leo 5Y

KS2 Beginners Gymnastics

1st Matilda D

2nd Maeve 4M

3rd Beatrix 3L

KS2 Experienced Gymnastics

1st Cara 5E

2nd Josephine 4H

3rd Florence 5E

Friday Boys Gymnastics

1st Lewis 6H

2nd Max 6B

3rd Clement 3C

Gymnast and Cheerleader of the term

Congratulations to:

KS2 Beginners Cheerleading – Alexa 5Y

Advanced Gymnastics – Blythe 6H

KS1 Gymnastics – Vita 2S

KS2 Experienced Gymnastics – Silver 4H

KS2 Beginners Gymnastics – Iris 5E

Friday Boys Gymnastics – Fabio 5E

KS2 Experienced Cheerleading - Kezia 6H



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