

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

I would like to welcome three new TAs who started on the 13th January. Welcome to Alice, Alviya and Kiran. We are delighted that you are joining the staff team and hope you enjoy your time at WP!

As you know, we are changing the surface in the area by the KS1 climbing frame and where the balance beams are. The surface will be a soft play surface. The work started this week and the children have been fascinated by the diggers, watching the men at playtimes and asking lots of interesting questions! The work is going very well and might even be finished quicker than we hoped. The surface will be put down next week and will need a few days to settle, but after that the area will be open for use.

The very big white hoarding in the KS1 playground was put up a very long time ago by Hackney Council, as the external brick wall needs repairing. The hoarding significantly reduced the space in the KS1 playground. As the council did not appear to be fixing the wall, they were approached by the school and the governing body on a number of occasions requesting that the hoarding be moved back to give more space for the children. We were given a date of 3rd February for this to be moved back, but it will now be done in half term, which actually works out very well, as it won't impact on the children's playtimes, which is very good news.

I would ask that all parents (and other adults collecting the children) are mindful of where their children are in the playground before and after school and what they are doing. We had two incidents of inappropriate behaviour at the end of last term after children had been collected and were left unsupervised by their adults. This was very upsetting for the children and families involved. It is also a grey area for schools, as the responsibility for the child has been handed back to the family, but school will obviously deal with any incident on the premises regardless of when it happened. Many schools ask families to leave the premises immediately after collection so that the playground is clear. We do not do that as we understand that many families enjoy having a chat and catch up at the end of the day and we like to see our families spending time at the school. However, I do expect all our children to adhere to the same behaviour expectations whenever they are on the school site. Thank you for your support with this.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

Beowulf workshop

On Tuesday morning, Freshwater Theatre Company treated Year 4 to an interactive workshop on Beowulf. We were visited by Kenric from Anglo-Saxon times and taught how to build our homes and grow our food. We also took part in the re-telling of the Beowulf story. The children impressed Kenric with their knowledge of the seven kingdoms, the meaning of Anglo-Saxon place names and where the Anglo-Saxons originally came from. There were some powerful performances from the Grendels and Beowulfs of both classes!



'Come Dine with Us'

It was wonderful to see so many parents at the Early Years 'Come Dine with Us' event on Wednesday. Over sixty parents, grandparents and younger siblings enjoyed a delicious lunch cooked by Ali. The Reception children enjoyed showing their parents the lunchtime routine! A big thank you to Ali, his team in the kitchen and everyone who helped on the day.



Olive School Link

As part of the Faith and Belief Forum, 5Y visited a class at Olive School to learn more about each other. The theme for the day was 'Who am I' exploring what identity means and how there are aspects of our identity that are visible and ones that are invisible. We took part in a variety of activities to demonstrate this and had to work as part of a team, which included children from our school and Olive School. We had the opportunity to observe how Muslims pray after lunch and asked lots of questions to learn more about Islam. We look forward to welcoming Olive School to William Patten next term.



Pearson, publisher of Power Maths, have now published a case study about the success of the approach at William Patten. This documents how the school has benefited from its involvement with the London North East Maths Hub, as part of the national Maths Hubs programme. We're pleased that the case study also recognises the school's ongoing commitment to the high quality of teaching and learning in maths – <https://www.pearsonschoolsandcolleges.co.uk/AssetsLibrary/SECTORS/PRIMARYASSE/TSNEW/Maths/power-maths/case-studies/william-patten-power-maths-case-study.pdf>

Gymnastics performance

Just before the Christmas holidays, Year 2 wowed their friends and family with a wonderful gymnastics display! Both 2L and 2S demonstrated all the gymnastic skills they had learnt over the course of the term in two fab performances. The routines were clear, brilliantly executed and just a joy to see! Well done to all Year 2 children who performed and a big thank you to Rochelle for sequencing such skilled pieces.



St Mary's Church visit

On Wednesday 8th January, Year 2 visited St Mary's Church on Stoke Newington Church Street to support their learning about Christianity. They were kindly shown around the church by Roxanne, the church's curate, who explained a bit about the history of the church and helped them to identify different parts of a Christian church. Roxanne explained the important role that churches play in Christians' lives and also answered a number of interesting questions asked by the children! The children enjoyed climbing up the pulpit, admiring the beautiful stained glass windows and lighting tea light candles. A massive thank you to the parents who accompanied Year 2 and to Roxanne for giving up her time to help the children learn more about Christianity.



Deborah Reade Art Award

The winners of the Deborah Reade Art Award Assembly for the Autumn term were announced at a special assembly at the end of term. The theme was 'Make like Diana Hobson' and we had some wonderful entries. The winners were:

EYFS: Oscar

KS1: Alex

KS2: Edith

They were presented with their prizes in the assembly and their beautiful winning entries are on display in the school office.



We also said goodbye and thank you to Devi in the same assembly. Jonathan and Lilly presented her with a lovely bunch of flowers and card from the children and Devi promised to come back to visit soon.



Mindfulness

Year 5 have started a mindfulness project with Nicky who is trained with 'Mindfulness in Schools Project' and also a fully qualified Primary School teacher. The course is for 12 weeks and we had our first session last week. The course teaches the children about how the brain works and how we use it when dealing with our varying emotional states. It encourages children to notice how their bodies are feeling, both emotionally and physically in the present moment. It also enables children to build a bank of short practices which they can use in their everyday lives whenever they need it! We look forward to feeding back how the course has impacted Year 5 at the end of the programme!



JRSO

Leo and Flo from Year 5, who are our Junior Road Safety Officers, presented to EYFS and KS1 on how to cross the road safely and the importance of dressing in bright colours in winter so that they are seen. They met up with Su who is the Road Safety Officer for Hackney in planning for this assembly. Leo and Flo were included in creating the powerpoint with Yeter which included important information so that younger children could understand the importance of crossing the road safely. It was also interactive so they could ask and answer questions. The assembly ended with the hashtag [#bebrightstayinsight](#).



School Street

William Patten is now part of the School Street programme. This means that Lancell Street, parts of Dynevor Road and Dumont Road will be closed to traffic (unless it is an exempt vehicle) between 8.15am and 9.15am and 3.15pm and 4.15pm on school days. This will help to make it safer for families walking and cycling to school. There was a red carpet launch on Monday at the Lancell Street gate, representatives from Hackney Council attended.



Lorhi Festival

On Monday I showed the whole of Year 4 a presentation about Lorhi, a festival that celebrates the end of winter and the start of spring. It included why, where and when we celebrate Lorhi. It also included pictures of my family at previous Lorhi celebrations together. To mark the occasion I also brought in popcorn. After the presentation, 4H and 4M asked a lot of amazing questions such as, 'do you have to wear traditional dress?' and 'Why do you make a fire?' which I answered for them. Even the teachers had questions and learnt something new! **Written by Diya 4H**



Diverse Voices workshop

This week, both Year 6 classes started their Stay Safe workshops with Diverse Voices. Over the next few weeks, Year 6 will be exploring and learning about healthy relationships, online safety and transitioning into secondary school through performance led activities. Our first workshop will start on Monday and will involve a performance to Year 6 from the Diverse Team followed up by dance and drama sessions. There will be 3 follow up workshops to help consolidate the children's learning - we will keep you posted of how we get on!

'Recently some of the Year 6 children participated in a workshop about relationships. They were asked questions about their views on the matter and shared their opinions. Soon the whole year group is going to watch a play by the theatre group 'Diverse Voices' on different relationships. Finally, to end the project, Year 6 children will once again be quizzed on relationships and we'll discover how their opinions have changed'
by Matilda 6B.

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, projects going on, that if you miss school, you miss out!

Rec Cyrelle	96.5%
Rec Kate/Maria	97.2%
Y1 Charlotte	97.1%
Y1 Maya	97.5%
Y2 Laura	97.1%
Y2 Sophie	97.8%
Y3 Luke	97.6%
Y3 Christine	97.5%
Y4 Hannah	96.9%
Y4 Marion	96.4%
Y5 Ellen	97.2%
Y5 Yeter	95.6%
Y6 Ben	96.1%
Y6 Harriet	98.5%

School Council feedback by Camilla 6H

Last Tuesday after the School Council meeting, Sonny and I met with Karen to talk about some requests from the meeting with Yeter. We asked about things for school dinners to change and be added such as, sorbet of all sorts, which Karen agreed to check with Ali if we could get, also carrot cake and custard made by Ali. Some people don't like quiche which Ali may or not be thinking about, but some children from other year groups requested pizza toppings which are now available on Fridays! As well as lunches, we spoke to Karen about some school equipment. We were talking to her about the black school gates in which she told us to report back to Yeter about the designs and who would paint them. The last requests were, firstly to bring back Nature Day. Karen explained that she would talk to Laura about if the Eco Team could look after and organise that. And our final request was to make a Science club which again Karen was planning on giving that job to some Eco Team members. Overall I thought the meeting with Karen was very successful and she has considered most of our thoughts and plans to change the school. This shows how important School Council is.

Construction Corners

The Construction Corners in both playgrounds have opened to rave reviews from the children and are proving incredibly popular.



Football news

You may not be able to see them clearly (as it was taken late in the afternoon) but the phot below shows the smiling faces of our Year 5 and 6 girls after another successful football competition! Every player performed wonderfully which was great to see. We won all our matches and scored lots of goals without conceding. The girls worked really well together and it was a similar situation with our boys the previous week (they also won all their games without conceding). We have another round to go before our place in the grand final is secured, so lots to play for and lots to look forward to. Theda just missed this photo as she left straight away, but she like a few others ran in a cross country race and still had enough energy to play in these matches, amazing!



Lunchtime Football League

The Dynevor Dingos were the winning team from the lunchtime football league during the Autumn term. They won the league on goal difference in a very tightly run competition. The Spring league starts this coming Monday.



PTFA update

Happy New Year to all the parents and carers at William Patten!

Last term the PTFA worked hard to run the annual events and raise money for the PTFA. We wanted to thank you for all your support at these, organising, volunteering and also attending! We raised £5,250 at the Nutcracker Christmas Fair, £260 at the Reception Cake Sale in November and £850 at the Halloween Party.

The PTFA fund a large range of events, trips and equipment for the school, so it needs your support! Our next PTFA meeting is Thurs 27 Feb at 7.30pm, Dynevor Road entrance. Please come along and find out how you can contribute, no matter how small, or share ideas. You will get a greater insight into the school and meet more parents. More info on the William Patten PTFA Facebook page.

★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the children who have celebrated their birthday since the last Patten Pages: Scarlett, Lyra, Samuel-Eli, Yasmeen, Salma, Desiree, Serafina, Frans, Bram, Izu, Suki, Bay, Huxley, Aaliya, Triston, Imogen, Diya, Nyah, Alex D, Kulsum, Leia, Enzo, Shifa, Matteo, Verity, Luke, Rayn, Ronan, Matilda C, Jack Q, Theodore C, Oscar, Evie M, Francis, Alfie, Kacey, Enrico, Taro, Musa, Robin, Ben L, Muren, Mohammed Talha and Betty. We hope you enjoyed your special day.



20 th	Year 6 Cycle training all week 'Diverse voices' workshop for Year 6 (Stay Safe)
24 th	Freshwater Theatre workshop for EYFS: 'Traditional Tales and storytelling'
27 th	Year 6 Cycle training all week 'Diverse voices' workshop (part 2) for Year 6
28 th	4H to British Museum
29 th	Chinese New Year lunch
30 th	5E Bridge Building workshop at Olympic Park
31 st	4M to British Museum 5Y Bridge Building workshop at Olympic Park 1C and 1M to Spitalfields City Farm