

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

We are at the half way point of the year already, with so much done, but still so much to look forward to!

The cycle training has continued over the last few weeks with the majority of Year 5 and 6 children having completed their training. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident cyclists and understanding how to cycle safely. For some children, they have learnt to ride a bike for the first time and they are so proud of this achievement – it has been joyful to see, for us and their parents!

Cycle Confident also offer free courses if you are an adult first time rider or a regular cyclist looking to improve your skills, the 1-to-1 sessions are tailored to suit individual abilities and goals and cover basic skills, cycling in the urban environment and advanced. Select the course that is right for you at <https://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/individual/>

We had two governors visit the school for a day on Monday, Suzanne Barry and Paula Biswas. We started 'Governor Day' last term and each governor comes to spend a whole day in school. They have a very busy timetable to follow, starting off with the SMT meeting at 8.30am, then the morning meeting with all staff at 8.55am, followed by the gate at 9.10am greeting our families at the start of the day. Afterwards they visit classes talking to staff and children, do playground duty and lunch duty and look at the children's books. They also go to assemblies and any workshops we have on the day. A busy day indeed!

We had lovely feedback after their visit *'I was impressed by the children - so well behaved, polite, confident and engaging conversationalists! Could you please thank the staff on our behalf for being so welcoming and helpful. We really appreciated it. As always, the school looked amazing.'*

Have a lovely weekend and half term. We look forward to seeing all the children back in school on Monday 24th February.

Best wishes
Karen

PS Don't forget the Extreme Reading Challenge – the staff team is also taking part! Who will win?!

Year 2 - Jinja Project



Following the success of last year's Jinja Deaf Project, the children in Year 2 have been learning more about the Jinja region of Uganda as part of their study of a small area study in a non-European country.

To support this work, both classes were visited by Emma Heseltine (Ronnie - Y5 and Alisa - Y1) who shared her considerable knowledge and first-hand experiences of the region.

Emma, who has been to Jinja a number of times, showed the children film clips and photos of different places in Jinja and also schools she has visited, where provision for deaf children has been funded by the Jinja Deaf Charity.

Year 2 were fascinated by the similarities and differences, and have really enjoyed learning about life in Jinja, Uganda.



In the first two weeks back after half term, WP will be celebrating Fairtrade Fortnight. Fairtrade Fortnight is a national event, celebrated in lots of different schools, companies and homes across the UK. The theme for this year is cocoa farmers and their families. In school, we will be having a Fairtrade Fortnight launch assembly, Fairtrade homework and teachers will be sharing clips and stories about forest-friendly cocoa farming, the need for a living income, and how caring for people and planet come hand in hand. Ali will also be whipping up a few yummy Fairtrade recipes for the children and staff to sample!

Harvesting from the Roof Garden

On Tuesday, Year 2 got the opportunity to head up to the roof to harvest some of the crops that have been growing over the winter months. The children loved getting involved with the gardening and finding out the different ways to pick the various crops. Ali and his team made sure the fresh produce was enjoyed as part of our school lunch. Delicious and nutritious, what a combo!



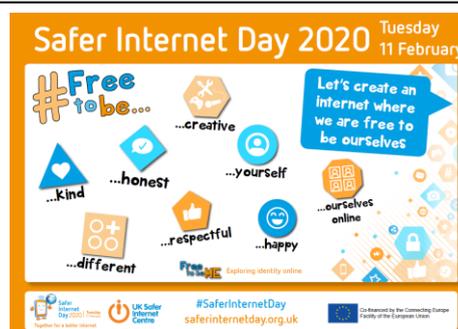
Birdwatching in Clissold Park

The Eco Team thoroughly enjoyed their first trip out together to take part in the RSPB Big Schools Birdwatch. All 21 of them headed off to Clissold Park with Laura to tally and count the different bird species they encountered. The weather was beautifully bright but they definitely felt the tail end of Storm Ciara with very strong gusts of wind! Before the trip, they predicted that pigeons would be the most popular bird and they were spot on!

What we hadn't expected was spotting 2 rather beautiful parakeets. The children were so excited by this that they almost squawked themselves! Thank you to all the parent helpers for coming with us and making it such an enjoyable trip.



Last Friday Year 1 went on a trip to Spitalfields City Farm! They saw a variety of animals: goats, sheep, donkeys, chickens, ducks and rabbits. They even had a chance to meet one of the ferrets on the farm named Peanut! They wowed the workshop leader with their knowledge of omnivores, carnivores and herbivores and fed some goats using kale grown at the farm. As part of their Art project this week, they have used sketches they made of the animals to plan some sculptures made from recycled materials! These are looking fabulous and will be on display around the school over the next few weeks. Thank you so much to the parents who came with us, we hope you had a lovely time!



Safer Internet Day 2020 was celebrated globally on Tuesday 11th February. This year's theme was 'Free to be me', and through our assemblies and workshops we explored the idea of online and offline identities. The children were encouraged to think about what makes up our online identity; for example the things we share with each other, the online services that we use and the ways that we interact on digital devices. We discussed the positive and negative implications of being able to create or change one's identity online. The drama workshops, led by Perform for Schools, gave children a hands-on way to explore safe internet use and to consider the choices available to us in different situations online. Throughout all activities we focused on the opportunities that the internet can bring for expression and creativity, as well as how we can keep ourselves safe. Our children understand how to make positive choices with the technology they use, and how this enables them to safely enjoy the benefits that come with living in a digitally-connected world.



Information session for parents of children with SEND



Sarah Higgins, Information and Advice worker at Hackney Ark Resource Centre, is coming into school on Friday 6th March to deliver an information session on services available for children and young people with SEND and their families in Hackney.

It's a great opportunity to find out about different services, seek advice and ask any questions you may have about what is available in terms of support for your children.

Date: Friday 6th March

Time: 2:30

Facilitators: Sarah Higgins - Information and Advice Worker and Caitlin Shaw - SENCo

Please come to the office and Caitlin will meet you there and take you up to the ICT suite where the session will be held.

Please contact Caitlin if you have any queries or require further information.

PTFA update

Hi Parents and Carers,

Please put these three dates in your diary!

- Thursday 27 February, 7.30pm - PTFA Annual General Meeting.
- Friday 13 March, 3.30pm - Year 2 cake sale.
- Sunday 28 June, 12 - 3.00pm - Summer Fair.

See you there! William Patten PTFA

Absence procedures

If your child is unable to come to school please telephone us on 0207 254 4014 or email admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk by 9.20am. If your child is away for more than one day please keep us informed each day. If we don't hear from you we will send a text message requesting that you contact the school immediately. If you do not respond the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Floris' amazing puppet



Floris in 4H made a fabulous Anglo Saxon soldier puppet for homework. The children have been finding out about the Anglo Saxons in their history topic this term. Floris included the soldier's sword, shield, the helmet with nose guard and she used fabric which looked like chainmail for his body. She was very proud to share her work with the class and Karen, who was very impressed, particularly with the attention to detail (even with hair at the back under his helmet!) Well done Floris!

Arsenal in the Community



Thursday 13th February saw our boys' football team take part in the Arsenal in the Community Tournament held each year at Market Road in Islington. The boys got off to a flying start with group stage wins against Tufnell Park (5-1) and Ashmount (2-0), before a hard earned 1-1 draw with Rotherfield. Our results were enough to top the group and set us up with a last 16 tie against Gillespie School. A 3-0 win followed with some fantastic team goals. Sadly the quarter finals were where our dreams of being champions were ended by eventual winners William Tyndale, with a 1-0 loss in a very closely fought match. The boys played with a lot of heart throughout the day and as usual there was some incredible passing and skill on display. I'm very proud of them all. Onwards and upwards. (Jim)

Multiskills Festival

On Wednesday 5th February, eight lucky children from Year 2 got to take part in a Multi Skills Festival at Kingshall Leisure Centre. The event was run by Young Hackney and activities included tennis, rugby tag, dodgeball, stepping stones and an obstacle course. All the children had a fantastic time and represented the school incredibly well.



Reminder about safe cycling

We love to see parents and children cycling to school, but please remember to dismount before you come through the school gates. This also applies to parents/children coming to breakfast club or before-school clubs, as the playground is also busy at these times. Thank you

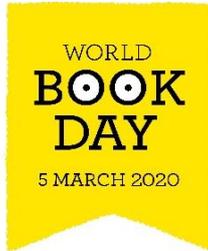
Headteacher's Award Tea Party



Karen hosted two more tea parties recently, as even more children received their 5th Headteacher's Award Certificate nomination. Last Thursday, Bay, Nathan, Rex, Tiggy, Orrin, Amelie, Tiarah, Musa, Theo G, Ben L, Bella, Camilla, Xola, Isobel, Jonathan, Lilly and Taro enjoyed an afternoon of fun and cakes. This afternoon Hector, Marnie, Nana, Florence D, Matilda C, Leo, Manon, Mark, Ramin and Ridji enjoyed their special tea!



This year, alongside the Travelling Book Fair, Year 6 pupils will be holding a second hand book sale on Thursday 5th and Friday 6th March from 3:30 – 4:00pm to raise money for the school. In order for this to be a success we would like to ask for donations of any unwanted or unused books to be brought into school from Monday 24th February. All books will be sold for £1 (the book vouchers will not be accepted at this stall but can be used at the Travelling Book Fair. Thank you in advance for your help and generosity!).



Lets get ready for World Book Day!

World Book Day is on **Thursday 5th March 2020** so remember to come to school dressed as your favourite character! The Travelling Book Fair will take place from the 5th March to the 11th March from 3:30pm to 4:00pm in the bottom hall.

Extreme Reading Challenge

Where's the strangest place you've ever read a book? What wonderful thing could you do whilst reading your favourite book? We want you and your children to share your 'Extreme Reading' experiences. To enter the challenge you need to send us a photograph of your child reading a book in unusual circumstances to demonstrate that reading can be done anywhere and at any time! We want to see strange places, silly costumes and as many wonderful ideas as possible. School Council will choose the most extreme pictures from EYFS, Years 1 and 2, Years 3 and 4 and Years 5 and 6 and the winners will receive a prize for their amazing efforts!

Please send your pictures with your child's name and class to admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk by Friday 28th February.

Good luck with your mission!



Well done to RC and 1C who are joint winners this time with 97.7%. Keep it up!

R Cyrelle	97.7%	R Kate/Maria	97.3%
Y1 Charlotte	97.7%	Y1 Maya	96.8%
Y2 Laura	96.4%	Y2 Sophie	97.5%
Y3 Christine	97.4%	Y3 Luke	97.1%
Y4 Hannah	96.2%	Y4 Marion	95.9%
Y5 Ellen	97.2%	Y5 Yeter	95.8%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Harriet	97.2%

Diary dates

24 th	Fairtrade Week 3C visiting Camden CLC
26 th	Junior Road Safety training: Nursery - Y2
27 th	2L visiting Florence Nightingale Museum
28 th	2S visiting Florence Nightingale Museum Clapton Girls Language Leaders visit 3L visiting Camden CLC
<u>March</u>	
2 nd	Year 4 cycle training (all week)
3 rd	Showkids workshop for Year 3 Holocaust workshops for Year 6
5 th	World Book Day Travelling Book Fair (till 11 th March)
9 th	Year 3 cycle training
10 th	Holocaust workshops for Year 5
11 th	Year 4 visiting the Tate Gallery Year 5 to Hackney Museum
13 th	Sport Relief Year 2 cake sale Music concert - brass, wind, keyboard, KS1 choir & orchestra. 2.00pm
16 th	Music concert - violins, steel pans, KS2 choir and boys' choir. 2.00pm Scooter training for Y2
18 th	3C class to St Paul's Cathedral
19 th	Tastes of the World
23 rd	3L class to St Paul's Cathedral
24 th	Deborah Reade Art Award judging
25 th	Gymnastics performance to parents: Reception at 9.45am. Year 5 at 3.00pm
26 th	Parents Evening 4.00-6.30pm
30 th	Autism Awareness Week
31 st	Deborah Reade Art Award Assembly

Please note: there have been a few date/time changes since the 'Events and Trips for Spring Term' list was sent out in January:

- Tastes of the World is now on 19th March
- International Evening is now on 19th June
- Both Parents' Evenings are from 4pm-6.30pm

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Grace, Liya, Kallias, Jasper, Amelia, Emerson, Tiggy, Theo B, Jack M, Audrey L, Alex W, Keon, Muqthar, Rosalie, Luca K, Alegria and Eliza B who all celebrated their birthday recently. Happy birthday to you all.