

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

This is the last edition of the Patten Pages, probably for this academic year, which is a very unusual thing to be saying in March! This is such an unprecedented situation for us all and is causing huge disruption and upheaval. Everything has changed so quickly and the school closing is a sad reality of what we are facing.

Many parents have written to me telling me that when they told their children that school was closing, there was such a feeling of deep sadness and disappointment. The usual coming to the end of time in school is usually greeted with joy, with all looking forward to the fun times ahead. This is not the case here. As a staff team, we feel exactly the same. William Patten without our fabulous, eager, enthusiastic, hardworking, creative, caring and funny children will just not be William Patten. We are going to miss them hugely. We will also miss our amazingly supportive parents, saying hello on the gate, ideas for events, the offers of help and support and the chats in the playground (Sian and I will also miss our four legged friends!)

The school will seem a very strange place without our families, but we will be in regular communication with you, keeping you up to date with any news and plans for next year.

We are very aware that the year-end has been very unexpected and come very quickly for everyone and there has been no real goodbye for the classes and their teachers. We will be looking at how we can remedy this and especially for Year 6, who will miss their show and graduation.

School will be open for children of keyworkers and we will have a skeleton staff team in. Please do get in touch with me directly if you have any questions or queries in the meantime

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Wishing all our families well, keep healthy, stay safe and look after each other.

Best wishes

Karen

Music concerts

Last Friday 13th the children at William Patten put on a lovely concert for parents and carers. We heard awesome performances from all of the children who learn saxophone and clarinet, as well as some of the students that learn keyboard/piano here at WP. To add to the joy of hearing live music the ever-expanding William Patten Orchestra, with fine instrumental finesse also played three pieces for us. Extra praise goes to the KS 1 choir who not only sang beautifully for us but carried on singing with much enthusiasm when the backing track unexpectedly cut out. There was nothing that was going to curtail their desire to sing! All the performers were utterly wonderful, and the concert was truly a delightful and entertaining way to spend the afternoon.

Following the success of Friday's concert was another concert on Monday 16th, which felt like a wondrous extension of the previous week. This time we heard our ever-astounding Key Stage 2 Choir, who never cease to receive well-deserved wild applause, and all of ever excellent steel pan groups –both year 5 groups, the lunchtime and after school ensembles. All of these pan groups just improve and impress with every single performance. We were also able to hear from the first William Patten Boys Singing club, whose performance set the tone for no doubt more mighty fine performances in the future. A huge thank you must be re-iterated to all the students for their hard work, the teachers for their hard work, and the parents and carers for their ceaseless support and enjoyment and enthusiasm. Thank you and well done! **Alison**

(Music Coordinator)





Our top Eco tip is to check for palm oil in your food and beauty products and try to avoid it at all costs. Deforestation because of palm oil means around 25 orangutans die each day. Save our Oranguatans!

Holocaust workshops

For History, Year 5 and 6 had a workshop about the Holocaust which was organised by the Holocaust Museum. We learnt about key events that took place and how there were only 1% of Jewish people living in Germany at that time. It was really insightful to learn about the Holocaust through the eyes of a boy called Leo who had been subjected to discrimination during the Nazi regime. We looked at objects that Leo had with him and deciphered what his life was like before the Holocaust. We also learned how 10,000 children were welcomed and housed in the UK. **Yeter (Year 5 teacher)**



Language Leaders

Year 4 and 5 were recently visited by the Language Leaders from Clapton Girls' Academy. The students prepared sessions to consolidate and extend the current and recent Spanish topics 'Healthy Living' in Y4 and 'Mi Ciudad (My Town)' in Y5. The sessions were very well planned and prepared and the Y4 and 5 children had a wonderful time completing the varied activities that the language leaders had prepared with the oversight of their Spanish teacher. We would like to thank the language department of Clapton Girls' Academy, as well as the KS3 Language Leaders (who were excellent role models for the children of William Patten) for all of their work in preparing and leading the sessions and for their part in the ongoing Spanish link between our schools. 'Thank you for letting me and the Year 9 Language Leaders come last week to deliver their lessons to the Year 4s and 5s at William Patten. It was fantastic to see how engaged and enthusiastic and focused the children were at William Patten, they were a joy for our students to teach!' Anna Prasad, Spanish Teacher at Clapton Girls



★ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!** ★

Many happy returns to Aykut, Livia, Patrick, Eliza, Vita, Ali, Laura, Kerim, Chris-Victor, Chloe, Kezia, Leo, Amaia, Zachary, Imogen, Ares, Luca, Olive, Mika'il, Cameron, Paige, Aurelien, Henry and Isabella who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday to you all.

Amazing writing in Reception



Karen was astonished and amazed yet again with the amazing writing that is happening in Reception. Ellora came to share her very beautiful Mother's Day card. Matilda came to share her sentences and red and green words. Stella came to share her story, with lovely illustrations. All three children had used their phonic knowledge to spell words correctly, there were lovely finger spaces between words and best of all, it had been done independently! You are fabulous writers - keep it up and Karen is looking forward to seeing what you write next!

Tea parties

Karen hosted three more tea parties this week, as even more children received their 5th Headteacher's Award Certificate. On Tuesday, Violet, Una, Juno, Jonathan and Vita enjoyed an afternoon of fun and cakes. Yesterday, Aveleine, Cecilia, Sophia, Cara and Leo enjoyed their tea party and this afternoon, Beatrix, Blythe, Diya and Yasmine enjoyed their special tea!



Word of the Month

This month we are speaking Azeri (Azerbaijani)



- Azeri (Azerbaijani) is the primary and official language of Azerbaijan.
- It is a **Turkic** language closely related to Modern **Turkish**.
- It is also spoken in northwestern Iran, where it is second most **spoken** language as well as Georgia, Russia and Turkey.

Some Azeri phrases

- **School dinners** - mechdeb yema (pronounced 'meshdeb yemay')
- **Packed lunch** - dolu nahar
- **Thank you** - çox sağ ol ('choch sa houl' - using the throat to make the 'ch' sound, similar to the Spanish 'j')
- **Please** - xahiş edirəm (Haarshaderim)
- **Yes** - bəli (bell-eh)
- **No** - Yox (Pronounced 'Yoch' using the throat to make the 'ch' sound, similar to the Spanish 'j')

Key Steps Gymnastics Competition



Eight 8 students recently represented William Patten in a Hackney gymnastics qualifying event at Queensbridge Community Centre. The competition was divided into Keys Steps 1, (Years 3 and 4) and Key Steps 2, (Years 5 and 6). After several rounds of fierce competition against other local schools, our team of four in Key Steps 1 came out victorious and will represent Hackney in the Youth Games later on this year. Our Key Steps 2 fab four missed out on the top spot by a single point but should be proud of an incredible performance by all. Our team of eight performed incredibly on the day and should be thrilled with the way they represented the school. Rochelle was so proud of them all. Well done to Clement, Kallias, Cecilia and Desiree in Years 3&4 and Matilda C, Zaynab, Leo L and Lewis in Years 5&6. A truly fantastic achievement from all!

Thank you so much to everyone who took part in the sponsored Fun Run on Friday 13th March. Through the fun run (and the cake sale which followed the WP Bake Off) we have raised lots of money for Sport Relief, over £2000 so far, which is a fabulous amount!

Thank you to everyone who baked a delicious cake for the Bake Off. It was a very difficult task for the School Council to judge (every cake looked and tasted incredible!).

The winners were:

EYFS:

Cupcake winner – Matiu RC

Biscuit winner – Jacob RC

Traybake winner – Grace RC

KS1:

Cupcake winner – Serafina 1C

Biscuit winner – Astrid 1M

Traybake – Vita 2S

Cake winner – Max 2L

Y3&4:

Cupcake winner – Floris 4H

Biscuit winner – Serin 4H

Traybake winner – Beatrix 3L

Cake winner – Leo 4M

Y5&6:

Cupcake winner - Cara 5E

Traybake winner – Phoebe 5E

Cake winner – Scarlett and Dotty 5Y



Fun Run

