

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

This is the first edition of the Patten Pages for this academic year and I would like to wish you all a belated welcome back!

It is so lovely to have the children back in school. It has also been so nice to welcome back our parents too! Even though the drop off and collection routines are different, I am so glad that we can see you to catch up and chat, albeit socially distanced!

I would like to extend a special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception children and their families. The children started full time this week after their first week of mornings only, which means they have lunch in the dining hall too. They have transitioned to 'big school' so well and we have been so impressed with how quickly they have settled into a new set of routines and made new friends. They are following instructions, listening so well and behaving beautifully. What an excellent start! Well done!

We would like to say a huge, huge thank you to the PTFA for funding our wonderful new resource, the Rainbow Room. We have already seen the joyful reaction of some of our children who have visited. It will make such a huge contribution to their enjoyment and engagement with school. There is more information from the PTFA later in the newsletter. I have thoroughly enjoyed my Headteacher Tea Parties last week and this week. Congratulations to all the children who received the magic 5 nominations and came for cake. Some of the parties were so big we had to have them in the hall and others were smaller, so we could do them in my room (that meant we could use the tea set with proper cups and saucers!) I have one more Tea Party this afternoon and then I will have to wait for the next one later on towards the end of term.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

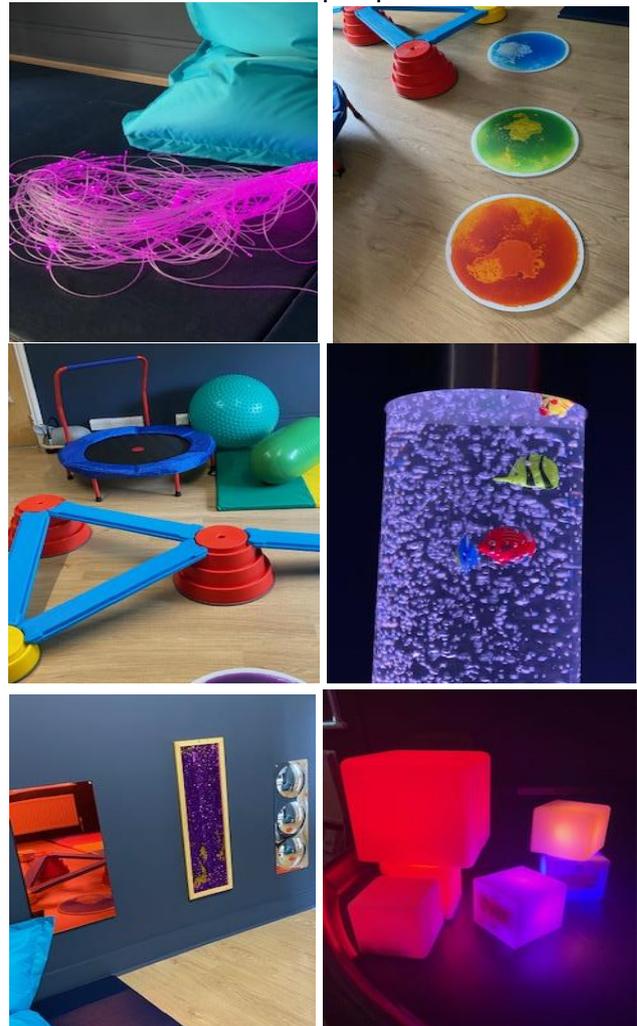


Leia at the Tea Party demonstrating excellent balance skills!

Rainbow room

We are really pleased to have opened our Rainbow Room at William Patten this week. The Rainbow Room is a sensory room, a place where children with additional needs can develop and engage their senses in a safe and calming space. The room is lit with a range of sensory lighting including a wonderful bubble tube with fish bobbing up and down and fabulous fibre optic lights which children can hold and watch as they change colour.

There are soft floor mats, beanbags and cushions and also a range of equipment for physical play including a trampoline and a balance beam set. Children can also explore the coloured and bubble mirrors and textured sequin panels on the walls.



A very big welcome to our Nursery and Reception children! Our youngest children have been amazing and settled in so well, it is as if they have been here for ever! They have been busy exploring the outdoor area, practising writing their names, climbing, playing so nicely together and generally having lots of fun!

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Karen's tea parties

Karen has hosted a number of tea parties in the last fortnight, for the children that have received 5 Headteacher's award nominations. The children celebrated with the traditional cup ceremony and a cake catching competition. They also enjoyed eating lots of cake! Nico in Year 4 now holds the WP World record for catching cakes with one hand! Well done to the following children:

Year 2 - Alisa, Arlo, Astrid, Betty, Bram, Calum, Caspar, Ellie, Emir, Freddie, Imogen, Luca, Maria, Romy, Sadie R, Sadie T, Sawyer, Sota, Tais and Zepi.

Year 3 - Alexander D, Alex W, Alfie, Betty, Bonnie, Casper, Evie M, Evie N, Ezra, Florence, Ilakya, Iris, Isabella, Jonah, Leia, Leyla, Louie, Martha, Mohinder, Neelam, Olive, Samuel-Eli, Stella, Theo, Venla and Yusuf.

Year 4 - Aarya, Arthur, Bowie, Chloe, Clement, Daniel, Edith, Fred, Haleema, Hattie, Ibrahim, Imogen, Isaac, Lucas, Max, Mohammed Talha, Nico, Oscar, Pelle, Sumire and Vita.

Year 5 - Eliza, Elsie, Estrella, Evan, Florence, Floris, Innes, Isabella, Joe, Julian, Kallias, Kulsum, Lyra, Matilda D, Ruby-May, Serin, Silver, Siri, Sonny, Sophie, Tristan G and Zumra.

Year 6 - Adaeze, Ailish, Alan, Alec, Alegria, Altay, Ava, Cecily, Emily, Eva, Henry, Holly, Iris, Isa, Malaika, Olive, Phoebe, Rosa, Salma and Scarlett.



COVID-19 QUICK GUIDE FOR PARENTS

What to do if...	Action needed	Return to school when...
My child has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come to school Contact school to immediately advise us of a possible case Get tested Inform school of test result Keep in regular contact with school	...the test comes back negative and if they feel well and no longer have symptoms similar to coronavirus (COVID-19), they can stop self-isolating and return to school.
My child tests positive for coronavirus	Do not come to school Contact school to immediately advise of confirmed case Self-isolate for at least 10 days Keep in regular contact with school	... they feel better and have been without a fever for 48 hours they can return to school after the 10 day isolation period, even if they still have a cough or loss of sense of smell or taste. These symptoms can last for several weeks once the infection has gone.
Somebody in my household has coronavirus symptoms	Do not come to school Self-isolate Household member to get tested Inform school immediately of test result Keep in regular contact with school	... the member of the household tests negative
Somebody in my household tests positive for coronavirus	Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days Keep in regular contact with school	...your child/children has completed 14 days isolation
NHS Test and Trace has identified my child as a 'close contact' of somebody with symptoms or a confirmed case of coronavirus	Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days Keep in regular contact with school	...your child has completed 14 days isolation
We/my child has travelled and has to self-isolate as part of a quarantine period	Do not come to school Self-isolate for 14 days Keep in regular contact with school	...the 14 days quarantine period has been completed
We have received medical advice that my child must resume shielding	Do not come to school Keep in regular contact with school	...restrictions have been lifted and shielding is paused again

This month we are speaking Finnish

Finnish is our new Language of the Month! Although there are no assemblies in the hall at the moment, Helen filmed a special introduction that all the children were able to watch in their classes. Fortunately, Venla (Year 3) and Vilma (Year 1) were also on hand to model the pronunciations of Finnish greetings and the words for school dinners and packed lunches. They did a brilliant job of confidently demonstrating the new vocabulary, which we are all now using around the school!



Finnish is a phonetic language, Why don't you try and say some of these words or phrases?

Good morning - Hyvää huomenta
 Good afternoon – Hyvää iltapäivää
 School lunch – Koululounas
 Packed lunch - Eväs
 Hello – Hei (pronounced 'hay')
 Goodbye – Hyvä ostos
 Please – Ole kiilti
 Thank you – Kiitos
 Excuse me - Anteeksi

For more information about the Finnish language, follow this link to the news section of the school's website –

<http://www.williampatten.hackney.sch.uk/2020/09/24/language-of-the-month/>

NO nuts in school



Please remember that nuts are not allowed in school. We have children with severe allergies and need everyone's help to ensure that we remain a nut-free school. Thank you.

We follow the Jigsaw PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) curriculum. Each week we have a Word of the Week, which is discussed and celebrated in classes and in a special assembly on Mondays.

**Jigsaw (PSHE) Word of the Week
Autumn Term 2020**

1st Half 'Being Me in My World'

2nd Half 'Celebrating Difference'

Week Beginning	Word of the Week
28.9.20	Rewards and consequences
5.10.20	Mindfulness
12.10.20	Feeling special
19.10.20	Feeling proud
(Half Term Break)	
2.11.20	New friends
9.11.20	Families
16.11.20	Compliments
23.11.20	Special me
30.11.20	Problem solving
7.12.20	Different cultures
14.12.20	Different
14.12.20	Celebration



Many happy returns to Ida, Elijah, Lukas J, Theo S, Penelope, Zepi, Caoimhe, Hector, Pelle, Mercer, Serin, Anna A, Sophia W, Zia, Aminah, Elsie H.S, Ailish, Aris P, Isabelle, Bailey, Khloe, Leon, Zaynab, Sonny H, Nathan, Milla and Aydin who recently celebrated their special day. Happy birthday everyone!

Update from William Patten PTFA

It's been lovely to see the children back in school and to catch up with so many of you. We had our first PTFA meeting of the year last Thursday via Google Hangouts which was (we think) successful! The turnout was good and some excellent ideas were discussed about how to go about fundraising under the restrictions we are facing.

As we're in a new academic year we'll be looking to get new Class Reps to help distribute information between year groups and the PTFA.

Some of the ideas included selling pumpkins at Halloween and having a pumpkin carving competition. Photos can go up on our new Instagram page as well as a few prizes across the Key Stages.

For a more targeted approach we are going to start up an online donations page (like Crowdfunding) to collect donations for 15 - 20 new laptops for the school. Currently the ones they have aren't really up to being taken home and reliably being used for home education in the event of a closure to the bubble or school.

We are also still funding the play workers as well as the workshops which are able to go ahead. We are just waiting on confirmation as to which ones are going to taking place this term.

The Lottery is still a great way for you to make a monthly contribution to the PTFA as well as having the chance to win each month! To sign up please email

williampattenptfa@gmail.com and we will get back to you with details. A big thank you to Jasmine Dick who continues to run it. We are looking for a volunteer to take that on as Jasmine has been doing it for many years now!

Check out our new Instagram page and/or the Facebook page. Both can be found under William Patten PTFA

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/williampattenptfa>

Instagram:

https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_ptfa/

If you have any questions or suggestions please email us on williampattenptfa@gmail.com or use the Facebook or Instagram pages!



SEPTEMBER

- 28th Virtual phonics meeting (Rec parents - 10am)
- 29th Year 4 Roman Day
- 30th Virtual RWI meeting for Y1 parents - 10am

OCTOBER

- 23rd Break up for half term

NOVEMBER

- 2nd Children return to school
- 12th Diwali workshops (Y2 and Y5)
- 17th Diwali workshops (Y2 and Y5)
- 25th Flu vaccination programme Rec-Y6

DECEMBER

- 17th Break up for Christmas holidays