

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

The end of another busy week with half term in two weeks. The first few weeks have gone so quickly! We started our Parents' Evening meetings this week and I hope you have found them useful. Thank you for such positive feedback. So many parents have said that they hugely appreciated the meetings being much earlier in the term and the fact that they were also longer than the meetings held in the past. I know that the teachers have very much enjoyed getting to meet you properly for the first time. It is so hard to establish those relationships in the current climate of 'drop your child and go.'

The vast majority of parents were able to access their meetings, but if you did experience a technical glitch and missed your slot, we will be providing you with the opportunity to have the meeting with your child's teacher next Friday (16th October).

I am aware that there has been a significant number of cars and vans using Lancell street at the start and end of the day, despite it being a designated School Street. Some parents may have even seen me trying to stop the traffic last week! The road is being used by families to ensure social distancing and we are increasingly concerned that there is going to be an accident. As part of the scheme, the streets around a school temporarily become pedestrian and cycles only, at set times in the morning and afternoon. Vehicles are not permitted to enter the street between these times unless they have been granted an exemption. Exemptions apply if you're a resident living or working in a school street zone, a business in a school street zone, or a blue badge holder. Infractions can carry a penalty charge issued by a camera, but unfortunately there is no camera installed! We have informed the council of our concerns and are waiting for their response. I will keep you updated.

Have a lovely weekend and fingers crossed for some nice weather!

Best wishes
Karen

School Council 2020-21



Members of School Council meet regularly to discuss issues raised by children in their class. Issues covered last year included school dinners, more resources for the Calm Corner, playground rotas, having friend stations in the playground, having dyslexia friendly texts in the libraries, more bike racks and a school pet! This year's School Council are:

3L	Enzo & Juno
3C	Rex & Leia
4M	Zack & Su
4H	Pelle & Vita
5YE	Matilda & Adnan
5E	Cecilia & Innes
6H	Ronnie & Cara
6B	Bella & Sonny

We didn't hold elections this time as we kept the same School Council members as last year. However, elections for Year 2 are still to take place. We will let you know the results in a later edition of the Patten Pages. We are looking forward to reading the prospective candidates' manifestos!

Roman Day

Year 4 finished off their history topic in style by coming to school dressed as gladiators, slaves and emperors for Roman Day!

They enjoyed a maths session decoding Roman numerals and designed their shields in preparation for some drill training in the playground.

Worried that some Celts were awaiting to attack, the Year 4 legionaries practised their tortoise formation and marching.

The day ended with a feast, eating foods that Romans would have eaten - luckily dormice and flamingo brains were not on the menu!



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Our Word of the Week is

Do you ever feel like your mind can be like a snow globe? All shaken up with thoughts falling everywhere? What kind of thoughts run through your mind?

What does mindful mean to you? Can you think of a time in your day when you were mindful? What does it feel like? What are you doing?

Mindfulness

Mindfulness is when we are thinking about what we are doing right now. Ignoring the past or the future, we just think about the present.

Mindfulness is about living for the here and now and enjoying this very moment of our lives at William Patten!

Jigsaw PSHE 'Being me in my world' at William Patten

Our Word of the Week is 'Mindfulness' ...and we learned all about what that means in assembly on Monday. Everyone practised focusing on the present, rather than allowing our minds to be flooded with thoughts and worries about the past or future. Let's enjoy every moment of our time at the wonderful William Patten!

Guided Meditation For Children

'Peace Out' is a series of guided relaxation and visualisations for kids. Cosmic counting, super hero flying and space breathing are just some of the sessions to help your child relax and focus on the present. If your child finds it hard to get to sleep, there are also meditation sessions and relaxing music to help.



Dyslexia Awareness Day 2020

Children across the school watched information films and animations about the different strengths, talents and difficulties dyslexic people might have.



Dyslexia | How Do Dyslexics Learn? | Think How Your Learn

If you'd like to learn spelling strategies to help your child with tricky words, Nessy has lots of accessible films on youtube. If you'd like to continue the conversation with your child, the BDA has produced 'See Dyslexia Differently' with Dom Wood.



https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gbWspi2_A1Q

Fundraising for Headway East London

Charity reg no. 1083910

Racing at Merton BMX track:

**British Cycling event
Merton, Brixton, Peckham,
Hackney. Back on track!**

**This Saturday 10th
October 2020**

to raise £50

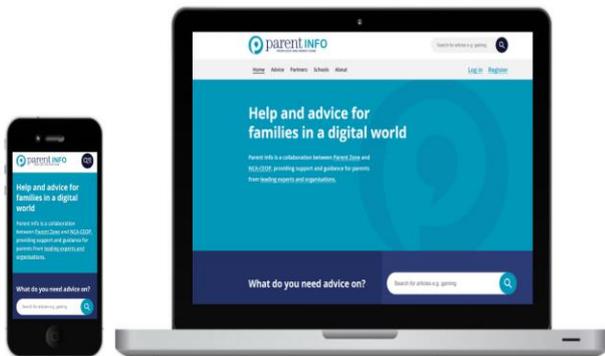


Matteo in 4H will be taking part in an BMX racing competition tomorrow, Saturday 10th October. He has kindly decided to support a charity called Headway East London as they are currently running a fundraising campaign. Matteo decided to raise money for them through his race, which will be used for running services and providing support to brain injury survivors.

If you would like to support Matteo (he hopes to raise £50), you can donate through justgiving by following the link:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/matteo-maralva>. Good luck tomorrow Matteo!

Parent digital drop in sessions



Google and Parent Zone are launching a series of digital drop-ins about the online world – on everything from Cyberbullying to Sharing Carefully. There is a livestream at 4.30pm from Monday to Thursday next week. It is the very first digital drop-in for parents and covers

- **practical strategies** for parents who are worried about their child
- **activities** for families who just want to learn more
- **signposting** to other resources and games.

https://parentzone.org.uk/parentsessions?utm_source=B&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=cf2fc1db63-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2020_0710bulletin&utm_term=0fd54b6d657-cf2fc1db63-179550557

Amazing homework!

Children in Year 5 have been learning about the sun, moon and planets. They have studied the phases of the moon, the earth's rotation and even discussed their theories about moon landing conspiracies!

For homework, the children could

- create a poster about a planet in our solar system, including key facts
- create a fact file about the first moon landing
- draw and label a diagram of how the earth orbits the sun.

The children made some super models and posters, which we have thoroughly enjoyed looking at. Here are some examples of the amazing work.



Elsie and Elsa made a 3D model of the solar system, Estrella made a fact file about Saturn, Matilda drew her own diagram of the solar system and Cecilia made a model to demonstrate the earth's rotation around the sun. Super work!

Kindness Cup



The Kindness Cup is presented weekly by Karen to pupils who have been nominated by a member of staff for being super kind all of the time or showing extra kindness that week. Congratulations to the following children who are our latest winners:

Grace 1M for always being thoughtful and taking care of everyone and everything in school. She even picked up a playground cone that had been kicked over this morning, on the way into class. We think you're great Grace!

Cecilia 5E for being super kind and thoughtful when she picked up a coat that someone in her class had dropped in the rainy playground. Thank you for thinking about other people Cecilia.



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Fit for Sport will be running a holiday camp at William Patten during the half term holidays (Monday 26th –Friday 30th October). To book a space for your child call them on 0845 4563233, visit www.fitforsport.co.uk or speak to Sammy (WP Fit For Sport Site Manager).

Reception Class Admissions

Parents can apply for a Reception class place for September 2021 by completing an online application form at: <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

The deadline is 15th January 2021. Parents are advised to read the primary admission guide, particularly the details regarding the number of applicants who were successful in the previous year and the criteria under which they were offered places and are encouraged to list at least 4 schools on the application form:

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/primary-before-you-apply?guidebook=188>

LUNCH MENU W/B 12.10.20

Monday 12/10	Tuesday 13/10	Wednesday 14/10	Thursday 15/10	Friday 16/10
Bagel or Roll  Cream Cheese & Cucumber (V) Or Houmous & Cucumber (VG)	Bagel or Roll  Egg Mayo (V) Or Roasted Vegetable (VG)	Bagel or Roll  Cheese & Coleslaw (V) Or Houmous & Grated Carrot (VG)	Bagel or Roll  Tuna Mayo & Cucumber Or Falafel & Houmous (VG)	Pizza  Cheese and Tomato (V) Or  Houmous & Cucumber (VG)
 Couscous (VG)	 Pasta & Pesto (V)	 Potato Salad (V)	 Pasta & Tomato (VG)	 Mixed Salad (VG)
 Fresh Fruit & Raisin Box (VG)	 Fresh Fruit & Flapjack (V)	 Fresh Fruit & Banana Cake (V)	 Fresh Fruit & Fruit Jelly (VG)	 Fresh Fruit & Brownie (V)

(V) Vegetarian (VG) Vegan

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the following children who recently celebrated their special day - Orrin, Charlie C, Barin, Ali, Ran, Poppy, Jared, Florence N, Fatima, Nico, Adnan A, Ariyah, Clement, Freddie W, Jacob, Ronnie and Emir. Happy birthday to you all.

PTFA Lottery



The lottery draw results from March to September 2020:

March

- 1st (£40) Claudia Draper (Flo)
- 2nd (£30) Jenna Fansa (Bruno, Poppy)
- 3rd (£20) Helen McNulty (Imogen)

April

- 1st (£40) Laura Roberts (Evie, Max)
- 2nd (£30) Thushan Liyange (Aarya)
- 3rd (£20) Rebecca Larpent (Louie, Freddie)

May

- 1st (£40) Andrea Palmer (Emmy, Lilly)
- 2nd (£30) Emma Barker (Henry, Edith)
- 3rd (£20) Emily Midouhas (Ellie)

June

- 1st (£40) Victoria Doxford (Martha, Anna)
- 2nd (£30) Lucy Brown (ex-parent)
- 3rd (£20) Jo Evans (ex-parent)

July

- 1st (£40) Susannah Trefgarne (Anna)
- 2nd (£30) Francesca John (Eliza, Rosalie)
- 3rd (£20) Angelica Michitsch (ex-parent)

August

- 1st (£40) Rachel Curtis (Iris)
- 2nd (£30) Patricia Allen (WP staff)
- 3rd (£20) Helen Ham (ex-staff)

September

- 1st (£40) Eva Stone (Pelle & Hector)
- 2nd (£30) Nandi Simpson (Tiarah)
- 3rd (£20) Annabelle Marshall (Juno, Innes)

Thanks to everyone who takes part in the lottery which raises a lot of money for the PTFA. If you would like to join the lottery please contact Jasmine Hayward (Cecily, 6H and Vita 4H) at jasminedick1@yahoo.co.uk