

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

We have had a lovely week welcoming visitors leading workshops on Diwali, which will be celebrated at the weekend and Black History Month. Children from Nursery to Year 6 celebrated BHM with workshops retelling the story of Anansi, learning more about Windrush, and focusing on the achievements of Black Heroes such as Marcus Rashford, Walter Tull and Stormzy. The workshops were super and the children thoroughly enjoyed them - a big thank you to Eastside Educational Trust and to Hackney Museum for the additional online learning sessions and resources. Each hall will have a display of the work covered.

A very big thank you to Ben too for organising such a fabulous and informative week!

We have also had a filmmaker, Emma Hiley, in this week, filming everything we do, as we are making a film to share with prospective parents about the school, as we obviously cannot do our usual visits. She has filmed RWI sessions, Literacy, Maths, topic work, PE, music, assemblies and so much more. All the visitors were so thrilled and happy to be here and all commented on the warmth of the welcome they received from children and staff. How lovely! Music tuition started again this week and it was so nice to welcome our peripatetic teachers and great to hear the steel pans, violins, trumpets, trombones, saxophone, clarinets and keyboards echo through school. Such a busy week!

We have finalised our Christmas plans, as we will not be able to welcome parents into school for the usual performances, which is such a shame **BUT** we are aiming to make it a very special time for the children and our celebrations will just be slightly different this year!

We will be having Christmas performances, which we will share with families through Google Classroom, as we did for the Year 6 show in July. There will be three performances – EYFS, KS1 and KS2. All will focus on the theme of kindness. Each class will share their performance with their year group partner, so 3C will perform for 3L in the hall and vice versa, 4M will perform for 4H in the hall and vice versa, and so on.

The elves will film all the performances and magically put them together for each class to watch their key stage show and then we will upload to GC for families to watch together.

We will have a Children's Christmas Fair on the 9th and 10th December, with a variety of craft stalls in the top hall, as well as mince pies and music. Each class will visit and the children will be able to wear their Christmas outfits and make gifts to take home (or keep!). The PTFA are very kindly providing funding for this.

We will also have the Christmas trees in the hall, Christmas lunch, albeit in a box and we will have party day, but there will not be a toy day this year. Classes will also each make a Christmas Kindness tree. There is also a very special PTFA Polar Express Grotto on Saturday 12th December! More details of that to follow.

So lots of lovely things going on at the end of term, for the children to look forward to!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

It's cool to be kind!

The Mental Health Foundation defines kindness as: "doing something towards yourself and others, motivated by genuine desire to make a positive difference".

At William Patten we want to celebrate the importance of being kind to one another and the kindness we see each day. In these uncertain times it is even more important to be aware of others and look out for each other, offering support and assistance.

Next week all children will be assigned a special homework on Google Classroom to create a piece of work dedicated to kindness. They could either write a short story or a poem or create a piece of artwork that represents what kindness means to them. Each class will be working together to produce a Christmas Kindness tree in their classrooms and their homework will be used to create a Kindness Wall in the school. Kindness will also be the theme of our Christmas performances. Please complete and return homework to class teachers by Friday 4th December and remember it's cool to be kind!

Black History Month: KS2

Throughout the school this week we have been celebrating Black History Month and Key Stage 2 have had the opportunity to experience live interactive workshops in each class, as well as lessons that celebrate Black history and culture. Both Year 3 and 4 travelled back in time to meet people aboard HMS Windrush and found out about different cultural traditions that we still cherish today. Years 5 and 6 focused on exploring London's Black History heroes. The pupils in Year 5 investigated the life of Malorie Blackman, while in Year 6 the children enjoyed finding out about grime artist Stormzy and how he is supporting the Black Lives Matter movement here in the UK. All of the workshops and lessons this week have given everyone the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of Black heritage and culture. Here is what some of the children have had to say...

"I loved learning about how life on board the Windrush was like, and I really enjoyed all the engaging lessons."

"The workshop was very fun and I learnt a lot about Stormzy, things that I didn't know. We even got to contribute to our own learning by using lots of drama - I really enjoyed the workshop!"



Photos of **3C** enjoying a cultural story of Anansi the Spider (folktales from the Ashanti people):



Children also enjoyed their BHM Workshops about the people on board the Windrush and what their hopes and dreams were, how they felt about leaving home and coming to the 'Mother Land', and what they experienced at an English market.



Black History Month: KS1

Years 1 and Year 2 have had such a brilliant week exploring Black History Month activities in class! To kick off the week, the children participated in a lively interactive workshop where they worked together to re-tell a Ghanaian Anansi story through actions and words. They loved learning about Anansi and both year groups have also linked their Literacy work this week to the mischievous spider! Both year groups have also produced beautiful pieces of art linked to different black artists; Year 1 created vibrant sculpture of Caribbean fruit inspired by Veronica Ryan and Year 2 made colourful collages inspired by Lois Mailou Jones. We can't wait to put these on display! Other highlights have also included learning about the Windrush journey and making thank you cards to honour the contribution of the Windrush generation to post-war Britain, as well as listening to different examples of music such as calypso and jazz!



Black History Month: EYFS

EYFS children enjoyed taking part in the Anansi Adventures workshop on Monday, as part of our celebration of Black History Month. Children loved listening to and acting out key parts of the story of Anansi and finding out about how the Anansi tricked the Sky God.



Continents and Oceans

Year 2 had an exciting introduction to our new Geography Topic 'Continents and Oceans' this week! We began by looking at different maps and representations of the world, thinking about where we live in relation to other countries. We then moved on to learning about the seven continents of the world: Asia, Africa, North America, South America, Europe, Antarctica and Oceania before working with our friends to locate these on a globe. We loved exploring the continents practically and can't wait to learn more about the world around us!



Celebrating Diwali

Years 2 and 5 participated in a Diwali dance workshop this week as part of this year's Diwali celebrations. We were very lucky to have an amazing dance teacher from the West End in Schools organisation who taught us how to dance. In preparation for the workshop, children in both year groups studied the importance of Diwali and learnt about the story of Rama and Sita. The workshop started with some movement games which was really fun, then the children were put into groups of 15 so that each child would have enough space to dance in the hall. They learnt the dance retelling the story of Ramayana from beginning to end through movement. The focus was on the importance of imagination and storytelling. The children then performed the dance to their class which was lovely! The performance was also recorded so that everyone in school could also watch it in their classes.

'Thank you for having me teach at your wonderful school! The children were amazing, I was so impressed' Esmae Lear, West End in Schools



Laptop loans

Thanks to the generosity of the PTFA and parent donations, we have a number of laptops which we can loan to families to support with access to Google Classroom homework and in the event of a child being unable to attend school, because of the Covid-19 pandemic. We want to ensure that we allocate these devices to children and families that have the most need. We will consider applications using the following criteria:

- Children who are eligible for free school meals
- Families with no digital devices in their household
- Families whose only available device is a smartphone
- Families with a single device in their household that is being shared with more than one other family member

If you would like to register your interest to have access to one of the laptops, or know someone who might benefit then please complete the following Laptop Loan Application survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/7628PCW>

All information provided will be treated in the strictest confidence.

This month we are speaking Korean

Korean is our new language of the month!

As assemblies are not taking place, Helen filmed the new Language of the Month introduction for all of the children to watch in their classes. Luckily, we have Leo (4H) and Ewan (6H) to model the pronunciations of Korean greetings and how to say "school dinners" and "packed lunch". Ewan and Leo did an excellent job of confidently demonstrating the new vocabulary which we are all now using around the school!



Why don't you have a go at saying some of these Korean words and phrases?

Good day – An-yeong-ha-se-yo 안녕하세요

Hello – Yeo-bo-se-yo 여보세요

Goodbye – Jal-ga-yo 잘가요

School lunch – Hak-gyo-gub-shik 학교 급식

Packed lunch – Do-shi-ra 도시락

Please – Budi 부디

Thank you – Kam-saham-ni-da 감사합니다

Planting in the Edible Playground

On Tuesday 6H had the opportunity to visit the edible playground to plant broad beans and garlic cloves. As a class they researched and discussed the optimum planting conditions and made sure they prepared the garlic by carefully separating each individual clove. 6H thoroughly enjoyed using garden trowels and watering cans to plant an abundance of garlic and broad beans that can be used by the school kitchen for their lunches. They also planted tulips in the various flower beds around the playground and are looking forward to seeing them bloom in the spring.



Sowing and planting

This week, Year 2 had lots of fun going up to the roof garden and getting involved in sowing and planting. Each child planted some sweet peas in mini pots that they are going to tend to in the greenhouse. Everyone is very excited to be able to watch their progress as they grow before eventually planting them out in the raised beds. We will also be on the lookout for some colourful tulips sprouting anytime soon! The children loved getting their hands dirty and planting lots of bulbs and are wondering what colours they will be when they bloom!



This week saw the second round of the **William Patten PE Challenge** take place. The exercise this week was burpees and all classes took on the new challenge with both verve and vigour. I can't tell you how nice it is to see the children really enjoying their fantastic PE lessons and with this added competitive element to it, it really seems to have brought out the best in them all. Last week saw a fantastic effort from all classes with some super speedy starjump experts from across the school. With a total of 2300 starjumps, 2S were the victors in KS1. In KS2 it was very close between 3 classes, but with a whopping 2860 starjumps, 4H took first place. Next week's challenge is squats and the competition is sure to be fierce. Congratulations to all who have taken part so far.

Jim – PE co-ordinator



Save the date(s)! Polar Express Christmas Grotto!



Saturday 12th December from 4-6pm
(contingency for bad weather: we would have the Grotto on Sun 13th December from 4-6pm. We should be able to confirm which day by the middle of that week).

The PTFA will turn part of the playground into an enchanted journey through the carriages of the Polar Express, giving a wave hello to Father Christmas, on your way to collecting a gift from his band of Elves. Come at dusk to see the lights of the trees and feel the festive spirit. It will all be socially distanced and outdoors.

The school will provide a booking system via '**School Interviews**' from the week beginning 23rd November so you can book a time slot (must pre-book please). We will email details very soon. If you have more than one child at the school, you can book one slot for them all to go together. We ask for a donation on our fundraising page, more info to be provided soon.

On the morning of the same day, up to the Grotto time, we will also have a **Christmas Trail** set in windows of houses of families near the school.

The children will follow a map and look for clues to decipher the answer, then later bring it with them to the Grotto and win a treat.

We are looking for volunteers so will send out our requests shortly.

Fundraising for new laptops

The PTFA are currently fundraising for new Chrome book laptops for the school. These are lent to families who don't have a laptop at home, so pupils can study if self-isolating. We hope to buy 20, so please donate on our Donorbox page if you can. Many thanks for the donations so far, we are almost halfway to our target of £5000. Help us reach it soon! You can set up a monthly donation too if you wish:

<https://donorbox.org/new-chrome-books-for-william-patten>

PTFA Email: williampattenptfa@gmail.com

PTFA social media pages:

Facebook: William Patten PTFA

Instagram: [william_patten_school_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_ptfa)

Winter Toy Appeal 2020



The Winter Toy Appeal is once again collecting new toys for children experiencing extreme poverty in North and East London. Please choose a toy to donate via their online wish list or give to the Go Fund Me page - any money raised will be spent on toys for the Appeal from local independent shops.

The toys are distributed to children in most need via social workers, schools, children's centres, refuges, hostels and food banks.

Visit www.wintertoyappeal.com

Attendance chart



2S are the attendance chart winners with a high score of 98.5% Well done **2S!**

Rec Cyrelle	96.8%
Rec Helen/Maria	98.3%
Y1 Charlotte	98.2%
Y1 Maya	97.9%
Y2 Laura	96.9%
Y2 Sophie	98.5%
Y3 Luke	97.8%
Y3 Christine	96.6%
Y4 Hannah	96.9%
Y4 Marion	96.7%
Y5 Ellen	98.2%
Y5 Yeter	95.9%
Y6 Ben	96.1%
Y6 Harriet	96.2%

If your child is unable to attend school, please email admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk or phone on 0207 254 4014 by 9.30am. 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 to this text the absence will be recorded as unauthorised. If your child is absent for more than one day you must update school every day. Thank you.

★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

Many happy returns to the following children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Juan Pablo, Klara, Ella, Kiri, Adnan N, Booker, Max M, Simay, Hunter, Isaac, Ed, Stella, Calum, Ruby-May, Mohinder, Rafe, Aya, Arlo B, Floris and Hafsa. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you had a wonderful day.

Change to lunch menus

We have made a small change to our lunch menus in response to pupils' feedback about the (unloved!) baked potatoes in week 1.

They have now been replaced with the popular sausages and mashed potatoes, so everyone can enjoy this favourite every Monday.

Monday 16/11	Tuesday 17/11	Wednesday 18/11	Thursday 19/11	Friday 20/11
 Sausages (VG) Baked Beans (VG) Mashed Potato (VG)	 Chilli Con Carne Quorn mince (V) Roast Veg (VG) Rice (VG)	 Vegetable Pasta Bake (VG)	 Lentil and Vegetable Shepherd's Pie (VG)	 Pizza Slice (V) Chips (VG) (Vegan Cheese available) (VG)
 Cucumber Salad leaves Grated Carrot	 Cucumber Peas Sweetcorn	 Cucumber Carrot Sticks Green Beans	 Cucumber Sweetcorn Broccoli	 Cucumber Salad leaves Sweetcorn
 Banana (VG) & Yogurt (V)	 Melon (VG) & Flapjack (V)	 Grapes (VG) & Banana Cake (V)	 Mixed Fruit Jelly (VG)	 Orange (VG) & Chocolate Brownie (V)

Monday 23/11	Tuesday 24/11	Wednesday 25/11	Thursday 26/11	Friday 27/11
 Sausages (VG) Baked Beans (VG) Mashed Potato (VG)	 Lentil & Spinach Dahl (VG) Rice (VG) Flatbread (VG)	 Spaghetti Bolognese Quorn mince (V) Tomato Sauce (VG)	 Mediterranean Vegetable Pie (VG)	 Pizza Slice (V) Chips (VG) (Vegan Cheese available) (VG)
 Cucumber Salad leaves Sweetcorn	 Cucumber Peas Sweetcorn	 Cucumber Carrot Sticks Broccoli	 Cucumber Sweetcorn Green Beans	 Cucumber Salad leaves Sweetcorn
 Banana (VG) & Yogurt (V)	 Melon (VG) & Flapjack (V)	 Grapes (VG) & Banana Cake (V)	 Mixed Fruit Jelly (VG)	 Orange (VG) & Chocolate Brownie (V)