

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

The rehearsals for the Christmas performances are going very well and every day I am serenaded by delightful singing from Nursery up to Year 6! Families are in for such a treat!



With rehearsals well underway, the children are terribly excited about being filmed. We plan for one more week of rehearsals and will film in the week beginning the 7th December. The elves will then edit all the recordings and the films will be ready to share by 17th December. The children will attend the premiere first (!) and families can watch together via Google Classroom.

I am delighted to announce that Santa is visiting William Patten on Saturday 12th December. He will be on the Polar Express with the elves, waiting with a present for each child and a mince pie for each adult! The station entrance is on Lancell Street and the exit is Dynevor Road. If you would like your child to meet Santa, please book via www.schoolinterviews.co.uk The code is **xsuda**. Make sure you tick the box to ask for a confirmation email to be sent. All children from Nursery to Year 6 must be accompanied by an adult. Wrap up warm and enjoy some lovely wintery walks this weekend!

Best wishes
Karen

Social distancing / playdates / birthday parties

Thank you to everyone who is observing the WP risk assessment protocols, this is hugely appreciated. However, a number of parents have contacted me recently to express their concern about the lack of social distancing at drop off and collection by a minority. They are also concerned about the number of playdates and birthday parties that are happening outside school. The school is also very concerned about the above issues.

As a school, we are working incredibly hard to work within government guidance, to minimise the risk for staff and children.

We have undertaken a thorough risk assessment, which is regularly reviewed and practices amended or changed if necessary. It is vital that the whole school community work to government guidance at all times to keep everyone safe. We do not know the vulnerability of others or their family circumstances and we also need to ensure that the Covid 19 arrangements the school has put in place are not undermined.

We have spoken to the children today about our expectations for lining up in the morning.

- Children need to stay with their adults and all family groups need to wait on the pavement 2 metres apart.
- Children should not play in the road, stand on neighbours' walls or climb the lamp posts or other street furniture.

All waiting adults should observe social distancing whilst waiting on Dynevor Road and Lancell Street and when in the playground. We would be grateful if adults could wear a mask if they are able to, when coming in the playground to collect their child. Currently two households can form a support bubble, but we are aware that many children are going on indoor playdates, having friends from outside London visit, are visiting other families outside London or attending birthday parties. None of the above is in line with government guidance and restrictions will remain when London is in Tier 2. These actions put the school community at risk, and is fundamentally unfair to the majority of people, who are observing the guidance. We must work together as a community to minimise risk and keep everyone as safe as we can.
Thank you.

Anti-Bullying Week

It was Anti-Bullying Week from 16-20th November 2020 and we asked the children to create an Anti-Bullying poster with a message that says 'United Against Bullying'. We have had many wonderful entries from across the school from Nursey – Year 6. School Council will be judging the entries next week and we will announce the winners for each phase in the next edition of the Patten Pages! We have been very impressed with the quality of the work received. Thank you everyone and good luck!

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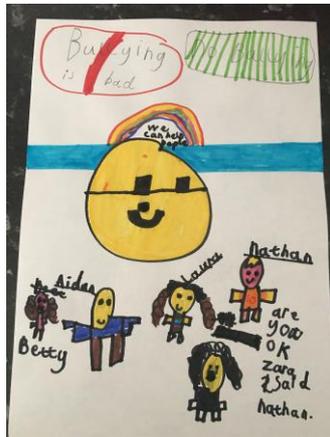
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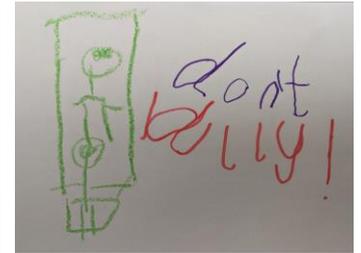
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Kindness Certificates



The whole school celebrated kindness, compliments and anti-bullying last week. So many children were noticed for their consistent kindness or super-kind actions, that we had at least one nomination from each class!

Congratulations to: Lucas and Anna (Rec), Matilda S, Matiu, Matilda W, Nyren and Arlo (Y1), Emmy and Berkay (Y2), Penelope and Sammy (Y3), Hector and Osi (Y4), Sophia and Tilly (Y5), Hope and Rosa (Y6). This week certificates were awarded to Kay (Y1), Sufyan (1), Zora (Y2), Harrison (Y3) and Bowie (Y4). Well done and thank you for being such lovely children.



Christmas is in the air!

The PTFA is organising an outdoor Grotto on Saturday 12th December (rain day is the 13th) for William Patten pupils. Santa will be present but keeping his appropriate distance in line with local regulations! There will also be a treasure hunt in the streets around William Patten with a prize for all who complete it. Have a go!

As with all events we will need a few volunteers and a request will go out shortly. Tickets can be booked using the school interview system (and that email will also go out later).

The Grotto will be open to all students of William Patten and the PTFA is asking for donations rather than a fixed charge.

A huge thank you to Paget and her team for all their hard work on the grotto too!

Many thanks,
PTFA Committee

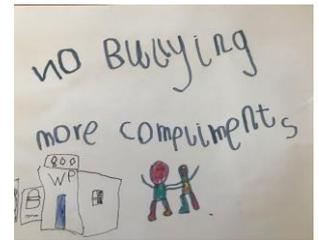
It's Cool To Be Kind!

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, assistance and of course kindness! As part of the children's homework, they have created a piece of work dedicated to kindness. They have written poems, drawn pictures and designed posters that represent what kindness means to them. All the work will be used to create a kindness wall in the school.

Jack D



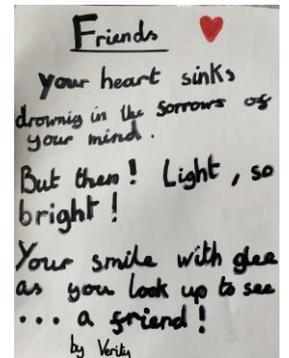
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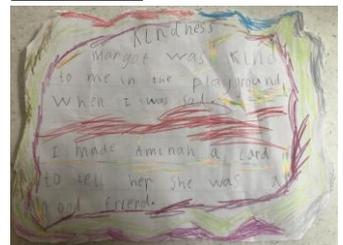
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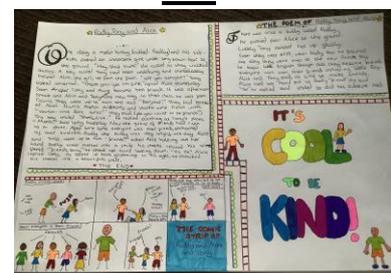
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Asya



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Eco Team meeting

This week, the Eco Team met with Laura to discuss what up and coming projects they would like to be involved in this academic year at William Patten. Because of current year group bubble restrictions, we were unable to meet as a whole team in person, so instead the computing suite was transformed into a boardroom where Laura quizzed the members on what events they would like to hold and what important environment and sustainability dates should be added to the school calendar. Along with some firm favourites from last year, like Fairtrade Fortnight and the RSPB Big Birdwatch, more exciting things are tentatively starting to be planned, like Nature Day in Spring 2021 and the possibility of an energy saving day too. More details on these to follow once the plans are properly in place. As part of a whole school approach to be more environmentally friendly and reduce single use plastic waste in school we are taking part in a plastic and recycling scheme that the Eco Team will help lead. We will be counting the amount of reusable water bottles brought into school each day and also the amount of plastic containers recycled after the lunchtime rush! We will be keeping count and announcing the grand total at the end of each half term. I wonder which class will be the most Eco-friendly? Only time will tell! Finally, thank you to all the Eco team members who brought such energy and enthusiasm to the meetings on Tuesday, it was a wonderful afternoon of catching up and planning!



School Council

School Council had their first virtual meeting for this year and on top of the agenda was to find out what their favourite and least favourite food was. There was an overwhelming number of classes choosing Pizza and Chips as their favourite meal of the week and the Mediterranean Vegetable Pie being the least. School Council will pass this onto Karen so that she can, alongside the catering team review the school menu, so watch this space! School Councillors took on one of their first tasks in trying to find out from their classes what their thoughts are on science and will feed this back to Charlotte who is our Science Subject Leader. They will also judge the Anti-Bullying Poster competition next week to see who our EYFS, KS1 and KS2 winners are. We are aiming to meet with School Council once every half term to discuss new proposals and feedback from their classes.



★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to Lizzy, Sonny O, Martha, Sulaiman, Harry, Sumire, Stella L, Maeve, Cara, Ciro-Mael, Georgina, Rosie, Elise, Rosa, Alfie, Leo, Aveleine and Lili-Marie who recently celebrated their special day. We hope you enjoyed your birthday.

Science experiments

5YE have been busy all week working on exciting science experiments. We've discovered how some materials are soluble and insoluble; reversible and irreversible; reactant and product. We conducted our fascinating experiments using apparatus, such as magnets, funnels, beakers and sieves. Our most intriguing experiment was when we mixed the two reactants of milk and vinegar. This created a product which was plastic! The class have been super inquisitive all week with their work. Well done!



Attendance Chart



Maya's class are at the top of the chart this time with 98.5%. Well done 1M!

R Cyrelle	96.9%	R Helen/Maria	98.6%
Y1 Charlotte	97.8%	Y1 Maya	98.5%
Y2 Laura	97.2%	Y2 Sophie	98.1%
Y3 Luke	96.9%	Y3 Christine	97.1%
Y4 Hannah	96.9%	Y4 Marion	97.3%
Y5 Ellen	98.1%	Y5 Yeter	96.5%
Y6 Ben	96.2%	Y6 Harriet	96.4%

Dear Parents/Carers,

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to [easyfundraising.org.uk](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to support William Patten School?

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December diary dates

- 11th EY/KS1 Gruffalo performance
No Pens Day
- 12th PTFA Polar Express
- 14th/15th Children's Christmas Fair
- 16th Class parties
(please note no Toy Day this year)
- 17th Break up for holidays 1.30pm

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Primary School