

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

As we have been closed since January 4th, this is an unusual half termly edition of the Patten Pages! Some of the news was intended for the first edition in January such as announcing the winners of the Anti-Bullying Poster competition and sharing the news about our visitors in Madrid, but we all know what happened at the start of the year! I hope you enjoy looking through the newsletter and seeing the amazing and fabulous work that our children have been doing over the last few weeks both at home and school.

Thank you Aileen and Tanya!

I would like to start the newsletter by expressing on behalf of the entire school community, a heartfelt and huge thank you to Aileen Walker and Tanya Canning, who have both sadly resigned from the Governing Body.

Aileen



Tanya



Aileen served as a governor for over 20 years (and was on my appointment panel!). Tanya served as a governor for 10 years. During that time, they have been the most wonderful support to not only myself, but also Kathryn Kyle, the previous Headteacher. Aileen and Tanya had children at the school and we were delighted that they stayed as governors, even when their children had left (and became adults!) During their tenure, the school has been through challenging circumstances such as the national funding formula and the reduction in school budgets and joyful times such as the whole school performance at Sadler's Wells.

Where to start? A simple thank you is not nearly enough or adequate for everything they have done, not only for me, but the entire school community.

They have always been there, offering wisdom, knowledge and common sense. Whatever the situation, they were able to offer solutions and find a way through, often with humour! I am not sure how they could do it every time, but they did!

We have been very fortunate and privileged to have had them serve as governors. Reliable, pragmatic, cheerful, helpful, practical, encouraging, ever gracious and always lovely, they will be hugely missed and we wish them happiness in their future.

They will always be part of William Patten and we hope they keep in touch

Message from Julian Winship, Chair of Governors

I'd also like to express my thanks to Aileen and Tanya for giving up so much time and committing whole-heartedly to the William Patten community. Both of them have been a part of the school for many years both as parents and governors, chairing debate, challenging and supporting the school. Their positive contribution has had a tangible and hugely beneficial long-term effect. Thanks Aileen and Tanya - it's been a real pleasure working with you - keep in touch - we will miss you! Julian.

Leia's writing competition win!

Leia in Year 3 entered a story writing competition at the Vindolanda Trust in Northumberland that she visited over the last half term holiday.

Her story was called 'Aelia and the Magic Coin' and it was entered in the 5 -7 age category. To her delight, she won!

The winners in each category all received book tokens so they can continue to be inspired by writing and reading. The first prize winners also had their stories narrated by Vindolanda patron, Robson Green and a composer composed the soundtrack to each story. You can listen to her super story here

<https://www.vindolanda.com/story-library>

Very big congratulations, Leia! We are very proud of you.



The theme of this year's Children's Mental Health Week was **Express Yourself**. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share feelings, thoughts, or ideas, through creativity. It is about finding a way to show who you are, and how you see the world, that can help you feel good about yourself. It was exciting to see your amazing artwork, brilliant baking, super sock-puppets, lovely Lego models and creative crafts. Lots of you explained what you do to stay happy and who you can go to if you are feeling sad. A BIG thank you to everyone who shared how you expressed yourself during CMHW. You are all amazing!



Aarav's Happy Robot



Elise's Artwork



Nisa's Rainbow Cake



Grace's Rainbow + Sun



Astrid's Sock-puppets



Bram's Artwork

As parents and carers, you play an important role in your child's mental health. If you are looking for advice or ideas, please check out the free resources from Place2B by following the link below.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/parents-and-carers/>



Alex's Heart Collage



Olive's Artwork



Tilly's Mask



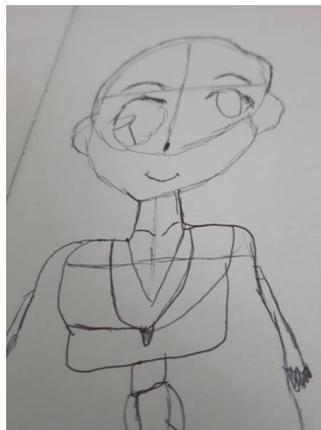
Fraser's Model Building



Alexina's Rainbow Poster



Rosa's Violin Music



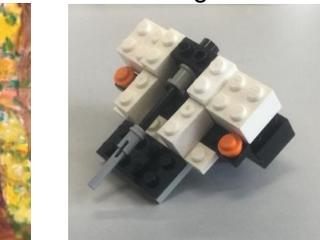
Naim's Drawing



Gene's Feelings Board



Malaika's Painting



Alan's Lego Model



Lili-Marie's Emotions



Aaliva's Yoga

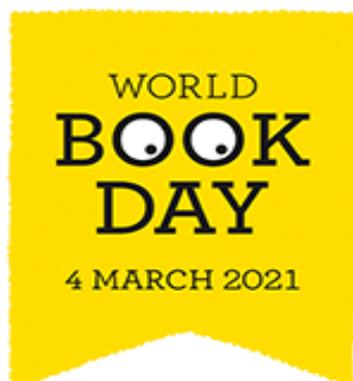




Don't let the pressure of parenting get you down. Try these simple tips and tricks, formulated by researchers and NHS mental health experts, which are backed by science and proven to work with families.

The Maudsley Charity, who raise public awareness around mental health, have produced a series of videos to help families who are feeling the pressure at the moment. These 12 short videos are narrated by well-known people such as Olivia Coleman and Danny Dyer. The videos cover topics such as helping your child with anxiety, promoting good behaviour and ways to keep calm... the emphasis being that parents are only human!

<https://maudsleycharity.org/familiesunderpressure/>



On Thursday 4th March 2021 we will be celebrating World Book Day online! This is a great day to celebrate the joy of reading and for both adults and children to share their love of books, stories, characters and more.

Dressing Up & Virtual Gallery

On World Book Day all adults and children across the school spend the day dressed up as a **character** from one of their favourite **books**. To ensure we do not miss out on this much loved tradition we are asking all children and staff to join their Google Meet and live lessons dressed up

as a book character. We will also provide you with a link to the **WP World Book Day virtual Gallery** so that you can enjoy seeing everybody's amazing costumes!

£1 Book Tokens

This year the £1 book tokens will be emailed to you as a single-use digital version, that can be printed at home or shown to booksellers on a phone or tablet screen. Please note that these cannot be used for online purchase. World Book Day book tokens will be valid from **Thursday 18 February – Sunday 28 March 2021**. In 2021 participating booksellers will honour the tokens beyond the 28th March while stocks last. Children can use the 'Look Insides' on each of the £1 book pages on the World Book Day website to choose their £1 book and parents can use the £1 token when they collect essential shopping. Please check with your local shops to check their token policy.

Book Fair

We know how much everyone at WP enjoys the travelling book fair. This year you will still have the opportunity to purchase new books online and your orders will be delivered to school or your home. More information on this, and the books that are available, will be provided shortly.

Outline of the day

9.15 - 9.25am: Welcome to World Book Day!

9.25 - 10.45am – Live World Book Day Literacy special with accompanying task

10.50 – 11.40am Live Maths session and time to complete task independently

11.40 -11.50 Share Maths and mark together.

11.50 -12.00 Storytime – WBD storytime special

1:00– 3.30pm – World Book Day Creative mat: activities, illustrators academy, author videos, workshops and much more!

We are really looking forward to the day and hope that you and the children are too.

Links with Madrid

Just before the Christmas holiday, Years 1 to 5 took part in a Google Meet call with their partner class at our link school in Madrid. The children at both schools asked and replied to each other's questions. These covered a range of topics, including hobbies and interests, school life and which London landmarks the children at William Patten had been to. Year 1 also enjoyed a performance of a Christmas song performed by the Grade 1 class (and some of the calls also included a small performance of a role play from the children at William Patten, in Spanish). The children and teachers at both schools really enjoyed communicating with each other. The most recent exchange follows the earlier video call that took place between Helen and Maria's Reception class and their companion Early Years class in Madrid. Two large envelopes full of Christmas and New Year cards were sent by each class and we are now looking forward to receiving letters from the children at CEIP Josep Tarradellas by way of response (we will of course be writing back in Spanish). We are really pleased with how our link with the Madrid school has grown over the last five or so years and are proud to have such loyal friends in Spain.



Anti-Bullying Week Competition Winners

This year we had a vast number of children entering the Anti-Bullying Poster Competition, there were just under 180 entries, 40 more than last year! The theme for this year was 'United Against Bullying' and children had to create posters that embraced this theme. There were some amazing posters which made it very hard for School Councillors to decide who the winners would be but they followed the criteria which looked for clear presentation, great content and clear language. After a lot of discussion amongst the School Councillors they decided that Eloise in Reception HM, Asya in 2S, Olive in 3C and Seth in 5YE would be the winners. Many congratulations to them! It is so wonderful that so many children at William Patten care and understand how to be a good friend to each other.

Eloise



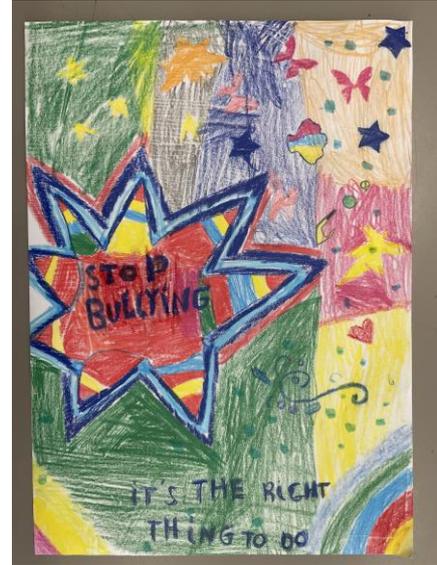
Olive 3C



Seth 5YE



Asya 2S



★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Salma, Desiree, Serafina, Bram, Suki, Lorcan, Bay, Huxley, Imogen, Diya, Alex D, Kulsum, Leia, Enzo, Kimora, Mya, Verity, Luke, Rayn, Matilda C, Ronan, Sumayyah R, Jack Q, Theo C, Oscar A, Evie M, Francis, Alfie W, Kacey, Evan H, Aarav, Ellen, Enrico, Musa, Ben L, Muren, Mohammed Talha, Betty, Raphael, Grazie, Yoshi, Bruno, Eddy, Ailbhe, Louie, Alisa, Romy, Beatrix, Asya, Aalia, Naim, Margot, Hamza, Zora, Grace C, Kallias, Emmy, Tiggy, Theodore B, Alex W, Audrey L, Keon, Flora and Rosalie. Happy birthday to you all!



Girls Friendly Society

There is a free group supporting girls in Hackney and the surrounding areas. The group is working to ensure that girls still have a connection to the outside world and their friends, with trained local volunteers running the group so they can support girls' mental health during this time.

It is a free online group that meet through Zoom and they are part of GFS, which is a registered charity. They meet from 4.30-6pm on Wednesdays and girls aged 5-11 can sign up here

<https://girlsfriendsociety.org.uk/hackney/>

A celebration of home and school learning!



Aarav



Hector



Audrey



Poppy



Thiago



Amos



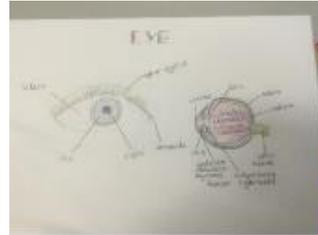
Jude



Harrison



Iris



Phoebe



Verity



Luna



Emily



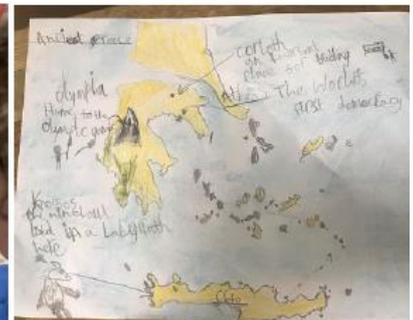
Bella



Vanessa



Oscar and Morgan



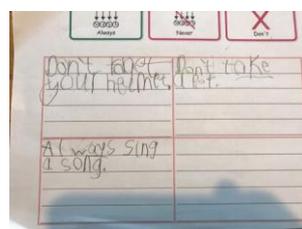
Bruno



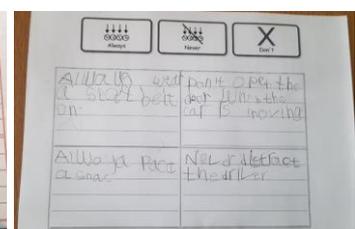
Lochie



Maria

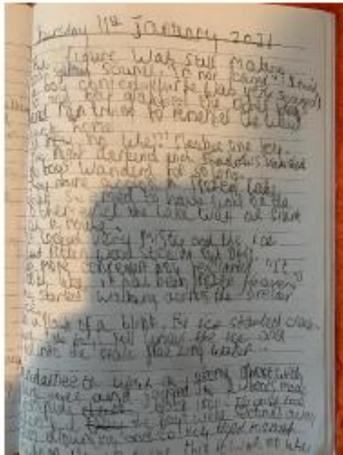


Henry L

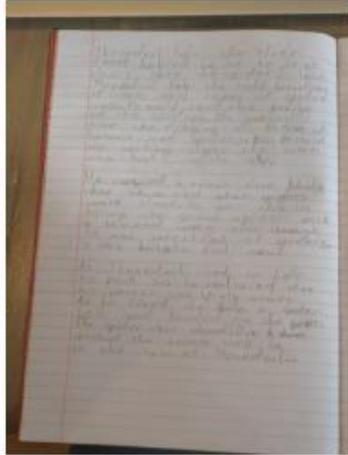


Sufyan

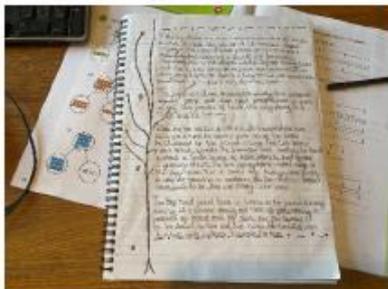
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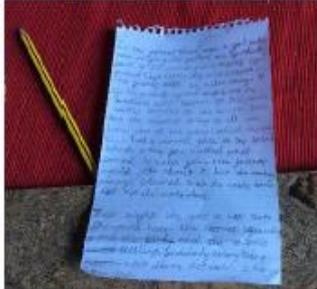
Joe



Kallias



Maeve



Siri



Naim



Sonny



Arabella



Kay

The boy was on a trip with his dad when the boy was hiding behind rocks and trees hoping for his dad to find him so he can jump scare him. But then he hid behind a large rock that apparently his dad didn't notice. So the boy waited and waited until he ran to the direction he thought his dad went until he ran too hard so he tripped over a twig of thorns which threw him onto a pathway. He heard a sinister humming noise and a person that seemed to be in his mid 40s but all he could see was that it was definitely a human. That was his last sight, before something knocked him out with a baseball bat. The mysterious figure was a distraction. He was roughly put into an itchy sack that smelled like dead human bodies, or maybe something worse...

He heard one of the two talking to each other with odd noises like gurgling and clicking. He moved around in the bag because he was uncomfortable but then one of the two peered inside but the boy had to keep his eyes shut or they would know he was awake. But he could smell the horrible smell of blood on one of their faces. He heard and felt mysterious commotion around him. He got ploped on the ground by one of them. When they did he saw that the one that was humming and peering through the sack was HIS DAD. He was entering a house when they picked the boy up and took him inside. They put him in a really nice house when he thought his dad was trying to help him. But then they took him out of the sack when he saw his dad and a werewolf with a bloodthirsty drooling mouth. His dad's skin went drabby and grey and his eyes became red, and all of his hair dropped off and his ears grew. His dad was a demon. And that was the last sight that that very boy saw.
Julian

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Janilson



Margot



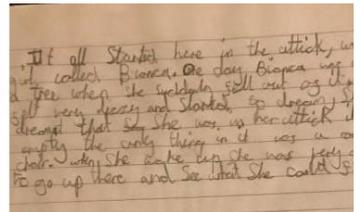
Nevaeh



Tobi



Oscar



Elsa

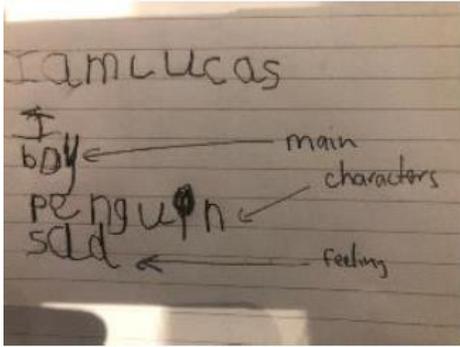


Arden

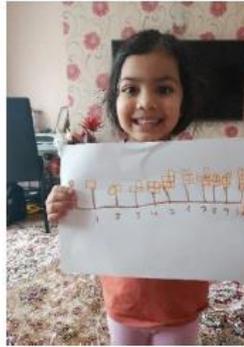


Theo C

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Lucas



Sumayyah



Elsie



Arthur



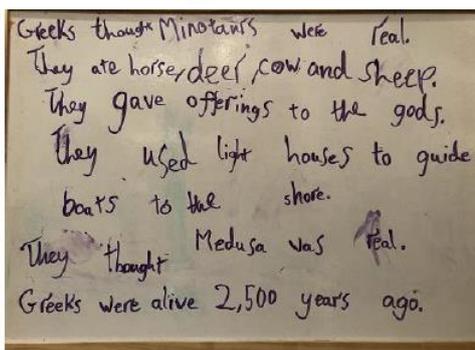
Freddie L



Cara



Freddie W



Alex D



Rex



Mason



Arlo



Matiu



Jack D



Daisy



Gene



Khush



Leul



Nyren



Jacob



Josie



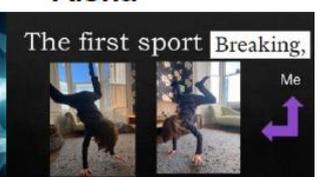
Su



Aisha



Fred



Fred