

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

Issue 171

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear parents,

Everyone is enjoying the sunshine and making the most of the opportunities to be outside, particularly with the easing of lockdown restrictions. We are optimistic that there is light at the end of the tunnel and we will get back to our usual routines at some point in the near future! We will obviously work in accordance with guidance to ensure the safety of all. A very big thank you to all our families, who continue to observe Government guidance and in particular to our children who are following the rules so well. They are used to the different school routines of working in bubbles, having separate playtimes and lunchtimes and having no clubs or assemblies in the hall. Even though many children are aware and have some understanding of why we need all have a collective responsibility to reduce risk, I think it has been particularly hard on our children, especially in relation to playdates and sleepovers. They know that they should not have been happening and have shown such resilience and patience whilst waiting for the rules to be eased so that they can socialise beyond their support bubbles. I think they have been brilliant and am very proud of them!

Sian and I recently met with Pauline, who coordinates the work of the volunteers of the Friends of Kynaston Gardens and are delighted to say that we will be working more closely with the group to celebrate this wonderful community space. I know that some families already visit and enjoy the quiet time and opportunity to relax. You would never know that a very busy high street was less than 30 metres away! The Eco Team will be visiting soon to take pictures and collect information about the space and what is growing and we can all do to make sure the gardens are respected and the environment treated well. They will present an assembly to the different keystages, so that we can all continue to benefit. The volunteers (including some of our families) do much a fabulous job, working so hard to grow fruit, flowers and vegetables, we are so lucky to have such a great local resource. We are also hoping that we can share some of seedlings we have been growing and plant them in the gardens.

Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend and we will see the children back in school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.  
Best wishes

Karen

## Visit from a Viking!

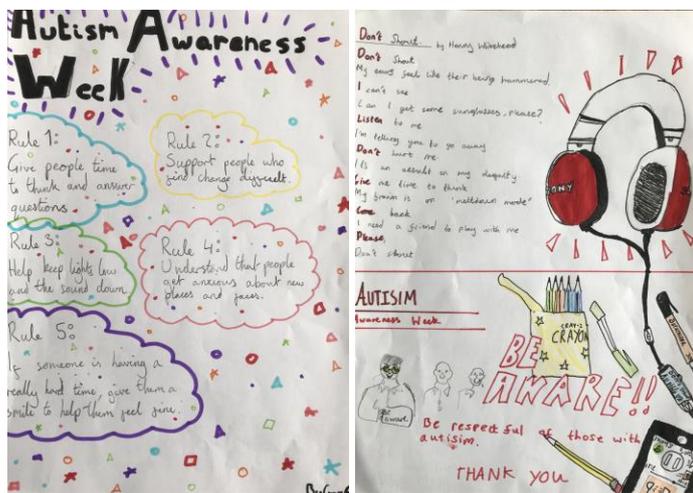
Thorgil the Viking visited Year 4 this week. Having left his sword in Karen's office, he made his way to the William Patten roof to tell us what Viking life was like. The children learned about Thorgil's family, helped him row his longship and learned a lot about Viking justice. Some of the children suggested harsher punishments than the Vikings might have done! Luckily, despite energetic bartering, we managed to hang on to Marnie and Arya and save them from a hard life on a Viking farm. The visit gave us a fantastic flavour of what life was like in Viking times.



## World Autism Awareness Week

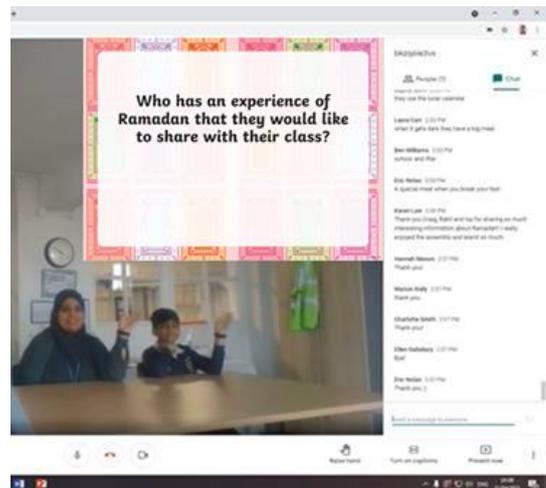
We celebrated World Autism Awareness Week just before the Easter holidays. We marked the week in school with assemblies and activities in class, as well as designing posters to highlight 5 ways that we can be an autism friendly school. You can find out more about Autism on the National Autistic website. Please see link below.

<https://www.autism.org.uk/get-involved/raise-money/world-autism-awareness-week>



## Ramadan Assembly

A special whole school assembly was held last week to mark Ramadan. The children learnt about when Ramadan is observed and about some of things that Muslim people do during the Islamic Holy Month. Rahil and Isa (Y6) joined the assembly to share their own experiences, and provided lots of additional information and detail about this important time of year. Children shared their responses via their teacher in the chat, and the Muslim children in each class were able to share their own experiences. Thank you Rahil and Isa for taking part with such enthusiasm. We are thinking of all our Muslim families at this time of year and are looking forward to a special assembly to mark Eid al-Fitr soon!



## Recent assessment update

Children have enjoyed being back in class, having quality first face-to-face teaching. We have spent the first few weeks back at school, reviewing children's work – identifying areas that need to be revisited and retaught, due to school closure and remote learning, and how to best support children. Children, parents and teachers completed surveys which helped us to understand any worries and concerns everyone had about returning to school. We have continued to focus on pastoral support to rebuild our school community and support mental health and wellbeing. We also listened to your suggestions about the additional help and support you thought would help children to close any gaps in their learning. Throughout the school, we have already organised additional small group sessions in RWI, Fine Motor Skills, writing and reading to continue to support children's progress in these areas of learning. From next week, we will take part in the National Tutoring Program, which is a government funded initiative designed to support schools and address the impact of Covid-19 on pupils' progress and learning. This term we will focus on maths and many children will take part in small group tuition sessions, which will continue until the end of this academic year.

## Friday 23rd April was Spanish Language Day!

Spanish Language Day celebrates the second most spoken language in the world each year. As the first Spanish Language Day was in 2010, it is a fairly new annual celebration. It was started by The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to celebrate multilingualism and cultural diversity. The purpose of the day is to celebrate Spanish literature and to honour one of the most respected writers in the Spanish Language, Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra, author of Don Quixote. Events and activities are held throughout the world in Spanish speaking regions on Spanish Language Day to celebrate Miguel De Cervantes Saavedra's writing. To celebrate Spanish Language Day at William Patten, each class had a children's book read to them in Spanish! This gave the children a chance to listen to a story in Spanish and enjoy literature in the language they are learning in school.



We received our next set of letters from the children at our partner school in Madrid, just in time for Spanish Language Day! The children read their individual letters from their friends in the same year group at Josep Tarradellas and will be writing their detailed replies, in Spanish, in the weeks to come.



3C were super excited to receive letters from Madrid! These were in response to the Christmas cards we sent.



## Headteacher's Tea Party

Karen had a delightful time with her first guests of the year – Kerim, Tommy and Aalia from Year 1, Astrid, Caspar B and Amy from Year 2, Tiggy, Casper M, Inayah and Louie from Year 3 and Ronnie, Charlie and Olive from Year 6. They had tea, biscuits and cake (with some children learning how to catch a cake in a cup for the first time!) Congratulations to all for being nominated for 5 HTA. There is someone at the party who has not received five Headteacher's awards. Can you spot who it is?!



## WP Nursery



If you know of any local families (with children born between 01.09.17 - 31.08.18) who are looking for nursery provision from September 2021, please tell them to pop into our school office for an application form. The deadline to apply is 19<sup>th</sup> May.

## Earth Day 2021

All classes at William Patten enjoyed celebrating Earth Day 2021 with a special assembly held in class. It was a time for the children to reflect on how we can help protect our precious Earth. This year's theme was 'Restore Our Earth' and Year 2 made some gorgeous craft creations which included their commitments to the earth. These were mini pledges that they took to commit to helping our environment. They had some brilliant ideas including taking shorter showers, buying second hand/vintage clothes, turning off lights when they leave the room, growing produce at school in the Edible Playground and shopping for food locally. Such fantastic ideas that we could all do! Even our smallest children in nursery talked about how they would like to recycle more, which is wonderful to hear. Thank you to all the staff and children for celebrating World Earth Day!



## Resources to support your child's maths at home

In recognition that children's learning has been impacted by school closure during the Covid 19 pandemic, we are following the DfE recommendation that schools prioritise teaching the key content for each year group in the summer term. In Key stage 1, there is a focus on 'Place Value (such as the value of each digit in numbers with more than one digit) , number facts and the four operations and geometry. In Key Stage 2, there will also be further work on fractions. A more detailed explanation can be found if you scroll down on the maths page of the school website. We have also added links to the relevant White Rose Maths Parent Workbooks for each year group, should you wish to support your child's maths further at home. Each workbook includes the majority of the identified 'key' content within each strand, that will be the focus of our maths curriculum in the summer term.

<http://www.williampatten.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/mathematics/> A printed copy of these resources can be provided on request.



### Libby App

Melissa's mum told us about a free app called Libby, where you can borrow ebooks and digital audiobooks from your local public library. You can stream books with Wi-Fi or mobile data, or download them for offline use and read anytime, anywhere. You just need to connect it to the London Library Consortium, select your local Hackney Library and create a profile with your child's library card number or with your own.

<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

### The Hackney 100 for Captain Tom 100

34 of our Reception children are taking part in a fundraising initiative '100 Challenge' in honour of Captain Tom. They will be running/walking 100m in Hackney Downs on 3<sup>rd</sup> May to raise money for the Spinal Injuries Association, a charity providing lifelong support for everyone affected by spinal injury. If you would like to support this very worthwhile cause, please visit their justgiving page below:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hackney100>

Good luck to everyone taking part. We look forward to hearing all about it.

## Language of the Month



As it is currently Ramadan for the Muslim community, William Patten's new Language of the Month is Arabic! Arabic is the official language of 22 countries and it is the native language of over 200m people who live in the Arab geographical region which stretches from Southwest Asia to Northwest Africa. The formal Arabic language, known as Classical Arabic or الفصحى (Fus-ha), is the language in which the Muslim holy book, the Qur'an, is written and the Qur'an is considered to be the base of the Arabic language. We were very lucky to have Sumayyah (2L) and Aalish (2S) and William Patten teacher, Ihssan, to help Helen introduce Arabic as the new Language of the Month to all of the classes in a virtual whole school assembly via Google Meet. During the assembly, the teachers and children were able to practice the greetings they are going to use in the morning and afternoon register – **Assalamu alaikum** عليك السلام **and (reply) Wa alaykumu assalam** -آس أليكومو وا-سلام. **Both mean 'Peace be upon you'.**

Why don't you have a go at using other Arabic words and phrases?

**School dinners – Al-ghadda madrisi** الغداء المدرسي

**Packed lunch - Al-ghadda al-marzoum** الغداء المرزوم

**Please - Min Fadlak** من فضلك

**Thank you – Jazak Allah khair** لك شكرًا

### Attendance Chart

Ellen's class are the attendance chart winners with a high score of **96.7%**. Well done **5E!**

R Cyrelle	96.4%	RHelen/Maria	93.3%
Y1 Charlotte	96.4%	Y1 Maya	96.1%
Y2 Laura	95.2%	Y2 Sophie	96.1%
Y3 Christine	94.3%	Y3 Luke	95.3%
Y4 Hannah	96.4%	Y4 Marion	93.6%
<b>Y5 Ellen</b>	<b>96.7%</b>	Y5 Yeter/Eric	93.8%
Y6 Ben	94.4%	Y6 Harriet	93.9%



## LOW COST THERAPY AND COUNSELLING AT HQ THERAPY ROOMS

*We offer a low cost counselling for anyone in need.*

HQ Therapy's affordable Low Cost Counselling service offers counselling, psychotherapy and coaching at a discounted rate. Our Low Cost Counselling Service for children and young people is £20 per session and for adults, rates start from £15 per session.

Therapy sessions are carried out by experienced trainees who are undertaking a Postgraduate Diploma at the University of East London, Metanoia, the Institute for Therapy in Education or a similar qualification elsewhere. Each counsellor brings with them years of experience from different fields including working with bereavement, special needs, anxiety, depression, OCD, corporate coaching as well as a wealth of experience from previous careers. All trainees are registered and supervised by their University.

More information can be found on our website here: [Low Cost Therapy London | HQ Therapy Counselling Services.](#)

The link on this page can be used to make enquiries and to book a session.

We look forward to hearing from you.

★ **HAPPY** ★  
**BIRTHDAY!**

Many happy returns to Efe, Maria, Thomas, Amelia, Audrey, Benny, Defne, Julian, Nana, Ihsan, Nyren, Aisha, Quentin, Fred, Luna, Sawyer, Esha, Ocean, Kay, Jamie, Daniel, Ismail, Emran, Grace, Eugene, Phoebe, Marnie, Felix, Benedict, Fraser, Aalish, Neelam, Amy, Lucas, Nancy, Jamie, Malaika, Aras, Jude, Shaneeya, Jeremiah, Harleen, Aster and Hector who celebrated their birthday since the last Patten Pages. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

## **PTFA Lottery: February 2021**

Congratulations to the lucky winners of the William Patten Lottery. The latest winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> (£40) Christina & Matt (Ezra and Eloise)  
2<sup>nd</sup> (£30) Jane (Rufus)  
3<sup>rd</sup> (£20) Rachael (Iris)

The lottery is a great way to help raise funds for the PTFA to support important school projects and at the same time you have a chance to win cash prizes. If you would like to join please contact Sel (Ellen RHM, Vika 5Y) on [arcandsa@hotmail.com](mailto:arcandsa@hotmail.com).



Yemstars Girls Football Sessions  
Ages 5 -16



To Book please contact Yemisi  
Yemstars1@gmail.com- 07802653611  
Starting Friday 23rd April  
Location: Mabley Green, Hackney E9 5HW  
Fridays 5pm to 6pm

One of our ex-families has very kindly offered a free set of bunkbeds to any WP family who needs it (see photo). The beds are dismantled but would need to be collected from their home address. If interested, please let the school office know by next Friday and they'll will put you in contact with the family.

