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Dear parents,

I would like to say Eid Mubarak to all of our Muslim families. We hope you had a lovely time celebrating yesterday. We had our very first whole school WP Eid party in 2019. It was such a super event and we were looking forward to celebrating with our families again in 2020. Unfortunately, circumstances meant that that did not happen and we haven't been able to do it this year either. However, there is light at the end of the tunnel and the world is slowly returning to normal, so I think we can look forward to sharing the Eid celebration with the entire school community in 2022!

It was so lovely to hear from an ex William Patten pupil recently. Dr James A Burton was a pupil at the school from 1945 to 1952. He had written to the Museum of the Home and sent a copy of the letter to us. I replied explaining that we still visit the museum and I also let him know about the local history project that we did in 2018. He then very kindly sent a copy of the William Patten newsletter from 1996, when he had visited the school and written to the children. His message to them in the 1996 newsletter is still relevant today. He also sent a copy of his class photograph from 1952 and there were over 40 children in the class! We hope that if Dr Burton is ever in London, he will visit WP. We would very much like to say hello to him in person!

I'm very sad to say that Liana, our receptionist, is leaving at the end of this half term. She is going to undertake training for a new career in the NHS. We are so very sad to see her go! She has done such a fabulous job on the front desk being so helpful, kind and patient and has dealt with hundreds and hundreds (possibly thousands!) of phone calls and queries during her 6 years at WP. She has been an integral part of the office team; incredibly supportive to her colleagues, cheerful, a fabulous first port of call for visitors and always remaining calm and polite, even during the most busy and challenging times!

I wish her every success in her career change and I'm incredibly thankful for all her hard work.

We will miss her very much indeed and she knows she has to keep in touch! Good luck Liana and the biggest thank you!

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen



Eid Assembly

Today, we had a special 'Eid el Fitr' assembly to mark the end of the Islamic holy month of Ramadan. Rahil shared her experiences in the assembly with Hamza and Sufyan from Y1, and Josie (Y1) and Shazana (Y6) shared the beautiful mehndi patterns on their hands. Children from different classes also showed some of their class based work. The children learnt about some of the customs and traditions of Eid, as well as how it is celebrated across the world. We wish all our families who are celebrating, a very happy Eid.



Valentina – Star Dreamer!



This week, the whole school participated in a virtual theatre show called "Valentina - Star Dreamer!", all about the first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova. Year 1 created beautiful space collages which were used during the production and everyone had a chance to join in on an educational (and entertaining) trip through space! It was thoroughly enjoyed across all year groups with many 5 star reviews:

"It was very funny, I liked her pretend cat!" **Daisy, 1C**

"I liked the show because I love space and I liked it when Valentina told another woman that she did really well and tried her best during the vomit comet!" **Corin, 2S**

"It was so fun! I learnt that if you wish for something it will come true!" **Destiny, 2L**

"I thought the whole thing was AMAZING! An excellent piece of work. I didn't know that the astronauts wore orange suits, I thought they were white!" **Sadie, 2L**

"I liked the part when she took the photos of the other planets. This was interesting because it reflects how there is still so much we haven't discovered yet." **Max, 4H**

"Valentina Star Dreamer was a very entertaining, creative performance, which taught me a lot about space. I liked how they didn't let lockdown stop them from putting on a brilliant performance." **Diya, 5YE**

"It was especially cool how they had limited resources and only two actors. It was an exciting merge of theatre/tech." **Sophie, 5YE**

"Amazing, funny, engaging and creative show. Great acting and cool sets. It's outstanding that this was all over a virtual meeting. 5 stars!" **Leo, 6B**

"I enjoyed watching this because it was funny and I liked how they set it all up. I would give it 4 out of 5 because we could see them when they were getting ready, however altogether it was pretty good." **Dotty, 6B**

"What I liked about the interactive theatre is that it was online because at the beginning the narrator (the granny) was turning on her camera and it pointed at the forehead making it like a real granny would at an online meeting. Also I liked how they gave some real facts about Valentina Tereshkova. I would give it a 7 out of 10 because they really tried." **Salma, 6B**

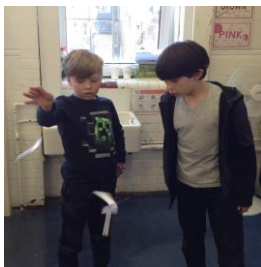
"I thought the way they used Zoom was great and I really enjoyed how they got all of us super intrigued. The acting was brilliant and also quite funny. 10/10!" **Ailish, 6B**

"It was fun to watch and very inclusive to the people watching it. The backgrounds were very clever as they went in front of the person while the person was there." **Olive, 6B**



Space collages by Year 1

Year 5 have been busy working as curious scientists over the past few weeks. They have carried out various experiments on the science topic of "Forces". After some purposeful discussion on the work of Isaac Newton (Laws of Motion) and Galileo's hypothesis on air resistance, the children decided to put their scientific working skills to the test. A lot of thought and dedication has been involved in carrying out fair tests, and all teachers have been incredibly proud of how mature and accurate the children have been when recording their data. We initially started measuring obscure items around the class to get confident at using a newton meter. Once we felt accomplished at operating our newton meter, we tested the theory of friction, using a sports trainer, on the many surfaces we walk on throughout our school day. Once we embedded the concept of gravity and friction, the enthusiastic young scientists explored their understanding of air resistance. We studied this theory by altering the shape of a paper spinner, which created a sense of "awe and wonder" in Seth and Alexander. The ultimate challenge for these budding scientists was to work as a team to design and build an egg carrier that would be dropped from the bridge in the school playground. It was inspiring to see the children being so conscientious to their classmates, sensibly delegating roles and incorporating their knowledge of gravity and air resistance into their design. Carrying out our egg drop experiment will be a joyful memory for the Year 5 children for many years to come. Well done to all the up-and-coming Year 5 scientists!



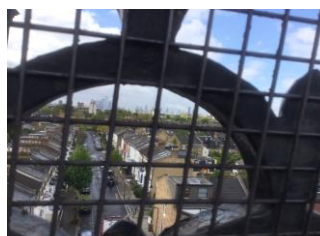
Year 4 Pop-up café

This week, Year 4 made our very own pop-up café! The café was full of healthy Spanish snacks and excitement... When we got told we were going to be doing this everyone was really looking forward to it. Making healthy food is a very important skill! Making the snacks involved chopping, squeezing, stirring and measuring. Then, when it was time for tasting the food, the classroom bubbled with joy. There were tapas dishes, dips, tortilla chips, burritos and Spanish Squash. We give this café 5 stars! **By Land and Hattie, 4H**



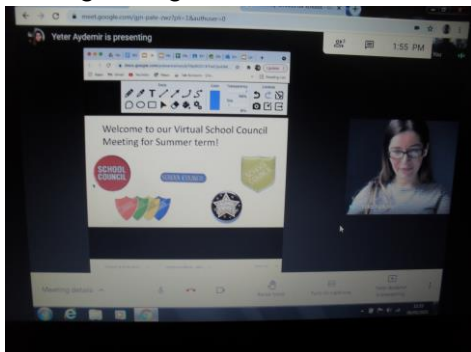
Nursery class on the roof!

This week in Nursery, as part of our half termly topic on Landscapes, we visited the roof to observe and discuss a city landscape. We then came back to class to draw what we had seen using pastels.



School Council Meeting

We were very excited to start our virtual School Council meeting last week and representatives of each class from Year 2 to Year 6 were present. It was held in the top hall with social distance measures in place, year group bubbles sat together on the benches. Before the meeting, School Councillors spoke to their classes to hear their suggestions about how they would like to improve their experience at William Patten. There were wonderful suggestions made, for instance having sports tournaments like football. Unfortunately, because of Covid restrictions and the school's Risk Assessment, we won't be able to put this into place but we are hoping that we can start in the new academic year. Also, there were suggestions about school lunches and we have decided to add macaroni cheese onto our menu as it was suggested by two year groups. The Eco Team and School Councillors in Years 5 & 6 will meet in bubbles to discuss how they could improve recycling at our school. We will hold our virtual School Council meetings on a weekly basis this term and look forward making changes that children want to see.



Headteacher's Tea Parties

Karen's guests at the latest round of tea parties were:

Year 1: Elizabeth, Belle, Ellora, Grace, Janilson and Arabella

Year 3: Jonah, Leia, Orrin, Mohinder, Samuel-Eli and Marla

Year 4: Nana, Max, Anna and Raphael

Year 5: Rayn, Sophie, Sophia, Ben and Eliza

Congratulations for achieving 5 Headteacher's Awards!



Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a HT Award certificate last Friday, 7th May.

Super Achievers

Nursery	Ali and Fraser
Rec C	Poppy
Rec HM	Robbie

HT Award Certificates

1C	Juliet, Lochie, Fatima, Feadan, Janilson
1M	Matiu, Beatrice, Shaneeya, Hamza, Arlo
2L	Lukas, Leo, Destiny, Morgan, Sumayyah
2S	Valle, Melissa, Ailbhe, Berkay, Freddie
3C	Olive, Audrey, Ihsan, Stella, Zayan
3L	Alfie, Doga, Bruno, Muyi, Eliza
4H	Daniel, Aisha, Aarya, Chloe, Ibrahim
4M	Aydin, Alba, Musa, Kaizer, Sumire
5E	Isabella, Ruby-May, Ismail, Estrella
5YE	Emran, Matilda D, Vika, Diya, Serin, Evan
6B	Kiri, Charlotte, Dotty, Elif, Angel
6H	Amaia, Altay, Fabio, Cara, Orla



Next week, from Monday 17th to Friday 21st of May will be a nationwide 'Walk to School Week'. Many schools across the country are taking part in this initiative and are walking to and from school in order to lead a healthy and sustainable life. The theme for this year is 'Walking Superpowers' and each day there is a specific super power to emulate which are; Be Super Strong; Be Super Smart; Be Super Smiley; Be Super Safe and Be Super Sustainable. We know that some children travel to school by bus or by car so we would like to encourage those children to either to park and stride or to get off one stop earlier so that you can walk part of the journey to school. Thank you for taking part in this initiative so that our children are healthy and can show off their superpowers!

Diary dates for May/June



19 th May	5YE Link Day with Olive School
24 th May	Y6 Residential trip (Kench Hill)
28 th May	Break up for half term
7 th June	Children return to school
14 th June	KS1 Sports Day 6H Refugee Workshop
15 th June	KS2 Sports Day
16 th June	6B Refugee Workshop
17 th June	Class photographs
22 nd June	1 st Y6 class - Springfield Boat Club
23 rd June	2 nd Y6 class - Springfield Boat Club
28 th June	Hispanic Week (Hackney)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to the children who recently celebrated their birthday. We hope you all enjoyed your special day. Many happy returns to Grace, Morgan, Micaiah, Eesa, Henry, Belle, Matilda, Elsa, Josephine, Leyla, Ellie, Nevaeh, Daisy, Innes, Shazana and Casper.



We have lots of classes who have achieved over 96% attendance this time, well done. However Maya's class are the winners with 96.9%. Well done 1M – keep it up!

RecC	96.5%	RecH/M	95.6%
1C	96.3%	1M	96.9%
2L	95.4%	2S	96.2%
3C	95.2%	3L	94.9%
4H	96.5%	4M	94.8%
5E	96.5%	5YE	94.2%
6B	95.1%	6H	95.2%

Made of Money, part of the charity Quaker Social Action have written to us about a learning opportunity that may be of interest to parents. **Up To Speed** is a project for Hackney residents, aimed at improving financial and digital skills. Through a mixture of workshops and one-to-one support, individuals can learn to use digital tools to help them manage their money and improve their financial wellbeing. The course enables people to become more confident in areas such as online banking, switching utility suppliers and understanding online security.