

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

It is half term and school life is slowly getting back to normal, which is such a relief. Year 6 have just enjoyed their mini residential trip to Kench Hill in Kent and they had a fabulous time. A huge thank you to the staff team, Sian, Harriet, Ben, Billy and Alviya and the staff at the centre for ensuring that the children had the most amazing time. We have Sports Day for all keystages to look forward to when we come back and our wonderful 'Protest' project for the whole school. During research into the background of protest within the context of Hackney, last year Hackney Museum discovered a photograph of a protest held by the school in 1983. The protest centred around a community response to the deportation of parents of children that attended the school at that time. This seemed like a wonderful opportunity for the school to not only support understanding of recent media images and reports of protest, but also to honour our commitment in upholding British values of democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs. With this in mind, we are very excited to host a whole-school project that celebrates equality, democratic right to protest, the British electoral process and freedom of expression through artistic representations of those values.

Welcome!

A belated, but very warm welcome to Elmara, our new School Business Manager, who joined the school in March. We are delighted that she is at WP and she joins Karen, Craig, Sian and Maria as part of the Senior Leadership Team. Elmara has a wide range of financial and school experience and we are already benefiting from her skills, talents and knowledge! She has settled in so quickly - it is as if she has been here for a long time! We wish her happiness and hope she enjoys her time at the school.

Goodbye, farewell, adieu and good luck!

As we draw to the close of the year, we will be saying goodbye to Alison and Jim in July. We are so very sorry that they are leaving WP. It has been a difficult decision for both of them to reach, but they are very excited about their new adventures! Their new schools are very fortunate indeed to be gaining staff with such skills, talents, energy, enthusiasm and all round loveliness! Alison will be moving to a school in Waltham Forest where she will be working full time and across the age range 5 -18. She will also undertake her Qualified Teacher Status training. Alison joined WP in 2010, so has been here a long time!

She has made an immeasurable contribution to the school, both within the classroom and beyond. The music curriculum and enrichment opportunities she has provided have been truly outstanding. She will be hugely missed by all the children, staff and parents. I have appreciated Alison's flexibility, humour and dedication, as well as the wonderful opportunities she has provided for our children and their families. There have been so many truly wonderful performances throughout the years, including at the Round Chapel and beyond! So many opportunities to experience music and the joy it brings have been offered. She started the WP orchestra, the rock band and ran our super choirs. The memories will stay throughout the children's lives, and to have facilitated that is such an honour and privilege, of which she should be very proud. I would like to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to our school community and wish her every happiness and success in her future. Her new job is a wonderful and exciting opportunity and one she thoroughly deserves.

Jim will be moving to a Teaching Assistant position in a school far closer to his home, which will make a huge difference to his work / life balance. Jim joined WP in 2013, so has also been at the school for a long time! He will be hugely missed by all the children, staff and parents. Not only has he been a super TA, but Jim has made such a difference to the sport offer at WP, and as a result a much larger percentage of our children now engage in physical activity, both in and out of school. He has implemented a number of initiatives, such as the lunchtime KS2 William Patten football league and running clubs. He has also ensured that our profile in competitions has been higher than it has ever been. It has been joyful watching children develop their skills, confidence and understanding of what it means to be a team player, as well as a good sport. I would like to thank him for his energy, enthusiasm, dedication and commitment to the children at WP. We wish him every happiness and much joy in his future.

It goes without saying, that once a part of WP, always a part of WP, and we know where they are and expect them to keep in touch!

Have a lovely half term and we will see everyone back in school on Monday 7th June.

Best wishes
Karen

Year 6 went to Kench Hill

Year 6 went on a residential trip to Kench Hill Centre. 6H went for the first three days (6B went for the last three days.); on day one we went on a river walk and waded in the river in wellies and got very wet! In the evening we had a large campfire in their huge grounds and the fire was epic!

Day two was brilliant, we went to Camber Sands, a large beach with massive waves that made a lot of people very wet! We also did dune jumping (jumping off sand dunes) which was cool too. Back at Kench Hill we built rafts and raced them across the pond which was fun. After that we did archery which was amazing! It was so cool, and we had proper arrows too!

On the final day we did some awesome team games. We were sad to leave but had a very memorable time! Thank you, Carole, Karen, Harriet, Ben, Sian, Billy, Alyvia and all the other teachers who helped us to go to Kench Hill! **By Ava Gargett 6H**





Egg Drop Challenge

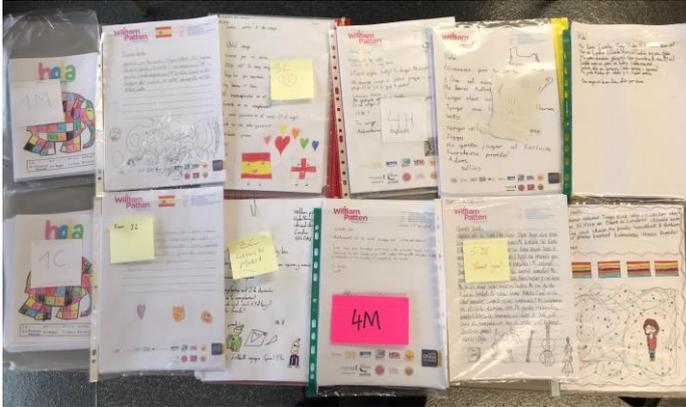
Last week Year 5 finished their incredible Forces topic with the egg drop challenge. The children were given the task of protecting an egg when it was dropped from the bridge in the KS1 playground (a 3 metre drop!) Using their knowledge of gravity, impact and air resistance, they designed a carrier, built it using basic materials and then went outside for the big drop! Though there were some cracks, many of the eggs landed intact and we weren't left with too much egg on our faces...



Letters from Madrid

Every class has now completed their replies to the letters recently received by our partner school in Madrid. The children have done a marvellous job in illustrating their letters and using Spanish accurately.

To our friends at Josep Tarradellas, who we know also enjoy reading the Patten Pages - Our letters are on their way to you in three envelopes (they wouldn't all fit in one)! We hope you enjoy reading them and look forward to receiving your replies soon.



Link Day with Olive School

5YE enjoyed meeting Olive Primary School for their second virtual link day on Wednesday the 19th of May. The theme for the day was **'Who we are: Exploring what communities we are a part of'** so we looked at the communities we were already part of like our school community, where we live, what faith we practiced or even what football team we supported in order to show that everyone is part of a community. As an ice breaker we shared the three places where we felt like we belong to and felt like home then looked into what symbols and images mean to us and created our own very flag with all the symbols that best represent us. Some of the children included a picture of their family, their favourite place, symbol of their faith and their school. It was a lovely day learning more about Olive School and they also enjoyed learning from us as we are all part of the same community of schools in Hackney.



Kynaston Gardens visit

This week some lucky children in Year 2 got to visit Kynaston Gardens. Together they worked to weed and prepare the soil so that in the near future William Patten will have its own special area. The children loved digging and getting muddy – there were plenty of worms due to the rainy weather! We can't wait to see the area develop in the coming months.



★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

Many happy returns to who recently celebrated their special day – Unsha, Bethel, Adaeze, Ibrahim, Sebastian, Arwah, Amos, Jonah, Max, Bella, Melissa, Caspar, Vilma, Coco, Blake, Lucas, Bobby, Leul and Henry. Happy birthday to you all.

Sand Animals

Year 2 had great fun this week in Literacy making sand sculptures in the classroom! Inspired by a new text 'The Sand Horse' by Ann Turnbull and Michael Foreman, the children loved making their very own sand creatures and took great pride in describing their animal's characteristics using interesting vocabulary. They are now going to be writing their own version of the story with the sand animals taking centre stage!



William Patten PTFA Lottery



Congratulations to the lucky winners of the March / April draw:

March winners:

- 1st (£40) Wendy N (Staff)
- 2nd (£30) Youngsook (Leo)
- 3rd (£20) Claudia (Flo)

April winners:

- 1st (£40) Ben (Sophia, Max)
- 2nd (£30) Ita (ex-parent)
- 3rd (£20) Laura (Evie)

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 5YE) on arcandsa@hotmail.com

SCIENCE week

Dear parents and carers,

Thank you so much for your amazing response to the request for junk modelling materials. We have managed to completely fill the basement! We are all very excited for Science Week to commence in the first week back after half term and hope the children are excited too! Please look out for the next issue of the Patten Pages to find out what we get up to... Have a lovely half term break and thank you again, Charlotte

Breadmaking

Year 5 finally got to enjoy their much delayed Breadmaking day on Thursday. The children worked in groups to mix and knead their loaf, before dividing the dough into rolls to shape into a design of their choice. Everyone waited very patiently while the bread proved and the excitement when it emerged from the oven was incredible! The whole of WP will agree that they smelt fantastic and looked tantalisingly good - well done Year 5, you impressed us with your teamwork skills and patience and made some amazing rolls!



Attendance Chart



Hannah's class are at the top of the chart this time with **96.9%**. Well done **4H!**

R Cyrelle	95.9%	R Helen/Maria	93.5%
Y1 Charlotte	95.7%	Y1 Maya	96.3%
Y2 Laura	94.9%	Y2 Sophie	95.8%
Y3 Luke	95.1%	Y3 Christine	94.2%
Y4 Hannah	96.9%	Y4 Marion	93.6%
Y5 Ellen	96.1%	Y5 Yeter/Eric	93.5%
Y6 Ben	95.9%	Y6 Harriet	95.4%

Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a HT Award certificate.

Friday, 14th May

Super Achievers

Nursery	Thiago and Sulaiman
Rec C	Mason N
Rec HM	Mya

HT Award Certificates

1C	Ava, Kerim, Nyren, Patrick and Kay
1M	Matiu, Luca, Oscar, David, and Nevaeh
2L	Aras, Zepi, Bay, Lukas and Olivia
2S	Arwah, Maria, Corin, Sota and Orhan
3C	Ezra, Tino, Una, Venla and Elise
3L	Aya, Vita, Aris, Enzo and Evie
4H	Clement, Yoshi, Thomas, Isaac, Land
4M	Fred, Ed, Pablo, Jack and Zack
5E	Maeve, Tristan G, Kallias, Lyra and Elsa
5YE	Alexander, Adnan, Felix, Silver and Arthur
6B	Caoimhe, Charlie, Luna, Romeo and Alexina
6H	Malaika, Seth, David, Alegria and Aadaeze

Friday, 21st May

Super Achievers

Nursery	Indie-Rei and Jeremiah
Rec C	Freddie
Rec HM	Max

HT Award Certificates

1C	Ava, Rafi, Margot, Eli and Juliet
1M	Tobi, Ebe, Vilma, Ollie and Sufyan
2L	Sunny, Emmy, Arlo, Dusty and Aidan
2S	Theo, Alba, Barin, Sadie and August
3C	Aurelien, Alex, Harrison, Benny and Penelope
3L	Bruno, Jonny, Juno, Doga and Kacey
4H	Tiarah, Harry, Adnan, Arthur and Hattie
4M	Adbul, Eli, Ellis, Hector and Sumire
5E	Josh, Kulsum, Aveleine, Rivka and Joe
5YE	Jake, Diya, Floris, Laura and Matilda C
6B	Jamie, Eva, Sonny, Leo and Salma
6H	Ava, Mehdi, Cecily, Flo and Iris

Friday, 28th May

Super Achievers

Nursery	Hector and Amelia
Rec C	Jack Q
Rec HM	Sebastian

HT Award Certificates

1C	Klara, Matilda, Beatrix, Stella and Theo H
1M	Ronan, Hamza, Theo, Nevaeh, and Nisa
2L	Zora, Luca, Ares, Sadie and Esha
2S	Rosie, Emir, Aalish, Imogen and Sawyer
3C	Rex, Theo, Benny, Elise and Jayden
3L	Alfie, Amber, Sammy, Evie and Muiyi
4H	Pelle, Aarya, Bowie, Niko and Chloe
4M	Marnie, Quentin, Jack S, Nico and Theo
5E	Siri, Muren, Desiree, Jared and Elsie
5YE	Joséphine, Ariyah, Zumra, Felix and Seth
6B	At Kench Hill!!
6H	Lizzy, Phoebe, Holly, Cameron and Vanessa

Headteacher's Tea Parties

Karen's special guests at her recent tea parties were:

Betty, Emmy, Leo, Morgan, Serafina (Y2)

Aris and Olive (Y3)

Aydin, Daniel, Isaac, Thomas (Y4)

Dotty, Angel, Ava, Isa (Y6).

Congratulations to all for achieving five Headteacher's Awards!

