

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the first edition of the Patten Pages for this academic year.

The classes have settled in incredibly well, with everyone acclimatising to the new routines, which are in fact the old routines!

I know that initially the playground and the dining hall appeared to be slightly overwhelming and noisy, as the children were so used to having playtimes and lunch in their quieter year group bubbles from last year, but they have shown great resilience and now seem quite at home in the larger groups. It is lovely to see friendships between children of different ages, which they hadn't been able to do last year. Siblings have also been able to play and check in with each other, which they weren't able to do. We have been lucky with the weather too, with the rain mostly stopping for playtimes!

So many of our Year 6 children (almost all!) volunteered to be Peer Supporters in the small playground, which was wonderful to see. They are taking their roles very seriously, wearing their hi vis jackets, arriving on time, tidying up afterwards and most importantly supporting some of the youngest members of the WP community. They have been excellent role models for the children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, making sure the children are enjoying playtimes, helping to solve minor problems and playing games with them. Thank you Year 6! We have been busy over the last few weeks, with classes venturing out in the local area and visitors coming in. Normality is returning and that is great news! You can read about what the different year groups have been up to in this edition of the Patten Pages and in between on the school Instagram account [william_patten_school_n16](https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_n16).

Thank you for your support with the procedures for drop off and collection. We appreciate the fact that families are leaving promptly and children are not playing on the playground equipment after school. Please do remember to leave by your designated gate and ensure that if someone else is collecting your child (grandparents or childminders), they also know what exit to go out of!

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope it doesn't rain too much!

Best wishes

Karen

Welcome to the Stone Age!

Year 3 have created some truly terrifying weapons and tools to scare off any sabre-tooth tigers who might be on the prowl in N16. Well done everyone who created awesome homework for our fantastic history topic!



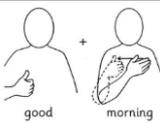
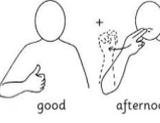
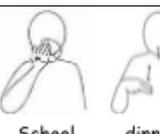
Year 4 Roman Day

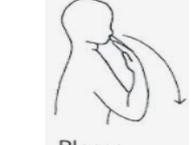
The annual invasion of Romans started this week with legionaries and citizens lining up on the football pitch before school. The children packed a lot in: learning about Latin words that we use every day, making shields and how to defend themselves using tortoise formations. Music was a little different as Elaine taught us how to march at the same tempo. Using their mathematical skills, they used roman numerals to write their dates of birth on tabulae and ended the day with a Roman feast. No dormice or flamingo brains were consumed.



Language of the Month: Pashto

As you may have seen on the news recently, the people of Afghanistan have had to leave their homes to seek refuge in other countries to feel safe. England is hoping to resettle 5,000 Afghan refugees in the coming months so it is vital that we welcome the Afghan refugees and for our school community to show our support in any way that we can. That is why our **new Language of the Month is Pashto**, which is one of the two official languages of Afghanistan. The second official language is Dari which is descended from Persian. Pashto and Dari have co-existed in Afghanistan for hundreds of years! About 40 million people around the world speak Pashto as a native language and although it is one of the official languages of Afghanistan about 25 million people also speak Pashto in Pakistan. We were very lucky to have Abdul (5H) to help Helen introduce Pashto as the new Language of the Month to all of the classes in a virtual whole school assembly. During the assembly, the teachers and children were able to practice the greetings that they are going to use in the morning and afternoon register. We will also continue to use the Makaton signs alongside the greetings. Why don't you have a go at learning the Pashto words and phrases!

 <p>22 Make sign at shoulder height</p> <p>Hello</p>	<p>Hello - Salaam سلام</p>
 <p>Wave with one or two hands as appropriate</p> <p>Goodbye</p>	<p>Good bye - Da khoday pa amaan امان په دخدای</p>
 <p>good morning</p>	<p>Good morning - Sahr pikheyr پخیر سحر</p>
 <p>good afternoon</p>	<p>Good afternoon - Wraz mo pakheyr خیر په مو ورځ</p>
 <p>School dinners</p>	<p>School dinners - Maktab Narree مکتب نارۍ</p>
 <p>packed lunch</p>	<p>Packed lunch - Kouraki Narree کورکی نارۍ</p>

 <p>Please</p>	<p>Please - Lotfan لطف</p>
 <p>thank you</p>	<p>Thank you - Manana مننه</p>

Coding Club returns

The start of this academic year has also been the long-awaited return of clubs, and the excitement has been limitless! It has been a real pleasure to welcome our coders back to the Computing Suite, and to begin working with a new platform: Microsoft MakeCode. Combining the magic of making with the power of code, our computer scientists have started familiarising themselves with this block-based programming language by creating identity badges using Micro:Bits (small programmable computers - pictured). We coded the inbuilt LEDs to display a custom smile at the touch of a button, and a sad face at the touch of another, to create an identity badge that reflects the wearer's emotions! Needless to say, the room was full of smiles. We are all very excited to see where our coding journey takes us this term, and after coding our own Tamagotchis this week, we are hoping to use the Micro:Bits, along with some crocodile clips and metal strips, to create devices that can detect the moisture content of soil, and display a message to remind us when our classroom plants need to be watered. We are also working towards taking part in Mission Zero, where we will be writing code that will be run on the International Space Station! We hope to share more of our projects with you soon.



Trees for Cities

As part of our science topic, 'Animals Including Humans', Year 2 took part in a workshop led by 'Trees for Cities'. The children loved the outdoor learning experience in the Edible Playground and the sun even shone for us! Both classes learnt all about the importance of composting and how it helps our environment, as well as being very good for plants to grow. And we also found out all about wonderful worms and what a help they are in the garden. Each child got to name a wiggly worm and carefully deliver it to its new home. The worms seemed very cosy in the new WP wormery, and will get lots of leftover fruit and veg fed to them to keep them happy!



Restoration at Abney Park Chapel

Year 4 were ecstatic to dust off their hi-vis jackets and go on their first school trip in quite some time. The children were kindly invited to be part of a professional team of curators who are currently working on the exciting restoration of Abney Park Chapel. Both classes were given the task of producing creative designs for the new stained-glass windows. The intention for this activity, was for children to capture the true essence and history of this stunning local amenity through their artwork. To assist with this task, a group of Abney Park experts treated the children to the exciting tales of "The Animal King" Frank C Bostock, the rare biodiversity of the park and that the literary great, Charles Dickens, had also frequented Abney Park Chapel. Before starting their work, the children got an exclusive tour of the inside of the chapel, where they were marvelled by this historic building. Luckily, there wasn't many bats and pigeons present at the time. Throughout our afternoon, the children gained a wealth of knowledge regarding the history of Abney Park and created stunning artwork that will be a part of the community for many years to come. Well done to Year 4 for their marvellous work and creativity.



Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a KS1/2 HT Award certificate. Well done everyone 😊.

Friday 10th September

HT Award Certificates

1C	Georgina, Mason, Mya, Robbie, Suki
1S	Alfie, Flora, Freddie, Huxley, Ida
2C	Elizabeth, Feadan, Lochie, Theodore, Tommy
2L	Belle, David, Gene, Klara, Joseph
3E	Alisa, Esha, Leo, Lukas, Zepi
3L	Benedict, Berkay, Melissa, Mercer, Sadie
4E	Bethel, Ihsan, Leon, Luc, Una
4M	Alfie, Amelie, Doga, Enzo, Juno
5B	Aarya, Mohammed Talha, Osi, Rudy, Vita
5H	Beatrix, Edith, Hector, Nana, Nico
6H	Desiree, Isabella, Kulsum, Luke, Siri
6M	Alexander, Diya, Hope, Jake, Josephine

Friday 17th September

HT Award Certificates

1C	Dante S, Elise, Ellen, Eloise, Henry
1S	Dante D, Khush, Kimora, Lili-Marie, Poppy
2C	Amayah, Ebi, Elizabeth, Josie, Nyren
2L	Areal, Margot, Matilda, Patrick, Vilma
3E	Ares, Luca, Morgan, Sadie, Sunny, Tais
3L	Alba, August, Corin, Romy, Serafina, Sota
4E	Aurelien, Evie, Olive, Stella, Theo
4M	Amber, Casper, Florence, Ishaq, Orrin, Zia
5B	Abdurrahman, Aras, Land, Max, Oscar
5H	Alba, Fred, Jack C, Musa, Zack
6H	Josh, Maeve, Melany, Rayn, Sonny
6M	Adnan, Ariyah, Ben, Sophie, Vika

Friday 24th September

Super Achievers

Nursery	Sophia and Winston
Rec C	Teo
Rec HM	Sebastian

HT Award Certificates

1C	Audrey, Eugene, Evan, Hafsa, Jamie
1S	Anna, Aster, Jack, Nisa, Stella
2C	Amayah, Arlo, Beatrice, Tommy, Tobi
2L	Arabella, Galla, Millie, Rafi, Rosalie
3E	Aras, Bay, Destiny, Nathan, Zora
3L	Ali, Corin, Emir, Freddie, Orhan
4E	Audrey, Benny, Bethel, Jayden, Leia, Penelope, Theo, Una, Zayan
4M	Aya, Denzel, Eliza, Jonah, Martha, Muiyi, Zia
5B	Adnan, Harry, Hattie, Rufus, Yoshi
5H	Ed, Edith, Erdem, Fred, Xola
6H	Isabella, Jared, Maeve, Muren, Naim, Sophia, Tristan G
6M	Dylan, Evan, Matilda D, Max, Vika

Year 1 walk around the area

Last week both Year 1 classes went on an interesting local area walk around Stoke Newington as part of their new Geography topic! The children were very excited to get out into the real world with their high vis jackets and clipboards, taking their role of geographical researchers extremely seriously. They walked from school to Stoke Newington High Street, through Abney Park and back onto Church Street, taking in the sights as they walked in pairs and ticking off different human features that they spotted. It was great fun locating street signs, post boxes and traffic lights. Thank you to all of the adult helpers who made our first trip out in over 18 months possible.





Laura led a virtual assembly on Thursday to launch the Eco-Team applications for 2021-2022. Children from Years 2-6 will have the opportunity to apply to be part of the WP Green Team, and will have exciting opportunities to work together to help the school become a more environmentally friendly place, whilst working towards Eco Schools Status, of which we already have received the bronze award! It will be a very busy year full of projects as we can now have regular team meetings, which was unable to happen in the previous year because of Covid regulations. The deadline for applications will be Monday 11th October and the successful candidates will be announced on Friday 15th October. The first whole school event, which the Eco Team will help plan, will be recycling week on the 1st November.

Sign up to the Parents as Partners online event

You can now sign up to the [Parents as Partners](#) online event taking place on Thursday, 7 October, 6 - 7:50 pm.

At this event, we would like to hear from parents and carers in Hackney, particularly those from the black community, parents of young black men, and other ethnic communities who may have felt the impact of this past year the hardest.

This event will highlight the importance of Hackney schools, Hackney Education and parents and carers working together. To sign up to the event click [here](#)

Contact: [Oyin Olusanya](#) at Hackney Education on 0208 820 7299.



Many happy returns to those who celebrated their special day during September: Elijah, Ida, Jack, Penelope, Lukas, Theo, Max, Pelle, Hector, Mercer, Serin, Anna, Sophie, Zia, Elise, Sophia, Martha, Aris, Isabelle, Khloe, Leon, Nathan, Aydin, Milla, Orrin, Barin, Amaiyah, Joseph, Owen, Ran, Ali, Poppy and Charlie. Happy birthday to you all.

William Patten PTFA Lottery



Congratulations to the lucky winners of the William Patten Lottery over the last few months. The winners were:

June 2021

1st (£40) Anabelle Allan (#87)
2nd (£30) Louise Markey (#280)
3rd (£20) Chris Dearie (#476)

July 2021

1st (£40) Sarah Carter/Helen McNulty (#194)
2nd (£30) Ita Langan (#317)
3rd (£20) Jo Evans (#117)

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 Y1, Vika Y6) on arcandsa@hotmail.com.

Attendance Chart



We have only been back at school for a few weeks, but a few classes stand out already for their amazing attendance. Well done to **RC, RH/M** and **2L** (over **98%**). Keep it up!

R Charlotte	98.3%	R Helen/Maria	98.4%
Y1 Cyrelle	92.9%	Y1 Sophie	96.2%
Y2 Christine	96.9%	Y2 Laura	98.2%
Y3 Ellen	93.2%	Y3 Luke	96.1%
Y4 Eric	95.9%	Y4 Marion	97.2%
Y5 Ben	94.3%	Y5 Hannah	95.5%
Y6 Harriet	94.8%	Y6 Maya	94.4%



School Council 2021-22

Congratulations to all of our newly elected student School Council.

The manifestos were magnificent and the voting tense! They will be our pupil voice for the year and meet every two weeks to share the views, ideas and suggestions, from the pupils at WP.

Introducing (drum roll please) ...

2L - Gene & Lily / 2C - Arlo & Nisa
3L - Asya & Emir / 3E - Aidan & Olivia
4E Luc & Una / 4M Amber & Bruno
5B - Aarya & Max / 5H Edith & Eli
6H Josh & Sophia / 6M - Dylan & Sophie