

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

It is almost half term already! The weeks have been getting busier as we truly get back into the routine of normal school life. It has been delightful to see the children out and about visiting different parts of our local community (and beyond!) and we have welcomed visitors in such as Trees for Cities, Eastside and the Wonder Dome.

This week 6M have had their residential trip to Kench Hill in Kent and 6H visit next week. A week in the beautiful Kent countryside, spending time with friends, looking after the chickens and the ponies and going to Camber Sands, visiting the Rare Breeds Centre, archery, a stream walk, orienteering, shelter building, making bread and enjoying simple pleasures. How lovely! The children were so excited on Monday with many up very early - I think 4am was possibly the earliest! The whole school has enjoyed workshops this week as part of our Black History Month celebrations. EYFS and Year 1 enjoyed Anansi's Adventures, whilst children from Year 2 upwards learnt about different Black Heroes. Year 2 learnt about nurse Mary Seacole, Year 3 learnt about Olaudah Equiano, writer and abolitionist. Year 4 learnt about Sam Beaver King, the first Black Mayor of Southwark and Windrush campaigner, Year 5 studied rapper Stormzy and Year 6 looked at the life of author Malorie Blackman. A big thank you to Ben for organising the activities and workshops.

We often say that once a part of WP, always a part of WP and it is so true! I would like to welcome a student teacher in 3E, Josh Whitehead, who used to be a parent here many years ago and we had the joy of teaching his three lovely children who are now grown up and almost grown up! Josh will be with us until December and it so lovely to have him as part of the team again. We are also hoping to make use of his superior cricketing skills too! We had over 50 prospective parents visit this week and they were super impressed with the school, the offer, our children and our ethos, knowledge and commitment to providing a diverse, creative and academic curriculum. How super! Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes
Karen

Cycling challenge!

Last Friday, a group of keen William Patten cyclists ventured to Spring Hill Park to participate in their first Hackney cycling challenge!

The children taking part were Juni, Jonah, Leia, Oscar, Vita, Hattie, Isaac, Tristan, Elsie, Kallia and Flo.

Everyone did an unbelievable job at the very challenging 'Uphill climb'. Each child had to climb the hill whilst being timed and would in turn, earn points for the team. The points are accumulated over the year for a grand totalling at the end. Each member of the team earned a significant number of points for the school and the stand out athlete of the day had to be Jonah, who came third out of 24, Year 4 boys.

Not only did every member of the team do William Patten proud at the event, but they were also perfect role models when cycling to and from the event.

Well done and thank you Luke and Jo for taking the children and being such amazing cycling role models!



Wonder Dome

To support their learning in Science, Years 1, 2 and 5 had an out of this world experience with the Wonder Dome last Friday! The children were full of awe and excitement as they entered the dome to learn all about space for their workshops. Different images of the night sky, the solar system and spacecraft were projected for the children to enjoy and the Wonder Dome presenters commented on how interesting the children's questions were! I think it's safe to say a future generation of space enthusiasts are on their way!



Last week, 1C loved visiting the Space Dome. They were enamoured by the space exploration and they had lots of fantastic questions. Later, they had the chance to draw their observations. We had wonderful pictures of constellations, planets and space crafts.



BHM month workshops in EYFS

Children across the EYFS enjoyed taking part in the Anansi Adventures workshop on Monday, as part of our celebration of Black History Month. Children loved listening to and acting out key parts of the story of Anansi. They helped Anansi complete the Sky King's 3 challenges to cut the long tall grass, eat all the fruit berries and bring the light back as darkness came!



Our fabulous book corners!

Throughout this half term all of our classes have been creating magical and creative book corners to inspire and foster a love of reading. Nursery and reception created beautiful spaces inspired by their favourite nursery rhymes. Years 1 to 6 took inspiration from Roald Dahl and created their book corners based on The Enormous Crocodile (Year 1), The Magic Finger (Year 2), George's Marvellous Medicine (Year 3), The BFG (Year 4), James and the Giant Peach (Year 5) and Charlie and the Chocolate Factory (Year 6).



Living the good life

Year 4 has had a jam-packed week of stitching and gardening this week. At the start of the week, we spent some time analysing wallets and purses, which we successfully grouped for an appropriate target audience. After this, we got down to business! We explored how to thread a needle, which can be surprisingly tricky. Next, we included a running stitch and a blanket stitch to our superb product. All of the grown-ups were ever so impressed at the patience and attention to detail that the children brought to their work. Finally, as a class, we evaluated our product and discussed ways of enhancing our designs in the future. To finish off our very busy week, Year four thought it would be super exciting to plant some daffodils in our beautiful roof garden. As the days are getting shorter, it will be a warm welcome in the spring to see our daffodils flowering on our way to the library and our music lessons. A fun week was enjoyed by all.



Bike health checks

Dr Bike is coming to William Patten next week. If you have any minor problems they will try to fix them for you. Please bring your bike in and leave it over by the gym equipment in the playground. Please remember to bring a lock to lock it up afterwards.

Dr Bike is coming to your school

Thursday, 21st Oct 2021
8:30-11:30am

FREE cycle safety checks & repairs for all children, parents & school staff.

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Cycle-Folk
www.cycle-folk.com

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Year 2 Trip to Clissold Park

Year 2 had a wonderful morning foraging for autumnal natural objects to create a Land Art masterpiece, in the style of Andy Goldsworthy! The children worked together to create the impressive sculptures, which we left for the public to enjoy.



Learning all about Autumn in Nursery

In Nursery this week, we have been learning about Autumn. We have loved exploring Autumnal objects including acorns, conkers, leaves and different shapes, squashes and then used them to create collages.



Contacting school

For all school office enquiries please only send your email to admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk This is so that we can ensure we offer the best service to you and will be dealt with promptly by the relevant staff.

We will aim to respond, *where needed*, **within 48 hours**, so please give as much notice as possible. Most information and forms can be found on the [school website](#). In an absolute emergency, do call the school office.

The first Headteacher's Tea Party of the year or a very late one from last year? You decide! In the meantime, well done to Luca for achieving 5 HTA certificates. He brought his friend and we had a lovely time!



Attendance Chart



5B and Rec H/M are the attendance chart winners with a high score of 98.8. Well done, keep it up!

R Charlotte	92.4	R Helen/Maria	98.8
Y1 Cyrelle	92.8	Y1 Sophie	98.7
Y2 Christine	96.4	Y2 Laura	97.8
Y3 Ellen	95.6	Y3 Luke	97.6
Y4 Eric	92.6	Y4 Marion	95.4
Y5 Ben	98.8	Y5 Hannah	98.1
Y6 Harriet	95.4	Y6 Maya	90

Headteacher Awards

Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a KS1/2 HT Award certificate from Karen. The assemblies are a highlight of Karen's week and she looks forward to each Friday (there are three assemblies!) very much and hearing all about the children's achievements, kindness, consideration to others and all round loveliness. Well done to everyone nominated over the last fortnight!

Friday 1st October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Jack, Zoe
Rec C	Denis
Rec HM	Eesa

HT Award Certificates

1C	Eddy, Jack D, Mason, Anna A, Arzu
1S	Elijah, Honor, Mason, Isabelle, Kiaan
2C	Arden, Huxley, Kay, Aalia, Juliet
2L	Sufyan, Daisy, Keon, Neveah, Lily
3E	Sadie, Arlo, Lukas, Betty, Amy
3L	Ellie, Yusuf, Sawyer, Imogen, Aalish
4E	Tino, Elise, Ezra, Harrison, Max
4M	Isabella, Aris, Mohinder, Kacey, Marla
5B	Ibrahim, Arthur, Tiarah, Vita, Pelle
5H	Eli, Lucas, Su, Theo, Raphael
6H	Cecilia, Ruby-May, Ismail, Tristan T, Estrella
6M	Laura, Arthur, Matilda C, Flo, Eliza

Friday 8th October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Yaqub, Arlo
Rec C	Odhran
Rec HM	Vittoria

HT Award Certificates

1C	Milla, Lucas, Lorcan, Bobby, Ella, Evan
1S	Clara, Jude, Defne, Sebastian, Rafe
2C	Ebe, Beatrix, Theo, Elizabeth, Micaiah
2L	Eli, Theo C, Matiu, Ronan, Theo H
3E	Emmy, Aidan, Enrico, Sumayyah, Dusty, Zora
3L	August, Arwah, Barin, Berkay, Theo, Imogen
4E	Venla, Tiggy, Ilakya, Neelam, Sammy, Bethel, Rex
4M	Alex, Bruno, Evie, Jonathan, Leyla, Aya, Enzo
5B	Isaac, Bowie, Aisha, Chloe, Leo P, Aarya
5H	Aydin, Charlie, Haleema, Jack S, Marnie
6H	Rivka, Aveleine, Sophie, Joe, Lyra, Julian, Jared, Josh, Sonny
6M	Zumra, Unsha, Silver, Floris, Jere, Diya, Florence

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who recently celebrated their special day: Jared, Florence, Fatima, Nico, Adnan, Ariyah, Clement, Freddie, Jacob, Emir, Robbie, Matilda, Joe, Seth, Arden and Sophia. Happy birthday to you all.

Emergency contact details



Please ensure that the school office has up to date contact details for your child. If you have recently changed your mobile, work or home phone number, address, childminder etc please email the office with the new details.

Maths Training and Support at William Patten for Local Schools

Participants from seven schools visited William Patten this week to observe a year 4 maths lesson. The school leaders and teachers stayed throughout the morning for training in the mastery approach to maths, which is well established at William Patten.

This session was one of a number of workgroups that the participants will attend at William Patten this year, to support the development of maths teaching in their own settings. William Patten is a specialist school within the London North East Maths Hub network, which is part of a national DfE funded programme. Our involvement also enables ongoing access to new resources and training from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

GINNY REDDICK, Mastery Lead at the Hub who observed the lesson and attended the training, gave her thanks to the school and the children who were involved

Thank you! For a great work group - a lesson which really embodied a mastery approach to teaching and a good discussion afterwards. Please pass on many thanks to the children. They are confident and enthusiastic mathematicians who shared their thinking with their friends and with us too. Thank you, year 4!

We look forward to welcoming back our visitors throughout the year and to supporting neighbouring schools. This work is part of a national focus to develop the teaching of mathematics nationally, through the mastery approach.



Year 6 residential trip to Kench Hill

We have been visiting Kench Hill for a number of years now and the Year 6 children come back after spending the week there talking about the wonderful time they have had at Kench Hill. The memories of the trip are always very special. 6M have visited there this week and 6H are going next week. The majority of Hackney schools use Kench Hill for their annual residential holidays. One of the new ponies is unwell and Kench Hill is seeking support through fundraising for his treatment.

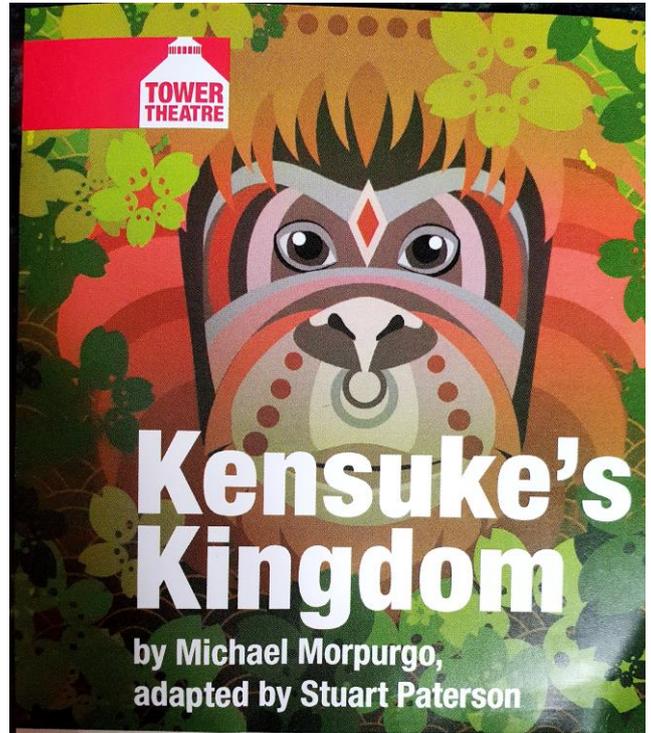


CHIP IN FOR CHIPS
THE KENCH HILL CHARITY



'Our little rescued Shetland pony Chips has developed a painful chronic illness, Cushing's Disease. He needs costly medication to manage his condition, but is responding well to treatment. Please help us to pay for his initial diagnosis and ongoing veterinary care. Chips is a marvellous therapy pet for the many children that visit Kench Hill. Please feel free to donate if you would like to using the link below.

<https://www.totalgiving.co.uk/appeal/Chip-in-for-Chips>



A treat for the half-term break presented by the Tower Theatre, 16 Northwold Road from Saturday 23rd October- Sunday 31st October Buy tickets for any performance of Kensuke's Kingdom before 16th October and you will be automatically entered into a prize draw to receive one of a number of gifts from the show as well as a copy of the book signed by Michael Morpurgo.

Book for Saturday 30th October at 2pm for a photo opportunity with the cast and puppets. The photo will be taken by our production photographer, Robert Piwko, and a digital copy emailed to you.

Tickets £10 - £14. Youth and group discounts are available.

For more details contact the Box Office on 020 7353 1700 or visit towertheatre.org.uk

Reminder - NO nuts in school



Please remember that nuts are not allowed in school. We have children with severe allergies and need everyone's help to ensure that we remain a nut-free school.