

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,
Welcome back after half term! I hope you enjoyed the break and once again thank you for supporting our start of day arrangements. The children enjoyed walking straight into school on Monday and going straight up to class. The teachers prefer the new system too, as they have gained over an hour of planning and preparation time back in the morning! As we are operating a 'soft start' start of day, classes in the morning are having a lovely time meditating, listening to music, pondering puzzles or doing mindfulness activities before starting RWI or Hackney Loves Reading.

There has been some confusion over bookings for Fit For Sport recently, with children thinking they are going, but they have not been booked in. Fit For Sport will no longer take children unless they have been booked in advance and the session paid for. We have had quite a few children who have had to come to the office while we call parents to ask who is collecting their child. This is difficult for the child, who has to wait and is not sure what is going on, difficult for the office who have other work to complete and difficult for parents who are being interrupted whilst at work. If you use the Fit For Sport provision, please do remember to book and pay in advance. They are also capping numbers and are not able to take last minute extras, so book early! We are looking forward to seeing parents at Parents' Evening next week, so if you haven't booked an appointment please do so. You will be able to talk to your child's teacher and see the amazing work your wonderful children have been doing! Please come in to school through the Church street gate. Nursery and Reception parents will go round to the classrooms and parents in Years 1 – 6 will come in through the green staircase and after speaking to the teacher exit via the blue staircase. We will also be selling the mountain of lost property that we have. Sandra has done a fabulous job of trying to get items back to the right person, but we have more coats, jumpers and cardigans than we know what to do with. The lost property will be for sale in the bottom hall on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November. Come and grab a bargain!

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy a safe Bonfire Night if you are going out to enjoy the fireworks!

Best wishes
Karen

The 2021-2022 Eco Team!



We received 222 applicants this year for the William Patten Eco-Team! What an incredible turnout. It is so heart-warming to see how passionate the pupils are about making environmentally friendly, sustainable choices and wanting to implement change. Thank you to each and every child who took the time to share their ideas, it was a joy to read them. I know everyone will enjoy getting stuck into the whole school projects this year. Congratulations to the children who will be representing William Patten on the Eco-Team, they are...

Margot	2L	Leon	4E
Theo H		Evie	
Aalia	2C	Marnie	5H
Tommy		Hector	
Sawyer	3L	Aisha	5B
Berkay		Mohammed Talha	
Ares	3E	Josephine	6M
Emmy		Ben	
Alex	4M	Tristan G	6H
Mohinder		Desiree	

Diwali celebrations

Yesterday, we had great fun making Rangoli patterns to welcome people to Nursery as part of our Diwali celebrations.



International Activity with Walukuba West Primary School in Uganda

You will have seen that there are currently lots of leaves on the floor in the playground! This week, the Year 1 and 2 children had lots of fun with these and completed challenges to find different coloured leaves for their teachers. The classes discussed the fact that green leaves are now more difficult to find as it is Autumn and most of the trees in our playground shed their leaves. We will be sending some of our pictures of the KS1 classes in the playground to our second partner school – Walukuba West Primary School – in Uganda. Teachers at Walukuba West, in the Jinja region of Uganda, will then send some photos of their children in the school grounds at this time of year, which our children will use to compare and contrast.

The seasons in Uganda are different to those in the UK, and the country generally experiences two wet seasons, and two dry seasons. A wet season coincides with Autumn here and we will do this activity again in January, April and July. This work will support the Y1 science topic of 'Seasons' (knowing when each of the four seasons occurs, what the features of each season are and how they change over the year). In Year 2, this work will support the Spring geography topic, and children will learn that Uganda lies on the equator and that the distance from the equator affects the weather. The children will also learn about how the temperatures during Uganda's dry seasons vary from the temperatures in Britain during the summer. We look forward to further partnership working with the school in Walukuba west, who are also looking forward to comparing their location and weather with ours.



Diwali Dance Workshops and Madrid Performances

To mark the occasion of Diwali, Y1-6 took part in dance workshops led by Júlia Gyulai of West End in Schools. Each class learned about the Hindu story of Rama and Sita and then worked together to perform the Ramayana through dance. The children's collaboration and considerable talent was noted by Julia who gave the following feedback –

"It was an absolute pleasure to work with the children of William Patten. The workshops were very well organised, with all classes being fully prepared. This allowed the children to arrive into their session with a broad and informed knowledge of Diwali and the Ramayana. Everyone did their absolute best in actively participating, learning dance, performing, working as a team and acting through movements and actions. Working with these children made me feel like the future of the world is in good hands!"

Our Spanish partner school in Madrid also watched a number of the Tuesday performances, joining us via Google Meet! They too had learnt about the Ramayana in advance of the workshops, which meant they could fully appreciate the story behind our dance performances. Our Spanish friends gave the following responses after the performances they had seen -

- It was great!!
- BRAVOOOOOOO!!!!!!!
- MUCHAS GRACIAS
- VERY GOOD, GOOD JOB
- nos encantamos (We loved it!)
- It was great, thanks!!!

Well done once again to the children of William Patten for making such a good impression on a visitor to the school and for also demonstrating their considerable talent and teamwork skills, including to an international audience!



Our trip to Kench Hill by Elsie, Maeve and Estrella 6H

Three weeks ago Year 6 went to Kench Hill. It was so fun and we managed to do many fantastic activities across the week. It took one and a half hours to get there and everyone was most eager to arrive! As soon as we got there we went on a two hour long stream walk which everyone enjoyed, even though a few of us fell in! We were all tired after the jam packed days but we had delicious home cooked meals (which were all veggie). Some of 6H's favourites were cottage pie, pasta bolaganaise and the amazing veggie burgers – there were so many options. The apple crumble and sticky toffee pudding were also most people's favourite desserts. We took part in many activities such as archery and circus skills. More of the activities were camber sands beach where one of the groups got soaked in rain and the other group went dune jumping. We learnt how to read maps, use a compass in orienteering. Kench Hill was home to many variety of animals like the shetland ponies, Pongo and Chips, and the two bunnies, Ronnie and Winnie as well as five chickens. On Thursday 6H went to the Rare Breeds Centre where we saw pigs, guinea pigs, horses, birds of prey, sheep, goats and rabbits. One of the rabbits was playing around and accidentally bit someone! We finished off the trip with a great disco (which had a tuck shop). Everyone enjoyed it. The next day we were all sad to leave but excited to see our parents.



Attendance chart

RH/M and **2L** are the attendance chart winners with a high score of **97.3%** Well done to both classes!

R Charlotte	95.2%	R Helen/Maria	97.3%
Y1 Cyrelle	93.2%	Y1 Sophie	96.7%
Y2 Christine	96.9%	Y2 Laura	97.3%
Y3 Ellen	94.7%	Y3 Luke	96.7%
Y4 Eric	95.4%	Y4 Marion	96.6%
Y5 Ben	96.4%	Y5 Hannah	96.6%
Y6 Harriet	95.1%	Y6 Maya	92.1%

Trick or Eat

Four William Patten pupils starred on ITV London News this Halloween. Evie, Bella, Orrin and Bruno volunteered to be filmed supporting Trick or Eat, an initiative run by the Local Buyers Club collecting food for local food banks.

Their costumes were wonderful and the journalists who met with them were so impressed by them. Jenna, who organised the collection, said: "The children who took part in the filming were so brave and it was lovely of them to give up their time to help. Orrin volunteered to be interviewed on camera too! Our thanks go to the parents and children at William Patten who took part in Trick or Eat and to the many families here who hosted collection boxes." The food is still being delivered to Hackney Foodbank but it's estimated that Trick or Eat collected more than three tonnes of food for people in need.

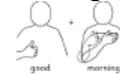


Spanish is our new Language of the Month! As we have had three new pupils join William Patten whose home languages are Spanish – Leo 5B, Denzel 4M and Sammy 4E - we decided to choose the language to welcome our new children and to also celebrate our current Spanish speaking children. We now have 19 Spanish speaking children at William Patten including – Rafael Nursery, Jae & Flora 1S, David 2L, Ocean & Sawyer 3L, Aurelien & Max 4E, Theo 4E, Rudy 5B, Theo, Alba & Juan Pablo 5H, Melany, Lyra & Sophia 6H. These children got a special mention in Helen's virtual, whole school Language of the Month assembly and Leo, Denzel and Sammy gave excellent pronunciation examples during the assembly, ¡Gracias!

We have contacted Clapton Girls' Academy to re-establish our Language Leaders Link, which the schools had before the pandemic. Children from CGA would come and teach lessons at WP, which both sets of children thoroughly enjoyed. Anna Prasad, one of the Languages teachers at CGA said that she had Year 11 students who left Clapton this summer cite the Language Leaders trip to William Patten as one of their best experiences at school, so she is very keen to resume this as soon as possible!

We will continue to use the Makaton signs alongside the Language of the Month words and phrases during the register and around the school. Why don't you have a go at saying some of these Spanish words and phrases along with the Makaton signs?

Good morning - Buenos días



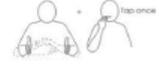
Good afternoon - Buenas tardes



School dinners - Comida en escuela



Packed lunch - Lonchera



Please - Por favor



Thank you - Gracias



Hello - Hola



Goodbye - Adiós



Year 2 members of the Eco Team visited the William Patten plot at Kynaston Gardens just before the half term. The plot looked beautiful, with many flowers still in bloom following the rigorous planting and seed sowing that took place last year. However, there were quite a few weeds that needed attention and Aalia, Margot, Theo H and Tommy were certainly up to the job! The group maintained the plot with their usual enthusiasm and good spirits. As you can see from our pictures, the bindweed didn't have a chance! Thank you to our year 2 Eco Team members. Maintenance of the WP plot at Kynaston Gardens is just one of a number of tasks that the eco team will be involved in this year.



Recycling Week

We have had a brilliant week celebrating all things recycling at WP! It was our word of the week which was launched in assemblies on Monday, where children were encouraged to use the phrase 'reduce, reuse, recycle and rethink! Especially when it comes to packaging and waste disposal. All of the classes got to take part in an interactive recycling workshop, led by Kelly who is an Environment Education Officer from Hackney council. There was lots of sorting of different items we dispose of and interesting discussions around how we can step up our recycling game. Lastly, the Eco Team carried out a waste audit on the roof garden, to find out what was really lurking in our bins! The children predicted that the staffroom waste might have lots of coffee in it, and they weren't wrong! Kelly from Hackney council is going to organise a food waste bin for the staffroom, along with lots of other action points. We will get some more feedback from the Eco Team members about the waste audit for the next Patten Pages, where they can write about what we found and what could be improved. Watch this space!





The School Council meet every two weeks to provide our pupil voice about WP: what is going well and what we need to improve!

The School Council asked the pupils to tell us the ways that we help you to be safe and happy at school – and this is what they said:

- ✓ If you're sad the teachers make you feel better.
- ✓ Gates are locked
- ✓ Playground staff help us play and be safe at playtime and lunchtime
- ✓ Our school lunches are healthy
- ✓ Nice teachers!
- ✓ No bullying
- ✓ Classmates are very kind
- ✓ There's always somebody to talk to
- ✓ Calm spaces to go if you need to
- ✓ First aid if you're hurt
- ✓ Place2Be if you have worries

Questions and suggestions brought to meetings so far:

Food waste bins in the KS1 playground for our fruit snacks at playtime – we don't like putting the peel or core in the main bin.

Classes are now much better at remembering to take the food waste bin out to play and this is in place.

Can we have a veggie burger, with a gluten-free bun option for lunch?

Yes! We are introducing this in Spring term. It will replace pizza on Friday, once every three weeks.

We need more heating on cold days.

Due to COVID we need to keep the school ventilated with windows open. The heating is on and we have asked pupils to wear extra layers and bring in an extra jumper to wear in class.

Ice cream must go! It contains palm oil and has too much packaging.

We used the small tubs when everyone was eating in classrooms after lockdown. Elmara is looking for alternatives and we won't order small tubs again!

Can the library be silent at lunchtime?

Jane (our librarian) is ensuring that the library is a quiet space for children who wish to read undisturbed.

Can we have monkey bars and ropes in the KS2 playground?

This is not possible as it would mean an expensive and time consuming re-design.

Charity collection buckets at the gates.

Classes are being asked for their charity nominations this week and collecting will start soon.

Junior Patten Pages written by the School Council.

Great idea! Let's start planning.

Handstand wall in the playground.

We are talking about how it could work so that everyone is safe at playtime (without getting kicked)!

We could link school lunches to our language of the month.

What an interesting idea – we will look into making a special meal every month, just like we have done for special events such as Chinese New Year in the past.

Can we have litter pickers to pick up litter that blows into the playground?

Yes! Litter pickers and hi-vis vests were introduced in assembly this week and will be in the first aid area for children to use in pairs at play/lunch times.



Thank you for helping around school!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to those children who recently celebrated their birthday: Denzel, Ellora, Sufyan, Max, Corin, Jude, Freddie, Rufus, Nisa, Matiu, Juan Pablo, Klara, Ella, Adnan, Wilfred, Simay, Hunter, Isaac, Samuel, Ed, Stella, Calum, Luqman, Winston, Rafe, Ruby-May, Mohinder, Aya and Arlo. We hope you enjoyed your special day.

PTFA Lottery



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

August 2021

1st (£40) Hannah (Matilda, Jonah, Eli)
 2nd (£30) Thushan (Aarya)
 3rd (£20) Sarah/Helen (Imogen, Wilfred)

September 2021

1st (£40) Julian (ex-parent)
 2nd (£30) Patricia (staff)
 3rd (£20) Piran /Lucy (Tristan, Leia)

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 1C, Vika 6M) on arcandsa@hotmail.com.

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

Friday 15th October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Aela and Alice
Rec C	Sophia
Rec HM	Ran

HT Award Certificates

1C	Amos, Blake, Ciro-Mael, Felix, Freddie
1S	Flora, Isabelle, Marcelo, Max, Nisa
2C	Ellora, Fatima, Hamza, Henry, Ollie
2L	Jacob, Kerim, Oscar, Ozzy, Shaneeya
3E	Astrid, Bram, Luca, Morgan, Violet
3L	Asya, Francis, Lysander, Maria, Rosie
4E	Alex, Harleen, Leia, Louie, Rex
4M	Casper, Inayah, Leyla, Mehmet, Yusuf
5B	Anna, Aykut, Clement, Leo, Thomas
5H	Abdul, Ellis, Grace, Pablo, Kaizer, Quentin
6H	Elsa, Elsie, Innes, Jared, Kallias,
6M	At Kench Hill

Friday 22nd October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Iris D and Ryan
Rec C	Jeremiah
Rec HM	Simay

HT Award Certificates

1C	Ellie, Georgina, Jamie, Mason, Mya
1S	Klara, Jae, Jude, Suhayb, Taha
2C	Ada, Grace, Matilda, Nisa, Ollie
2L	David, Galla, Millie, Rosalie, Joseph
3E	Calum, Caspar, Emmy, Esha, Olivia
3L	Aalish, Arwah, August, Freddie, Valentine
4E	Bethel, Elise, Evie, Leon, Luc
4M	Alfie, Flossy, Jonathan, Juno, Orrin
5B	Aras, Hattie, Land, Nikolai, Rudy,
5H	Beatrix, Elijah, Erdem, Hector, Jack,
6H	At Kench Hill
6M	Efe, Eliza, Felix, Serin, Seth

Friday 5th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Rafael and Imogen
Rec C	Bella
Rec HM	Elliott

HT Award Certificates

1C	Eugene, Hafsa, Henry, Audrey, Eloise
1S	Elijah, Poppy, Joe, Lili-Marie, Honor
2C	Amaiya, Lochie, Beatrix, Nyren, Ellora
2L	Patrick, Gene, Theo C, Bella, Margot
3E	Alisa, Tais, Arlo, Amy, Caspar
3L	Valentine, Romy, Melissa, Francis, Lysander
4E	Penelope, Theo, Ben, Stella, Sammy
4M	Amber, Doga, Eliza, Jonah, Muyi
5B	Daniel, Yoshi, Leo, Aarya, Max, Oscar
5H	Xola, Jack S, Lucas, Zack
6H	Julian, Sonny, Isabella, Naim, Desiree
6M	Max, Serin, Alexander, Flo, Adnan

Cycle training with Cycle Confident

Cycle training for Years 5 and 6 started this week with 6H, the first class to take part. It has been wonderful to see the children becoming more confident cyclists and understanding how to cycle safely. Some children are learning to ride a bike for the first time and are so proud of this achievement, as they should be!

