

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear all,

This is the final edition of the Patten Pages for this term.

We had a wonderful week of Christmas performances and I am only sorry that families in EYFS and KS1 were not able to attend in person due to the weather. All the children were amazing and performed with such enthusiasm and professionalism in each of the shows. A huge thank you to our wonderful children for their fabulous singing and overall performances, bringing joy and cheer to all. A special thank you to Elaine and Ollie for all their hard work planning and organising the shows (x4!). You are stars! Thank you to the staff team for the practising at every available opportunity. The singing was utterly delightful and it was evident the children had worked so hard to learn the words to the songs and master some quite complex musical arrangements. A final thank you to our wonderful site team who moved the benches and equipment inside and outside more times than I can count (due to the weather again!) Always smiling and ever cheerful, always ensuring everything was in the right place at the right time! Thank you David and Jon.

I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Elf Village Christmas Fair on Saturday. Despite the persistent rain, the children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Elf houses and seeing Santa. As ever, it was a huge team event so **THANK YOU!**

We enjoyed a very delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday and the kitchen team served up a delicious dinner! The team were in at the crack of dawn to peel the potatoes, prepare the sprouts and of course put the turkey in the oven. Tilda, Althea, Nora and Firoza – the biggest thank you. No mean feat doing a Christmas dinner for 400!! You are amazing!

Wishing all our families a very restful holiday, I do hope that you will be able to spend time with and see your friends and family and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 4th January.

Best wishes
Karen

Message of thanks to Julian Winship



I would like to start the newsletter by expressing on behalf of the entire school community and myself personally, a heartfelt and sincere thank you to Julian Winship. Julian has been the Chair of Governors at William Patten for over 10 years. Although he stood down as Chair at the start of this academic year, we are delighted that Julian will be staying on the Governing Body until the end of his current term in 2023. Hopefully he will stay beyond that too! During his tenure as Chair, William Patten has been through some challenging and never seen before circumstances, including the national lockdowns and school closures.

Julian has supported the school, and me personally, through these difficult and unusual times and knowing that he was there to listen, advise and offer solutions was incredibly reassuring and terribly helpful. Julian has also shared in many wonderful WP events too, such as the whole school performance of an interpretation of Matthew Bourne's 'Cinderella' with New Adventures at Sadler's Wells <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ABqYXIdNFYc>, the whole school local history heritage project <https://vimeo.com/275887752> and the more recent Protest Project. Julian has also been ever present at many of the school's extra-curricular activities over the years, including International Evenings and the Winter and Summer fairs. His involvement and presence in and support of the wider work of the school has always been of such value and he will of course continue to be always welcome!

A simple thank you does not seem nearly enough or adequate for everything he has done, not only for me, but the entire school community.

Whatever the situation, he has been able to offer a balanced viewpoint, sage advice, solutions to all sorts of issues, always with patience, kindness, wisdom and a smile!

Calm, thoughtful, insightful, considerate, kind, helpful, practical, encouraging, supportive, ever gracious and always lovely, it has been a privilege working with him.

Thank you so much Julian!



Elf Village Christmas Fair

Last Saturday we held the 2021 William Patten Christmas Fair. The theme this year centred on the Elf Villages surrounding Santa's Grotto. The full School community played its part with the pupils playing possibly the most important part, lead architects and designers of the Elf houses. The incredible variety, intricacy and flair on show across the huge number of Elf houses was a clear sign that we are blessed with many budding architects and engineers!

Over 500 pupils and parents registered to attend the Fair, an incredible sign of the support we are blessed to have at William Patten. Thanks to this support we raised a significant amount of money for the School which will help to continue providing the rich and varied set of initiatives our children are fortunate to receive. The attached pictures provide a glimpse of the magic created on the night, despite the challenging weather. None of it would have been possible without the enthusiastic house building pupils, and importantly support from a huge number of parents and school staff. So many people were involved with bringing the Fair to life it's not possible to name them all, but I would like to particularly thank Kate, Steve, Hannah, Daniel, Sophie, Liz, Corin, Vicki, Andy, Karen and David for everything they did both on the day and in the run up. I'd also like to take the opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone who supported the Pub Quiz in November. As with the Fair, it was a big success and raised valuable money for the School. A particular thank you to Joe and Bella for the amazing job they did writing and hosting the quiz, thank you.

I wish you all a relaxing Christmas and New Year with family and friends and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Kind regards,
Evan - PTFA Chair

P.S. Please look out for an invite to the next instalment of the WP Pub Quiz in early February. The perfect opportunity to celebrate the end of dry January!



Christmas Lunch

Everyone enjoyed their Christmas lunch on Tuesday!



Thank you Sandra

A belated huge, enormous and sincere thank you Sandra, who organises the lost property and ensures that it gets back to who it belongs to. Not only does she give up her time to sort everything out, but she photographs the jackets, cardigans,

hats, scarves and gloves and then puts the email together hoping to reunite the items with their owners. Not only that, but she gave up her time at each of the Parents' Evenings to have a lost property stall to raise money for the PTFA. Hours and hours of work and we are incredibly grateful as it takes the work off the admin team. **Sandra, you are a true legend. Thank you!**

Hackney Libraries Winter Mini Reading Challenge



Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Read at least three books between 1st December and 16th January and add them to your online profile at www.wintermini.org.uk to earn fun digital rewards! They can be any books you like including ebooks and audio books. You'll find loads of other great stuff on the website too, including games, book reviews, reading activities and content from the best children's authors and illustrators around. For parents there is a Home Zone and Library Zone. The Wild World hero characters are there to help as is the summer reading challenge list of books linked to nature and the environment. Or you can pop in to any Hackney library to join in person. They have activity sheets and your very own reading passport to record the books you have read plus all children completing the challenge will receive a certificate! Finally a reminder to check www.hackney.gov.uk/libraries-whats-on as many libraries are holding Christmas activities. You can follow them on twitter on @Hackneylibs and facebook @HackneyLibraries. If you haven't already joined your local library it is free to join, open to anyone living in Hackney and is very simple to do.

Matisse Inspired Paper Cut-outs



Children at art club were inspired by **Henri Matisse** who was a French artist. He was a draughtsman, printmaker and sculptor; but is known primarily as a painter. Pupils studied examples of his paper cut-outs and practised the technique of 'painting with scissors', before creating their own Matisse inspired compositions.



Sandwich making

Year 3 completed their annual Bread-based D&T topic last week. After several sessions working on product design and food skills (all in the hopes of impressing Mr Sarnie and winning a sandwich shop contract) we demonstrated our fantastic teamwork skills to make our sandwiches. While the quantities of margarine varied significantly, we were all chuffed with the result and couldn't wait to chow down!



Cycling competition

This month's cycle competition was another, unbelievably successful trip. Year 4 and 5 made their way to Forest Gate, where they competed in cyclocross events. It was a new challenge with the bikes fixed to the floor and the times placed on a screen. William Patten competed head-to-head with one other school, they were victorious, in, EVERY round (including the adult race, Ollie with the record time). Amongst all of the excitement and drama of the day, the children managed to remain calm, composed and sensible. Well done all!



Christmas Google Meet with Madrid

All classes (Y1-6) had a Google Meet with their year group partner classes at the Madrid school this week. The children at William Patten performed their Christmas songs to the Madrid school, who in turn, performed the Christmas songs they had been learning in Spanish. Many of the songs were familiar, which supported the children's ability to make links between Spanish and English. There were also some less familiar Spanish songs, which the children at both schools enjoyed clapping and dancing to. One of the Madrid classes even opted for an adlibbed dance! The sessions were very positive and children and staff at both schools wished each other a merry Christmas and happy new year in each other's languages. We are already looking forward to further collaboration and project work with our friends in Madrid in the new year. If you would like to help us evaluate this activity, as part of our application for reaccreditation of the British Council's International School Award, please complete the short questionnaire at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/GGZKWZ6>. All responses are much appreciated.



Computer Science Education Week

We had a fantastic time celebrating Computer Science Education Week (CSEd Week) as a whole school last week.

Timed to coincide with the birthday of Admiral Grace Hopper, a pioneer of computer programming, CSEd Week is an annual call to action to inspire children to learn computer science and through this to be empowered to change the world around them. We also celebrate the exciting people and projects that are doing just that! During our launch assembly and by exploring the posters around school, children learned about creative solutions to a range of issues - such as apps that support people with Alzheimer's, technologies that turn recycled knitting into sustainable building materials and games that raise awareness and support for refugees.

Every child from Nursery to Year 6 also took part in at least one 'Hour of Code' to develop their computer science skills. From maze building, to physical programming with micro:bits, to animations, to coding challenges based on key events in history... pupils and teachers alike really got stuck in!

"Hour of code with Maya was so much fun! We got to create a program which made our names change colour, it was awesome!"

Roly 2L

"I learnt you can program a computer to do what you tell it by just pressing certain buttons!"

Daisy 2L

"It was great doing hour of code – it is an excellent combination of education and fun. I hope when I am older I can have a job involving computers. The posters around school were great and showed loads of ways you might use coding or computing in your career. It has made me start to think about apps that I want to design to help people!"

Zack 5H

"The hour of code we did involved using Minecraft and it helped me to learn about the game and how to code. I really like how our ideas can come to life in the game. I really enjoyed it!"

Alba 5H

"I really enjoyed teaching the 'Hour of Code' in several classes this year! The joyful faces of children beaming with pride because of what they have been able to achieve in just one hour is something quite magical."

Maya (Computing Lead)



We can't wait to see what our children will create next!

Madrid Correspondence and Partnership Working

This week, the children wrote replies in Spanish to the wonderful letters we recently received from our partner school – Josep Tarradellas – in Madrid. Some year groups wrote messages inside Christmas cards and others wrote letters, using their knowledge of letter-writing and layout. We are sure the children in Madrid will enjoy receiving and reading our correspondence, which is already on its way! Children incorporated topics from recent Spanish lessons into their writing, and there was really impressive progression throughout the school as our photograph shows.

Both schools are grateful for the opportunity to collaborate to give a meaningful context for language learning. William Patten and Josep Tarradellas have worked together for nearly eight years now! In that time, teachers from WP have visited JT to teach lessons and lead cross curricular inter-school projects (2016), and students from JT visited WP and worked with each year group to support Spanish learning in 2019. There has also been termly correspondence in almost each of those years, as well as participation in WP workshops (the Madrid school watched our recent Ramayana dance performances to celebrate Diwali, and used the opportunity to teach their children about the festival). We are already looking forward to future partnership working later this and year and beyond, following the success of this week's Christmas performances through Google Meets.



School Council Charity Collection

The School Council were set the task to ask their classes to choose a charity to collect donations for. We chose the Hackney Night Shelter because we believed everyone deserves shelter, especially in winter. Firstly we had to decorate our buckets (which you might have seen if you stopped by the gates). Then me, Elijah, Aarya and Max (the year 5 school councillors) had to get on our hi-vis, grab our buckets and it was time for the collection to begin! We shook our buckets loudly and in the end, we made a total of £238.39. We felt overjoyed and were so happy with how much we raised. I think the School Council charity collection was absolutely fantastic!

Report by Edith 5H

Hackney Winter
**NIGHT
SHELTER**

Message from Hackney Night Shelter...

Thank you, the School Council and everyone involved in fundraising for Hackney Night Shelter. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thank you to everyone who donated money towards our Hackney Foodbank collection. Just over £500 was raised and will be used to send a food order directly to them to distribute over the holiday period.

Hackney Poets of the Future!

This term, students from Years 2 and 6 entered their fantastic poems into the Hackney Poets of the Future competition. The children were asked to write a poem with the theme of 'Belonging in Hackney' in the style of Joseph Coelho's M.O.R.E.R.A.P.S poems. The judges were amazed by the quality of the poems and found the judging incredibly difficult. We are delighted to announce that Sophie Webb's (6M) poem This is Home was awarded highly commended and will appear in the Hackney Services for Schools website and Clissold Park board. We are also thrilled to share that Matilda Waite's (2L) poem Clissold Park also thoroughly impressed the judges and it will also be displayed on the Clissold Park board. Please enjoy reading their beautiful poems below:

This Is Home

An aroma of diverse delicacies accompany the air as garrulous groups roam the roads of the mysterious markets.

Hackney is a tapestry; our threads will cross each path.

A train shoots past like an arrow being violently released from the bow;
the loud rattling sound vigorously vibrates the ground, making hearts pound in shaky ribcages.

Hackney is a symphony; our music fills the sky.

A stronghold of education, cheerful chatter from children packs the playground while lolling laughter fills the place.

Hackney is a canvas; our colours flood the street.

So get up, and soak it all in, because the clock is ticking.

This poem is ending, but our stories, our lives have just begun.

This is Hackney. This is home.

By Sophie Webb (6M)

Clissold Park

Clissold Park.

Clissold Park a lovely place to play.

You can play terrific tennis and fantastic football and in the pool!

Lovely laughing in the playful playground.

Oh what fun we have!

By Matilda Waite 2L

Congratulations to the EYFS Super Achievers and those who received a HT Award certificate last Friday 10th December.

Super Achievers

Nursery	Aela and Arlo
Rec C	Hunter
Rec HM	Nancy

HT Award Certificates

1C	Eloise, Anna, Ciro-Mael, Freddie, Evan, Hafsa
1S	Ida, Poppy, Khush, Freddie, Anna, Honor, Dante, Jude, Nisa, Clara,
2C	Ellora, Henry, Josie, Tobi, Arlo, Beatrice
2L	Joseph, Ozzy, Liya, Lily, Gene
3E	Astrid, Zora, Sumayyah, Tais, Calum, Bram, Caspar
3L	Asya, Corin, Sota, Mercer, Maria
4E	Theo, Betty, Elise, Evie, Louie
4M	Amelie, Evie, Juno, Muyi, Orrin
5B	Hattie, Thomas, Mohammed Talha, Daniel, Shahanz, Chloe
5H	Xola, Aydin, Ed, Erdem, Marnie
6H	Isabella, Jared, Maeve, Kallias, Siri, Joe
6M	Vika, Ben, Laura, Max, Josephine

Y2 Winter Puppets (D&T - Textiles)

Children in year 2 put their creative skills to good use this week, designing, making and evaluating a winter puppet! The children practised threading a needle safely and then stitched along a seam according to their design criteria. The knowledge and skills learnt in this topic will certainly come in useful when the children will go on to use textiles to create a fastening purse or wallet, with a range of different features for the user, in Y4. As you can see, the puppets are full of character and we can't wait for them to be finished!



Reception Class Admissions

Parents can apply for a Reception class place for September 2022 by completing an online application form at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>.

The deadline is 15th January 2022.

Parents are advised to read the primary admission guide, particularly the details regarding the number of applicants who were successful in the previous year and the criteria under which they were offered places and are encouraged to list at least 4 schools on the application form.

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/primary-before-you-apply?guidebook=188>

Hackney Foodbank will be handing out free children's packed lunches from all of their distribution centres, Mon 20th December – Thurs 23rd December & Wednesday 29th December – Friday 31st December.

These packed lunches will be available to children that may be in need and will contain the following: cheese salad sandwich, piece of fruit, raisins, crisps and fruit juice.

Children's books donated by [National Literacy Trust](#) & [British Land](#) along with [The Story Corner Magazines](#) donated by Bookmark will also be given. Lunches will be handed out on a first come first served basis with no referral required. Children must come to collect the lunches with a parent.



FREE LUNCHES FOR CHILDREN
DECEMBER HALF TERM

20 - 23 December 2021
29 - 31 December 2021



Monday 20 December 11am - 1pm
St John's Church Hoxton, Pitfield St, N1 6NP
Tuesday 21 December 11am - 1pm
Our Lady & St Joseph R C Church, 100A Balls Pond Rd, N1 4AG
Wednesday 22 December 5pm - 6.45pm
The Leaside Trust, 34 Spring Lane, E5 9HQ
Thursday 23 December 12pm - 2.30pm
St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington Church St, N16 9ES

Wednesday 29 December 5pm - 6.45pm
The Leaside Trust, 34 Spring Lane, E5 9HQ
Thursday 30 December 12pm - 2.30pm
St Mary's Church, Stoke Newington Church St, N16 9ES
Friday 31 December 10.30am - 12.30pm
The Florence Bennett Centre, Cherbury St, N1 6TL

hackney.foodbank.org.uk

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the children who recently celebrated their special day or will celebrate before the end of the month: Sophia, Clara, Hattie, Amelie, Huxley, Lyra, Leo, Matilda, Desiree, Serafina, Sammy, Federico, Iris, Bram, Suki, Lorcan, Bay, Imogen, Frankie, Diya, Alex, Kulsum, Leia, Enzo, Mya and Kimora. Happy birthday to you all.

Update on Chips the pony

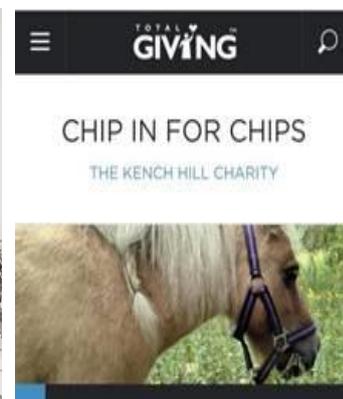
A lovely message full of seasonal cheer from Sandi at Kench Hill about Chips the pony, who was unwell. Kench Hill is where our Year 6 children have their week long residential journey and I know that WP families donated for his care.

Please let everyone know that Chips is SO much better now he is on his medication - he was doing zoomies with Pongo round the whole garden this week.

Seasons Greetings!

Sandi (Head of Centre at Kench Hill)

How lovely!



Change to lunch menu

Please note that lentil dahl and rice (Monday's menu) will be served on the first day back at school – Tuesday 4th January.



Happy holidays to all our families. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on 4th January 2022!