

The Patten Pages

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Dear parents,

We would like to say goodbye and thank you to staff who are leaving WP this year.

Ellen

Thank you! Ellen has worked with us since 2018. Ellen is leaving to move to Southampton to be out in the countryside and closer to the sea. The best of both worlds! Sad news for us, but great news for her! Ellen started her career at WP as a trainee teacher, working in KS2 with Yeter first, before moving to Year 3. She is a talented teacher, with very high standards, who has arguably the tidiest classroom and one of the straightest class lines in WP! A fabulous support to all her colleagues, Ellen is kind, helpful and has always made sure that children from 3E came to share their work with me. I have been mightily impressed with the writing that children have brought to show, alongside the wonderful models in D&T, such as the Anderson shelters and war memorial sculptures. The children have been so proud of their work and have been able to tell me everything about what they have learnt. Ellen, we wish you all the happiness and joy in your new life and hope that you will be very happy. Remember you will always be part of the WP family and if you ever decide to move back to London, you know where we are!

Cyrelle

Thank you! Cyrelle has worked with us since 2019 and only had one full term at WP before the pandemic came along! Cyrelle is going to work in a completely different field to education and she is very excited, although she will miss teaching and the joy it brings. We will miss her very much too! When Cyrelle came to visit the school before deciding whether to apply for the job we had advertised, Sian showed her around. Sian came to my room afterwards and said she has to work here, she is amazing! Cyrelle applied for the job, was successful and we were so happy when she joined the team. The rest is history as they say. Cyrelle has worked in Reception and Year 1. Always calm, helpful, smiling, supportive, flexible and lovely, she is a wonderful teacher, who has made such a difference to the children who have been in her classes. Another contender for the quietest and straightest line, I have always enjoyed catching up with 1C at the start of the day and home time. Cyrelle, we wish you happiness and joy in your new adventures. You will always be part of the WP family, so if you decide to go back to teaching, you know where we are!

Fahema

Fahema joined the WP team on a temporary basis for a year and started work in Year 1. I know that the children and staff in 1YK have benefited hugely from her calm persona, reliability and willingness to do whatever she was asked to or needed to do. Thank you Fahema for being such a support to your colleagues and of course for letting me borrow your Gangsta Granny wig! Wishing you happiness and joy and please keep in touch!

Tash

Tash joined us in January and has worked in 2L for the past two terms. She is going on a big adventure around the world and has yet to decide on the final destination, but it could be Jerusalem or Nepal! She fitted into the WP staff team straight away and quickly established strong relationships with everyone in the class. Thank you Tash, for being such an asset to Year 2 and we hope you keep in touch and let us know how you are getting on. We said goodbye in special assemblies yesterday and send our very best wishes to all four! Please keep in touch!

Best wishes
Karen

Year 2 and Year 6 test results

This year saw the return of national assessments at Key Stages 1 and 2 following their postponement for two years, as a result of the pandemic and two years of disruption to their education.

Year 6 National test 2022 results

The children in Year 6 completed their national tests in May in:

- English
- Maths
- Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling

There is no test in writing and it is teacher assessed.

Please find below the WP and national outcomes for 2022. Well above the national average, the WP outcomes are a testament to the hard work and determination of the children and the hard work, dedication and commitment of the whole staff team, who have been involved in the children's education all the way through primary school. We are incredibly proud of the children and are in awe of their determination, resilience, perseverance and all round loveliness! Congratulations everyone! You are FABULOUS!

	Reading, Writing and Maths combined	Reading	Writing	Maths	Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling
KS2 National 2022	59%	74%	69%	71%	72%
KS2 William Patten 2022	78%	90%	81%	88%	86%

End of Keystage 1 outcomes 2022

The children in Year 2 completed tests in reading and Maths and were teacher assessed in their writing. For this cohort, the end of their Reception year and the whole of their Key Stage 1 has been disrupted by COVID.

When reporting to parents, we had to compare the school figures to the 2019 outcomes, as the national outcomes for KS1 have yet to be published. This is an unhelpful comparison as the children in 2019 had not had their education disrupted by the pandemic. Provisional KS1 figures indicate that WP are above the national outcomes, which again is a testament to the hard work and determination of the children and staff team. We are pleased too, that the actions implemented by the school have positively impacted the children's progress and attainment. We are very proud of their achievements and think the children are AMAZING!

	Reading Expected standard	Writing Expected standard	Maths Expected standard
Provisional national outcomes 2022	68%	59%	70%
School KS1 results 2022	82%	68%	72%

A huge thank you to the PTFA

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the PTFA, in particular Evan Williams, who took on the role of Chair this year. He has done a fabulous job and has somehow managed to ensure that money has continued to be raised through a time when we have still had to work with many COVID restrictions in place. With the launch of pub quizzes in The Prince to a full scale version in the top hall with over £1500 being raised during the auction alone (!) and of course the magnificent Summer Fair, which was enjoyed by so many, the PTFA has been amazing. The fair was such a joyful occasion with so many families coming and everyone enjoying a relaxed atmosphere, good food and lots of lovely activities for the children to enjoy, the infamous dunk tank and the wonderful Talent Show. Some of the money raised by the PTFA has gone towards hoodies for our Year 6 Leavers and trips for Year 6 this term. A huge thank you to the PTFA for their contribution, as it is so important our lovely Year 6 have a wonderful end to their time at primary school. Thank you also to Selwyn, who is responsible for the school lottery, which is a steady and reliable source of income and to Jonathan, who keeps the accounts. We look forward to more PTFA events, bringing the community together, next year!

Nursery Sports Day

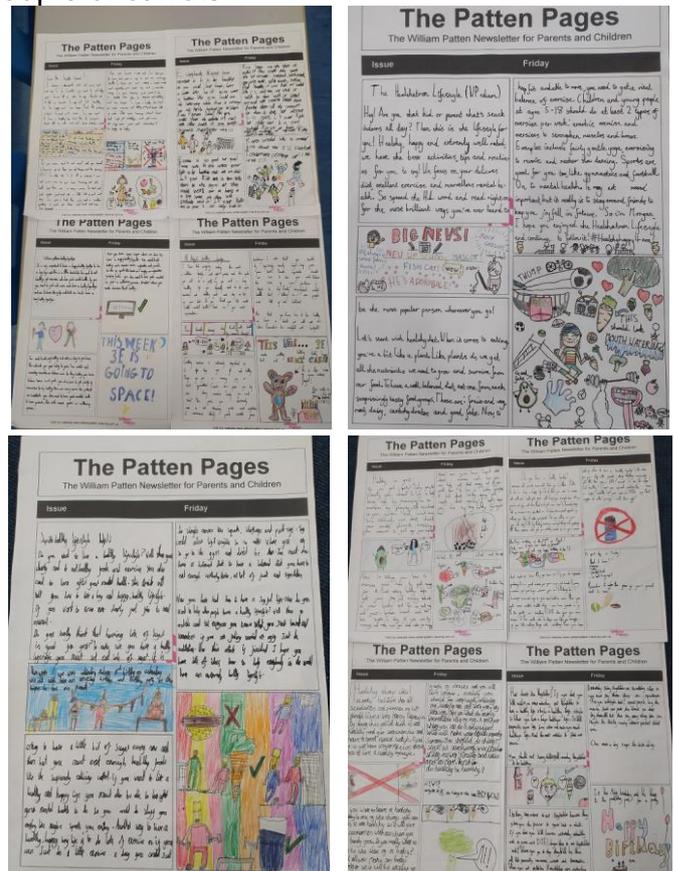
On Monday 4th July, Nursery children had an amazing time at their water based sports day. They enjoyed working in teams to play water balloon catch, race to fill the water bucket, use our super strength to bust the water pinata, run and escape the water gun chase, try to carefully throw the wet sponge at the target and try to not drop the water balloons at the parachute games. They had great fun taking part in each challenge and did get wet a few times!

Thank you to the Year 5 children who helped explain the challenge as well as having fun themselves! So thank you to Ed, Fred, Mo T, Taisiia, Daniel, Anna, Aykut, Charlie, Haleema, Nana, Raphael and Su from Year 5 as well as all our parents who came to join in with all the fun as well.



Year 3's very own Patten Pages

This week, Year 3 took on the tricky task of persuading others to live a healthier lifestyle. Using all the persuasive techniques they've been studying (alliteration, slogans, rhetorical questions and emotive language) they cleverly created their own versions of Patten Pages to persuade all the children and parents of WP to be healthy! Surely you can see the hard work they put in. Well done Year 3, we hope everyone is inspired to eat a couple of carrots!



Our super Eco Team

As we are drawing to a close this academic year, we want to take the opportunity to say an enormous thank you for our wonderful William Patten Eco Team for all the incredible things they have achieved over the course of the autumn, spring and summer term! It has been the busiest year to date for our very own green team and they have helped organise a variety for whole school events, including; Fairtrade Fortnight, World Ocean Day, David Attenborough's birthday, recycling week – to name just a few! Alongside this, they have taken part in the national campaign for the RSPB and their Big Bird Watch, heading up to Clissold Park to collect data on the local wildlife. The older children also got the opportunity to attend BBC Radio 5's live recording of Gardeners Question Time, where Hector and Marnie even got to ask questions to the knowledgeable panel (listen out for the recording on July 20th at 2pm!) Gardening has been a bug part of their role this year too and they have helped plant and tend to the crops in our Edible Playground, as well as taking part in community gardening sessions at Kynaston Gardens. We also just found out that we have been awarded the Green Flag Eco Schools award with **DISTINCTION** which is the highest level of award! What an incredible achievement for the Eco Team and the school as a whole. It is a testament to the children's commitment and dedication and we are incredibly proud of them. So, thank you, Margot 2L, Theo H 2L, Aalia 2C, Tommy 2C, Sawyer 3L, Ares 3E, Emmy 3E, Alex W 4M, Mohinder 4M, Leon 4E, Evie 4E, Marnie 5H, Hector 5H, Aisha 5B, Mohammed Talha 5B, Josephine 6M, Ben 6M, Tristian G 6C and Desiree 6C. What a remarkable and successful year!



William Patten Quiz and Summer Fair

Over the past few weeks the PTFA have hosted the end of year quiz and annual Summer Fair. Both events were organised to help with the ongoing fundraising effort to support our amazing school.

The quiz, hosted in the top hall at the school by our very own quiz master Joe, was a fantastic evening filled with the sound of parents catching up, some scratching of heads at some of the questions, and most importantly laughter. Alongside the quiz there was an auction for an amazing array of prizes very kindly donated by parents at the school and local businesses. The quiz was ultimately won by team Just The 2 of Us following what can only be described as the best 10 second giraffe you've ever seen! A special thanks to Joe, Bella, Bex, Lucy, David, Jon and the whole team at school for making it possible. Also a huge thank you to everyone who came along and made it a great evening. The Summer Fair, held on Sunday 3rd July, made a very welcome return following Covid and saw hundreds of parents and children coming together for the afternoon to enjoy activities ranging from face painting to plant pot decorating and the hugely amusing dunk tank! The talent show allowed a number of pupils to showcase their amazing skills and the penalty shootout unearthed the next football superstar... The BBQ helped ensure everyone was very well fed and the mountain of amazing donations for the jumble sale meant nobody left empty handed! There are too many people to thank individually so just to say a huge thank you to all the parents, school staff and local businesses who supported the fair and made it possible.

Between the quiz and fair we raised a significant amount of money that will allow us to continue to support the array of activities and events that make William Patten such a fabulous school.

I hope everyone has a fantastic summer and I look forward to seeing you all in September when we return and launch a new series of activities to bring our amazing school community together.

Kind regards,
Evan - PTFA Chair



Year 2 have been studying JMW Turner

We looked at his art and discussed his technique and use of paint to create light and dark. We then learned about colour mixing, and sketched a landscape before painting in the style of Turner.



Year 3 - Wikipedia pages

As part of our Computing topic, 'We are co-authors', Year 3 have been researching, creating and editing their own Wikipedia pages this week. They demonstrated their outstanding organisational skills and exceptional creativity on their pages. It may have been challenging to embrace the open source nature of the Wiki project but the children have helped and inspired each other to create outstanding work. We can't wait to post a link at the end of the week so families can check them out and start learning about our Year 3 topics!



Nursery celebrated Songkran Festival

Today, as part of our work on taking a journey to Thailand, we celebrated a Thai festival called Songkran which is known as the water festival. In Thailand, the festival takes place at Easter and in addition to visiting local temples, people flock to the streets to take part in wide-ranging water fights. The throwing of water has traditionally been a sign of respect and well-wishing, as revellers hope to wash away bad luck. We had great fun, here are some of our comments :-

Winston "Today, we had a water festival, it was good. I got really wet."

Yaqub "The water festival was us getting people with water. It was fun."

Jack "We got soaked, it was funny!"

Alice "We got soaking wet, Winston got lots of water on him."

Iris D "I got soaking wet. I got Tamsin and Wendy!"

Aela "I liked the water festival."





School Council 2021-22

We would like to say the biggest thank you to our school Council who have been very active this year. They remained fully committed to their roles, as the voice of our pupils, and put forward many motions for change. Thank you for your hard work, diligence, determination and teamwork! It was a pleasure to meet with you and hear your ideas. I also loved shaking the buckets with you on the gates! Sian x

Charity Fundraising 2021-22

Our School Councillors wanted to raise money for charities who helped both local and wider communities. They went to their classes and asked their classes to tell them about people and animals they wanted to help. They then researched the charities and agreed which charity the year group would donate to.



Year 2 Second Chance Café & Guide dogs for the Blind
£107.35



Year 3 World Wildlife Fund £130.39



Year 4 Red Cross Ukrainian Appeal Refugee Week £165.19



Year 5 Hackney Night Shelter £238.39



Year 6 It Gets Better & Make a Wish £122.58

That is a grand total of
£763.90!

Thank you to everyone who donated this year. School Council 2022-23 elections will be taking place early in September.

Sports at William Patten

It has been a wonderfully successful and enjoyable year for William Patten and sports! We have participated in a number of events and competitions such as The Hackney cycling events, fencing classes, inter-school football tournaments and many more. These activities are also represented in the Commonwealth games for kids:

<https://kids.britannica.com/kids/article/Commonwealth-Games/437592>

The William Patten participants have always competed with enthusiasm, great sportsman like behaviour and smiles on their faces. Well done! We look forward to all of this and many more events next year!

Correspondence and Partnership with Walukuba West School, Uganda

To complete Year 1's science work on seasonal change in and Year 2's previous geography topic on Jinja, Uganda, the children recently compared photographs of themselves at WP with those of students at Walukuba West Primary (our second partner school) at different times of the year. The children learnt about how the seasons vary in the two locations.

Stoke Newington, London and Jinja, Uganda Comparison – William Patten and Walukuba West (Ugandan Partner School)

	Autumn			Winter			Spring			Summer		
	September	October	November	December	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August
Here: William Patten, London, UK												
At and Around Walukuba West Primary, Jinja, Uganda												
	Harvesting Maize			Growing orange and fruit trees			Outdoor Games			Harvesting Maize		
	Outside Lunch			Growing Maize								

In recent correspondence, the headteacher of Walukuba West also sent us a lovely picture of some of the students. As you can see, like us, the pupils have been busy planting their seedlings. The hotter climate of Uganda means that the children are able to grow fruit and orange trees from seed and plant them in their school grounds -



Year 4 – Levers and Linkages

4E and 4M had an excellent week exploring the importance and history of levers and linkages. After clarifying all of the tricky definitions, we collaborated as group to create four different mechanisms. Once we all felt confident with our new skills, the children started to produce innovative designs, which they later got the opportunity to produce. Throughout these tasks, both classes demonstrated patience and resilience. Well done for creating superb mechanisms.



Well done to all our year groups for working so hard planting and growing throughout the whole year. The latest updates are:

EYFS: The wildflowers that they planted from seed on the roof are now in full bloom, and the bees are loving them! They are busy feeding on the nectar that they find inside each flower and spreading the powdery pollen as they go. This will help more plants to grow.



Y1: The sunflowers that they planted from seed on the rooftop are about to come into bloom! Look out for their petals. The beetroot is also growing well, with the vegetable part we eat just below the soil's surface.



Y2: The children snipped the salad leaves from their lettuce plants. Ali and the kitchen team used these to make a nice summer salad.



Y3: Their butternut squash plants on the roof are now in flower. When the bees pollinate, they will produce the squash that hold the seeds for new plants. They will grow over the summer and when we harvest them in the autumn, there are lots of recipes that Ali and the kitchen team can use them for.



Y4 spied the first pumpkins that their plants had grown. These will ripen to perfection over the summer, ready for an autumn harvest.



Y5 harvested the first cucumbers from their raised beds this week. There were enough for the classes to sample what they had grown and Ali used the rest in the cold lunches he prepared for the hot weather this week.



Y6: The sunny position of the rooftop garden has proven ideal for the tomato plants that year 6 have been growing. The planters already look like a tomato farm! These early specimens will ripen over the summer, and will be a wonderful gift from year 6 to the rest of school.



Green Flag with
Distinction

2022

William Patten is now a recognised Eco School and has been awarded the Green Flag with distinction! Here is what they said about our application, the children have done throughout the academic year and all of our achievements!

“It’s wonderful that you have appointed such an enthusiastic Eco-Committee, this shows your schools excellent commitment to both the programme and the eco-cause. It was really great to read how your Environmental Review provided the basis for the projects in your Action Plan. It demonstrates a reflective and considered approach to your Eco-Schools work, this is a great skill that many adults can learn from! It was wonderful to see how completing your Environmental Review helped your Eco-Committee to spot gaps in your school’s existing environmental activity. But equally important is that it helped you to recognise the great work that you were already doing. This helps to keep up the good activity whilst making you feel empowered to do different things. We love this! Your Action Plan was concise, SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time Bound) and clearly influenced by your environmental review. This is a great example of self-reflective practice, research-led planning and critical thinking. Good work! We’re really impressed at how you’ve linked environmental issues to a variety of curriculum areas. We have loved hearing about how involved you have been with Greenpeace - well done! We love that your pupils have taken their great work beyond the school gates and into their homes and local community. This is a very challenging aspect of the Eco-Schools programme, so your Eco-Committee should be very proud of their successes in this area! It is wonderful to hear how your Eco-team has helped the self-esteem of some your students. The parent quote is a great testament to the work that you are doing with your Eco-Committee, that they are taking their Eco-Schools work home with them and getting their families on board is something to be proud of! I hope you and your Eco-Committee take great pride in your achievements, everyone involved should be incredibly proud of the changes they have made! Your Eco-Code is really descriptive and enjoyable to read. We loved seeing your Eco-noticeboard it’s really informative and eye catching– great effort! Congratulations to everyone for the great work you have managed to do, earning your Green Flag with Distinction. You should all be very proud of your work and the application you have submitted!”

Hackney School of Food

Year 6 had a wonderful day at the Hackney School of Food last week, where they learned to make nutritious (and delicious) pizzas, side salads, and healthy beetroot brownies. As well as honing their culinary skills, the children enjoyed eating their freshly cooked meal in the beautiful gardens, where many of the ingredients were produced. A lunch to remember! The Year 6 children and their teachers want to say a very big thank you to the PTFA for funding this brilliant day out – and the Year 6 bowling trip too!



Bowling

The Year 6 classes ended a fun-filled week with a trip to Rowan's Tenpin Bowling in Finsbury Park. This was a wonderful way to bring their time at William Patten to a close – with the children (and parents and staff!) cheering each other on. There were many spares and strikes to marvel at, but the laughter and joy shared on this final day out together as a year group was definitely what made this trip so memorable.

Year 6 Talent Show

Our wonderfully talented year 6 children put on an incredible show for their parents and siblings on Wednesday. The postponement of the show, due to the heatwave on Monday, made them all the more determined to dazzle and amaze their audience. Congratulations to them all: they certainly wowed the crowd! Marvellous magicians, agile gymnasts, hilarious comedians and hugely talented musicians and singers made for a truly memorable show – well done Class of 2022!



Hackney Music Festival

This week was a very exciting, musical week for all ages at William Patten. On Tuesday, the children blew us away with their amazing steel pan playing - 3 pieces were performed brilliantly as well as our children getting to hear the other schools ensembles. Wednesday was the KS1 and KS2 singing event. Our choirs have been working hard to learn many songs and it was great to perform them with so many other schools. Some of our KS2 children performed an absolute showstopper to 'Video killed the Radio Star' with the Hackney Music Service choir. EYFS also worked so hard to learn their songs and it was so fun to perform them together. All of the children represented the school brilliantly with their talent, manners, patience and behaviour throughout.



PTFA Lottery -

Congratulations to the winners of the William Patten Lottery for the last draws before school holidays! Make sure to try to collect your money from the school office before school closes for summer.

May 2022

- 1st – Angelica Mitchitisch
- 2nd- Marion Kiely
- 3rd – Chris Dearie

June 2022

- 1st – Hannah Worthington
- 2nd- Sophie Broadbridge
- 3rd – Dimi Alexopoulou

WP football club update

The photo below shows the smiling faces of our girls' football team demonstrating clearly how much they enjoyed their recent matches (despite the sweltering conditions). As the only exclusively Year 5 squad in the tournament, they played so well throughout against Year 6 girls teams. I thought they were fantastic, as did other coaches, noting their enthusiasm, conduct, attitude and gameplay. When they played against Shacklewell they were at the peak of their powers and produced their finest display, Hattie got both goals! Every player was superb. The Hackney coach (Roger Stiells) happened to watch this game and was impressed with what he saw. Once again, WP was represented in such a positive way. **Brian – football coach**



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to those children who recently celebrated their special day or who will celebrate before the end of July: Dusty, Yusuf, Ayden, Erdem, Buray, Aidan, Zumra, Eloise, Lily, Jere, Josh, Venla, Haleema, Isabelle, Estrella, Areal, Ellis, Jonathan, August, Ada, Millie, Orhan, Marcelo, Alice, Gene, Elliott, Zakia, Vittoria, Xola, Ava, Jack, Tiarah, Silver, Feadan, Suhayb, Aarya, Kiaan, Siri, Rivka and Ezgi. Happy birthday to you all!

A final note:

We would like to wish our families a lovely summer holiday and look forward to seeing everybody back at school on Monday 5th September, with the exception of our lovely Year 6 children who are moving onto secondary school! We wish them all the best at their new school and look forward to them coming back to visit us.