

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome to the first Patten Pages of the year!

The children have settled back into routines so well and have been working incredibly hard. Our new Nursery and Reception children have started school and came for mornings only last week, but started full time on Tuesday. They have been making lots of new friends, including the Year 6 Peer Supporters and learning lots of new routines, as they get used to 'big school'! The Reception classes practised going up and down the stairs to the dining hall and met Ali the chef and his team. The children were super silent and super sensible on the journey to the dining hall (it's a long way up to the middle hall when you are only 4 or just 5!) and very excited about staying for lunch.

I have seen lots of fabulous work across the school and was very impressed with the Year 2 – 6 children's manifestos for School Council and the Eco Team. The manifestos demonstrated such clear, creative and positive thinking, as well as commitment to and care for their school and the wider world. They were a joy to read and I know the classes had a challenging job deciding who to vote for in the School Council elections, just as Laura and I did when selecting the members of the Eco Team. The children were so excited when the representatives for School Council were announced in assembly on Friday last week. The excitement was palpable! Laura will be announcing the Eco Team members in assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. I know there will be the same level of anticipation there too!

I have been so pleased to see longer trips starting again after such a long absence. Classes did go on trips last year, but we avoided using public transport, so trips further afield did not take place. Already this week Year 3 have been to the Museum of London, Year 1 went on a walk around their local area and Year 2 are booked to go to St. Pauls for their Great Fire of London topic.

Thank you for your support with the reminders sent out at the start of the term, particularly with children not riding scooters and bikes when they come on site and everyone leaving the playground promptly, so Fit For Sport can come out on time.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen

## Virtual Treasure Hunt for Roman Day

In preparation for the widely-anticipated Roman Day, Year 4 went on a (virtual) treasure hunt at the British Museum on Wednesday. Alexandra from the museum showed us around a virtual gallery full of Roman treasure. We explored who is involved in discovering, protecting and displaying artefacts in museums. We also took part in a very exciting quiz where the children showed how knowledgeable they are. It was really thrilling to learn about history through exploring real objects from the past.



## Year 4 - Roman Day!

William Patten witnessed the annual invasion of the Romans this week. It's so lovely to see not only the current children enjoying the day but also children in years 5 and 6 recalling their day as well. The day started with discussing the might of the Roman army, making shields with features such a 'boss' to deflect blows from swords. They learned how to convert Roman numerals in maths and made a tabula and stylus to write their Roman names and ages using their newly acquired knowledge. After our modern lunch, they enjoyed a Roman feast, learning about the differences in diet between different Roman classes. Finally, they ended their day on the roof where Elaine taught them a Roman song in rounds. We look forward to next year's invasion!



### **A big welcome to our newest members of WP!**

Welcome to all the EYFS children that have started in Nursery and Reception this month! We have been so impressed with the way that the children have settled, made friends, learnt new routines and explored many new areas of learning. We have created our classroom charter, deciding on the rules that we need to uphold to have a safe, enjoyable, creative and thriving classroom. Reception children now attend full-time and enjoyed their first week of school lunches cooked by Ali and his team. Nursery and Reception children have taken part in so many activities over the last few weeks. Here are a few images that illustrate EYFS in action!



### **Year 3 visited to Museum of London**

This week, Year 3 embarked on a wonderful adventure to the Museum of London! This was the children's first ever school trip in Y3 and they behaved wonderfully in, and on the way to the museum. We explored the Stone Age to Iron Age exhibition, filling out activity packs and fact files as we went. After lunch, we watched and learnt from a brilliant shadow puppet show. Finally, Year 3 handled some real life fossils and artefacts. Everyone had an amazing time! Thank you to all the adult volunteers, we couldn't do it without you. A huge well done to all of Year 3 for their maturity, curiosity and enthusiasm.



### Year 1 walk around the local area

This week both Year 1 classes went on a local area walk around Stoke Newington! This class trip links to our current Geography topic: Our Local Area. We left through the back gate, past Kynaston Gardens and onto Stoke Newington High Street. As we walked, the children worked together in pairs to identify the human made features on the checklist such as; road, pavement, houses, path, fire station and many more. We made our way to Abney Park Cemetery to spot the human made features such as the gate entrance and the paths. The classes then walked on to Church Street with Stoke Newington Fire Station as our final destination, and finally making our way back to school. The children absolutely loved our first class trip. Margot said "I've noticed so many post boxes", and Sulaiman was very excited to point out the traffic lights he could see. Our local area walk was a brilliant way to consolidate the children's learning in our Geography lessons and a great opportunity for the children to make links between their lessons in school and their own lives in our community. Well done, Year 1!



### Roof garden update

A small group of children from Years 1 to 3 helped to harvest the tomatoes, beetroot and pumpkins that had grown in the roof garden over the summer. The kitchen staff immediately used the tomatoes and grated the beetroot for a delicious salad, and the pumpkins are now drying out so they can also be put to good use. The beds are now being cleared, ready to begin our autumn and winter growing programme.

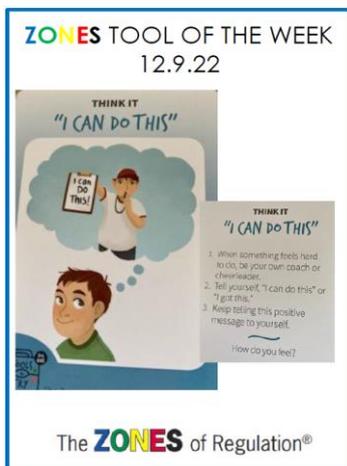


## Zones of Regulation

In school we use an approach called [Zones of Regulation](#) to support the children to identify, express and manage their emotions. Emotions are grouped into four colour zones which represent different groups of feelings. The idea of zones is to take a non-judgmental approach to discussing and supporting children with their emotions. All emotions are natural to experience and we can learn to recognize and manage our feelings in different contexts.



As well as using the language of zones to talk about different feelings we show the children how to use different tools to support with managing feelings. For example, we might be feeling in the yellow zone after a busy playtime and need to feel settled and calm (in the green zone) to get on with our work in the classroom. A breathing exercise or a mindfulness activity can help with this. If we're feeling in the blue zone we might need a re-energizing activity such as a movement break or a soothing activity such as reading or drawing. Each week we introduce a new 'Tool of the Week'. Posters go up around school and each class practice the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include the new tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home.



## Reception Class Admissions – Sept 2023

Parents can apply for a Reception class place (for children born between 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2018 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2019) by completing an online application form at <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/>. **The deadline is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2023.** 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>

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

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September

#### HT Award Certificates

|     |   |
|-----|---|
| 1H  | Amelia, Bella, Eesa, Khloe, Margot      |
| 1S  | Dalia, Frankie, Luqman, Maya, Owen      |
| 2C  | Dante, Elijah, Honor, Marcelo, Suki     |
| 2L  | Aster, Defne, Felix, Flora, Mya         |
| 3IC | Daisy, Matilda, Matiu, Patrick, Vilma   |
| 3L  | Ava, Beatrix, Ebi, Lochie, Theo         |
| 4C  | Aras, Emmy, Arlo, Morgan, Esha          |
| 4M  | Aalish, Munira, Romy, Serafina, Yusuf   |
| 5C  | Audrey, Aurelien, Harleen, Louie, Una   |
| 5E  | Flossy, Isabella, Kacey, Mohinder, Zia  |
| 6B  | Alba, Charlie, Grace, Jonathan, Quentin |
| 6M  | Aykut, Chloe, Hattie, Oscar, Pelle      |

### Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September

#### Super Achievers

|         |                |
|---------|----------------|
| Nursery | Ruairi and Leo |
| Rec C   | Taedon         |
| Rec YK  | Leonel         |

#### HT Award Certificates

|     |                                       |
|-----|---------------------------------------|
| 1H  | Kiran, Wilfred, Odhran, Ezgi, Lily    |
| 1S  | Thiago, Sophia, Noah, Sumayyah, Eesa  |
| 2C  | Hafsa, Huxley, Mason, Jack, Bobby     |
| 2L  | Evan, Lili-Marie, Eugene, Khush, Taha |
| 3IC | Bella, Theo C, Rafi, Matiu, Joseph    |
| 3L  | Arlo, Ollie, Beatrice, Nisa, Josie    |
| 4C  | Amy, Aidan, Alisa, Zora, Calum        |
| 4M  | Sawyer, Sadie, Emir, Rosie, Tazio     |
| 5C  | Alex, Tiggy, Rex, Leon, Olive         |
| 5E  | Marla, Alfie, Orrin, Jonathan, Inayah |
| 6B  | Edith, Haleema, Zack, Nana, Aydin     |
| 6M  | Anna, Shahnaz, Harry, Aisha, Aras     |

#### William Patten Hire Facilities

We hire the school halls, community room and the playground areas for events and activities such as birthday parties, meetings, play groups and sports sessions. Contact [finance@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:finance@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk) for more details and availability.



☺ We did it!  
GREEN FLAG 2022



After the incredible success of last year, with the Eco Team helping William Patten become an International Eco School with distinction, we are now on the lookout for a new Green Team!

Children from Years 2 - Year 6 have all been given an application form to apply to be on the Eco Team this year. The deadline for applications was Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September and successful candidates will be announced in assembly on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September. We can't wait to read all about what environment and sustainability issues the children are interested in promoting this academic year. We have now received our Eco-Schools Green Flag too! So, look out for it on the school grounds very soon!

### **Our new Language of the Month is Greek!**

We are lucky enough to have four Greek speaking pupils at William Patten - Kiran and Hector 1H, Aris 5E and Serafina 4M. As Kiran joined William Patten at the beginning of this academic year, we thought it was a great opportunity to have Greek as our new Language of the Month. During the whole school virtual assembly the classes learnt that Greek is spoken by around 12 million people along with facts about Greece and Ancient Greece. The Greek language is derived from Proto-Greek, the first form of Greek spoken during the

3rd millennium BC. It later evolved into Ancient Greek, which was spoken during Antiquity and modern Greek emerged from 1453. Greek is the oldest recorded living language! Large populations of modern day Greek speakers are mainly in Greece and Cyprus, but also in Italy, Albania, Turkey. But Greek speakers can also be found in Western Europe, Canada, the United States, Argentina, Australia, Brazil and many other countries. Greek has also influenced many other languages you might speak or know. Many English words have a Greek language origin such as 'Democracy' which combines *demos* (δῆμος — "people") and *kratos* (κράτος — "power"), the meaning of this Greek word used in English is simply: power to the people! The Ancient Greek alphabet first appeared in records during the 8th century BC. The word 'alphabet' is derived from the first two letters of the Greek alphabet - 'alpha' and 'beta' and the Greek alphabet was the first alphabet to use vowels. The Greek alphabet contains twenty-four different letters and was used to represent letters, but also numbers in ancient Greek (numerals) - you might have seen these in your maths lessons! Why don't you have a go at learning the Greek words and phrases alongside the Makaton signs we will be using in class and around the school?

### **Greek Words and Phrases**

**Have a go at saying some of these words or phrases:**





## School Council 2022-23

Congratulations to the newly-elected William Patten School Council. Manifestos were well received across Years 2-6 and secret voting took place last Tuesday, with high-excitement in assembly when the winners were announced. Everyone was very happy and supportive, even though some were understandably disappointed not to be chosen themselves. Once again, WP pupils wow-ed us with their positive attitude and kindness! The School Council met for the first time yesterday and proudly wore their badges. Lots of ideas and suggestions were shared and discussed. They will meet every week, with Sian, to be the voice of WP pupils this year. Don't forget to let your representative know if you have any ideas or if something needs improving. They could make it happen for you!

**Our new School Council members are:** Alba L, Alba S, Ali, Aris, Audrey, Ben, Bowie, Ciro-Mael, Clara, Ellora, Feadan, Hattie, Isabelle, Jamie, Jonathan, Matilda, Mohinder, Theo C, Violet and Zepi.



## Welcome from the PTFA

As we start a new academic year it's fantastic to see all the new faces joining the William Patten community. As a Parents Teacher & Friends Association (PTFA) we'd like to welcome everyone to the school.

Our role as a PTFA is twofold, firstly to support our amazing school with funds to facilitate a number of hugely important activities including fit for sport staff at breaks and large projects which have recently included the school Jubilee celebrations. Secondly our role is to help bring the parent community together and provide ways for us all to meet, socialise and help foster the school community. As a PTFA team (currently made up of Jason, Rob and I) were excited to share the upcoming events we have planned. Please mark the dates in your diary and look out for further details to follow.

> Wednesday 5th October - PTFA meeting (details to follow re location & timings)  
> Thursday 13th October - The first of the 2022/23 William Patten quizzes

> Thursday 17th November - Quiz / Bingo TBD

> Sunday 4th December - Christmas Fair

In addition to the above we have a number of exciting events planned for 2023 which we'll share more details for over the coming months.

If anyone would like to get involved please drop either Jason, Rob or I a note on the email below, we'd love to have your support.

Jason, Rob and I will be out and about at drop-off and pick up next week to share some more information so please look out for us and let us know if you have any questions or you'd like to get involved.

Kind regards,

Evan [Ava - Y2 and Sienna - Reception], Jason [Hunter - Y1] and Rob [Robbie - Y1]

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## PTFA Lottery



The William Patten PTFA Lottery is a monthly lottery scheme which is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. This is a great way to help raise funds and support valuable school projects and resources which enrich your child's curriculum. At the same time, you have the chance to win a cash prize in the monthly draw. There is no minimum amount and it is easy to join up. If you are interested in finding out more about the lottery please contact Sel Renton (Year 2 parent) on [arcandsa@hotmail.com](mailto:arcandsa@hotmail.com)

Congratulations to the winners of the latest draw for the William Patten Lottery! Please collect your prize money from the school office.

### July 2022

- 1st – Eva Stone £40
- 2nd – Francesca John £30
- 3rd – Alastair McLellan £20

## 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 **1S, 3IC and the winning class, 5C (all over 99%!)**. Keep it up! Reception classes have just started full time this week so their classes will be added to the chart in the next Patten Pages.

|                 |       |           |       |
|-----------------|-------|-----------|-------|
| Y1 Helen        | 98.9% | Y1 Sofia  | 99.1% |
| Y2 Christine    | 95.9% | Y2 Laura  | 91.4% |
| Y3 Ihssan/Craig | 99.1% | Y3 Luke   | 97.9% |
| Y4 Craig        | 98.1% | Y4 Marion | 94.7% |
| Y5 Claire       | 99.4% | Y5 Eric   | 96.5% |
| Y6 Ben          | 97.1% | Y6 Maya   | 96.1% |

# ★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day in the last few weeks:  
Elijah, Ida, Jack, Penelope, Lukas, Theo, Max, Hector, Pelle, Mercer, Zia, Rico, Sophia, Leonel, Martha, Aris, Isabelle, Ronnie, Khloe, Leon, Teddy and Romilly. Happy birthday to you all.  
We hope you had a wonderful day!



## Parenting Smart



We all want the best for our children, but parenting can be really tough sometimes. We've all been there.

Place2Be's Parenting Smart is a new site for parents and carers of 4-11 year olds, offering practical advice on supporting your child and managing behaviour.

All of our content is created by Place2Be's parenting experts. It's based on evidence and their experiences working with children, young people and their families



Designed with busy parents in mind, the site has short videos and articles on topics from meltdowns to bullying, from sleeping difficulties to encouraging self-confidence.



### September

- 28<sup>th</sup> Kench Hill meeting for Y6 parents: 6.15pm
- 29<sup>th</sup> Reception Teddy Bears Picnic: 1.40pm

### October

- 1<sup>st</sup> Black History Month
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dyslexia Awareness Week
- 4<sup>th</sup> Managing Child Anxiety: Meeting for parents with Cansu (MHST) 9.15am
- 5<sup>th</sup> PTFA Meeting (time tbc)
- 10<sup>th</sup> 6B to Kench Hill
- World Mental Health Day
- 13<sup>th</sup> PTFA Quiz Night (time tbc)
- 17<sup>th</sup> 6M to Kench Hill
- 18<sup>th</sup> Behaviours that Challenge: Meeting for parents with Cansu (MHST) 9.15am
- 19<sup>th</sup> 4M visiting Hackney Museum
- 20<sup>th</sup> 5C visiting Hackney Museum
- 21<sup>st</sup> Break up for half term
- 31<sup>st</sup> Children return to school