

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Friday 7th October 2022

Dear parents,

We have had a busy two weeks with classes starting to go out and about and further afield than we have done recently. The children have been so excited and it has been wonderful to share their joy about not only the destination and what they will be doing, but also their joy about travelling on a bus! We are also celebrating Black History Month and Years 1, 2 and 3 have or will be visiting Ridley Road market, where we have received a very warm welcome from the stall holders and the children enjoyed purchasing items from the stalls. The classes learnt about the importance of Ridley Road to communities in Hackney and beyond and how it has played and continues to play an important part in Hackney's history and heritage. Years 4,5 and 6 will be visiting Hackney Museum and Nursery and Reception will be covering a variety of mini topics through activities from Hackney Museum and they will see pupils and staff from Stoke Newington School share why they love their afro hair. They will see an ex WP pupil Ronnie too!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KB5e1uk78Cc>



The weather is starting to get cooler now, so please ensure the children come to school with layers and please ensure that their name is written on the label of each item. This is so helpful when we are trying to reunite lost items with their owners. Sandra, our wonderful volunteer, does the most amazing job sorting the lost property, but if clothes had names on, they would be returned much quicker!

The results of the parents' survey were sent home this week and I hope you have had the time to look at the overall percentages and the positive comments. We were delighted to read so many lovely thank you messages and were appreciative of the comments about areas that would benefit from a rethink, tweak and review. A huge thank you for your continued support as together we have created a wonderful environment for all of our children to thrive in. Please remember feedback is always welcome, so we can continue to make our school an even better place to be for everyone.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

PTFA update

Since the last edition we had our first catch-up as a group of parents on Wednesday night. There were nine of us and between us we had children in almost every year group and so the conversations ranged from settling in Reception to getting ready for the Year 6 week away, and everything in between. It was fantastic to hear different people's experiences, ideas and a huge number of suggestions for things we could do to continue to build the parent community and support our fantastic school. We'll share more next week at the quiz and here in future editions as we bring the ideas to life.

It was also great to meet most Reception parents at the Teddy Bears picnic and share a brief intro to the PTFA and what we do to support the school and the parent community.

As a reminder we have the first in the series of quiz nights next Thursday 13th October. There are still tables available so if you'd like to come along please get in touch with Evan on evanjameswilliams77@gmail.com or 07773358078.

In the meantime have a fantastic weekend.

Kind regards,

The PTFA Team [Rob, Jason & Evan]

It's back...
The William Patten
PTFA Pub Quiz
and it's at the School!

**Easy Questions*
Music Rounds,
Fun Times!**

**Thursday 13th of October,
@William Patten.
Doors 6pm. Quiz starts 7.30pm!
Come along, eat pizza, and
support the PTFA!**

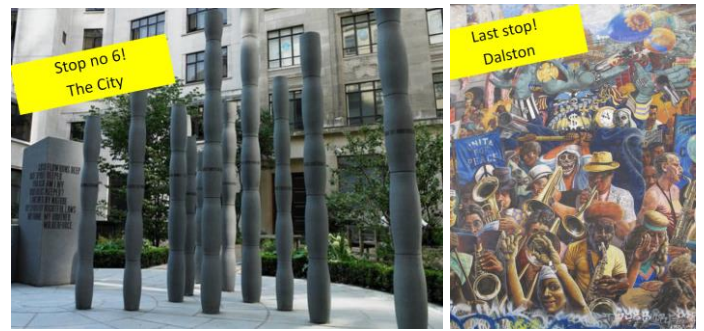
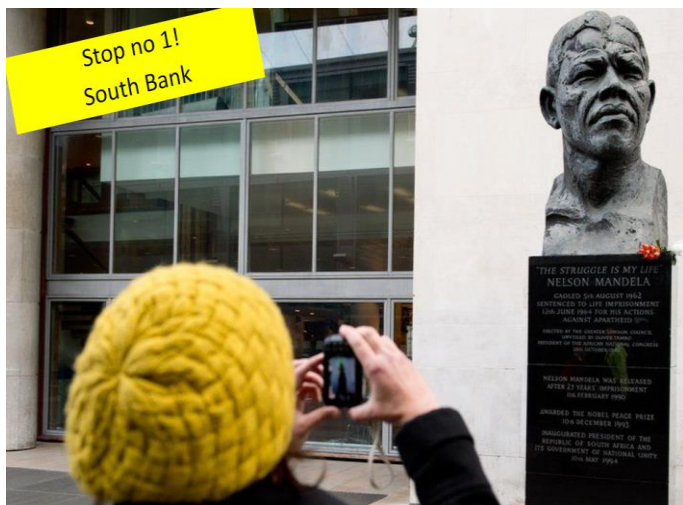
To book contact Evan (07773 358 078)
EvanJamesWilliams77@gmail.com

**Teams of up to 6
£30 per table**

*** = Some of them are easy, some are a bit tricky!**

Black History Month and beyond at William Patten

William Patten kicked off Black History Month this week with some assemblies. KS1 and Year 3 learned about the history of Ridley Road Market and why it became such an important place for African and African-Caribbean people to meet. The trips to Ridley Road start this week. In the next few weeks, Years 4 – 6 will be going to Hackney Museum to participate in a workshop exploring how African heritage individuals have shaped Hackney to be the borough it is today. During assembly, Caitlin took the children on a virtual tour of London to look at memorials relating to Black people and their experiences. Here are some of the stops on the tour. I wonder how many they can remember...



You can see some more memorials to Black History in Hackney this month. A number of artists were asked to represent their view of Black History as art and there are a trail of these globes in Hackney. You can follow the trail [here](#). Finally, a new permanent public sculpture by celebrated artist Veronica Ryan been unveiled in east London. The series of three works – large marble and bronze sculptures, representing Caribbean fruit and vegetables – is situated near Mare Street. The work references stories of migration and movement and draws on the artist's memories of visiting east London markets, including Hackney's Ridley Road Market, as a child.



If you are out and about in Hackney, we would love to see photos of you beside any of these art works! Classes will continue to celebrate achievements by Black individuals this month by focusing on an individual that that relates to their topic work. Look out for displays around the school celebrating those individuals in the next month.

Year 3 trip for BHM

Year 3 embarked on a brilliant adventure to Ridley Road Market and Dalston Curve Garden in recognition of Black History Month. We talked to the people working there, made sketches and learnt about various statues and artwork. Everyone involved had a fantastic time and showed superb curiosity. A huge thank you to all involved.





We're really pleased to let you know that we have successfully reaccredited our International School Award status from the British Council. The award recognises 'Outstanding development of the international dimension of the school's curriculum'. Feedback from the assessors included the following -

- The impact of the activities is evident within each activity. I wish everyone was providing so much detail for their activities!
- I am pleased to confirm that your application for Reaccreditation is approved! Very well done to everyone in the school.
- Many congratulations again on your school being reaccredited with the International School Award 2022 – 2025. It is testament to your whole school commitment to embedding a rich and creative range of international work, and it's important that your outstanding achievement in the International School Award is shared and celebrated widely.
- We value your continued support for international learning especially in this unusual year marked with lockdowns and school closures around the world.

As well as the activities themselves, the award recognises the whole school ethos and commitment towards celebrating diversity and developing awareness of global issues. This itself is supported by the meaningful connections we have made with schools in other parts of the world. Thank you to all the parents and cares who completed evaluative surveys about our international activities throughout last year. These completed the evidence base and we look forward to celebrating this achievement with the children, and to continuing the international dimension of our work this year.

Junior Road Safety Officer training

On Thursday, our two Junior Road Safety Officers Sammy and Amelie travelled to Grazebrook School for their JRSO training. They had a lovely time, and learned lots of ways to be safe on the roads. They also made safety posters, learned some tips on making great presentations (looking forward to their assembly!), and learned how to check a bike for safety. They were even lucky enough to meet the Speaker for Hackney, Councillor Humaira Garasia, and share their new knowledge with her. This winter's theme is 'Be Bright, Stay in Sight!', so we are excited to learn all about how to stay visible from our JRSO team.



William Patten Reading Leaders and Hackney Reading Champions

This year, we have decided to celebrate the immeasurable joy of reading by appointing a panel of student Reading Leaders here at William Patten. These 12 children, selected (with great difficulty) from our enthusiastic community of readers in Year 5 and 6, will also represent our school as Hackney Reading Champions. This will be a fantastic opportunity to share and promote reading pleasure across the borough, as well as with our youngest children, who are newer to the magic of literature.

I must preface the announcement of these champions by saying that the quality and number of these applications was absolutely phenomenal. To have been inundated with so many passionate explanations of why books are important, how they bring joy to individuals and our community, and what could be done to celebrate and spread this across Hackney was truly beautiful. Every child that put themselves forward for this opportunity has already won, in my eyes, as their love of reading will doubtless bring them pleasure, knowledge and excitement for years to come. I also want to remind any disappointed children that your relationship with literature is a personal, magical strength and that your power to share it goes beyond any one role or opportunity. Here are some of the beautiful sentiments shared by our amazing applicants:

‘When you are reading you can be anywhere, like in your bed or on the sofa, and suddenly you’re in a different world!’

‘Reading is a journey that go on with the main character, and it can be calming.’

‘Authors can paint an image in your head. A whole story can be expressed in just a few pages.’

‘I love finding out new facts and information so that I can know things that adults don’t know!’

‘I only got into reading this year (...) and it blew my mind. I was transported into a world of imagination where no matter what I was feeling I could be there, in the moment, enjoying a magical thing. Everyone should enjoy reading!’

‘Reading is powerful – it can make you smile, laugh and more!’

Without further ado, it my great pleasure to announce the very first William Patten Reading Leaders and Hackney Reading Champions:

6M: Rudy, Vita and Daniel

6B: Edith, Abdul and Nana

5C: Stella, Penelope and Tiggy

5E: Eliza, Denzel and Enzo

Many congratulations! I truly cannot wait to see what you will bring to the role this year.

Maya Domb

Head of English

Mary Wollstonecraft Assembly



You may recall that in the summer term, children in Year 5 and 6 completed a mini project on Mary Wollstonecraft. As well as learning about Mary Wollstonecraft, they devised and led assemblies with the other classes from Years 1 – 4. This project was supported by the Mary Wollstonecraft Society and met the criteria for the Wollstonecraft Society School Award. Bee Rowlett from the Society, visited the KS2 assembly last week and presented the award to the school, in recognition of the quality of this work. Children recalled what they had learnt during the project and Bee told them more about this local significant historical figure, and her legacy today. The school is looking forward to further coordinated work with the Mary Wollstonecraft Society and we are very grateful to Bee for validating this work and for the resources available which enabled this high quality project, which enriched and complemented the school’s history curriculum which recognises the significance of Mary Wollstonecraft.



WP School Council 2022-23

Our new School Council got off to a lively start and have already made lots of suggestions to help improve the school experience for the pupils of William Patten. Suggestions and actions so far this term (in only two meetings!)

22nd September 2022

Can we have coat hooks at children's height, on the back of the toilet doors?

Yes – what a great suggestion! These are on order and will be fitted as soon as they arrive.

Will there be a Halloween party?

No – the date is on the first Monday back after half term holiday so the party would have been the Friday before (in holiday time!).

Can we write a school lunch survey for the whole school to complete?

Yes – you can do this next term.

Can we change the rule and wear stud earrings?

No – the no jewellery (except religious), including earrings, rule is to prevent injury.

Can we have a basketball club?

Maybe – we need to consider where the hoops would be attached to as the current pitch wouldn't be suitable.

Can we change the playground and add: a bigger blue donut, trampoline and zip line.

No – this equipment wouldn't be safe in a busy playground with lots of children.

6th October 2022

Can we use rubbers in some lessons?

Maybe – but we do say no rubbers as teachers find that they distract children and sometimes cause messy books. We would prefer that you used a ruler to neatly cross out mistakes.

If a KS1 class wins the star line, can we have our prize 'extra playtime' in the big playground?

Yes – as long as there isn't a PE lesson.

Can we have more computing clubs?

Maybe – we need to find the people to run them, space and available time.

Can we have an end-of-year trip to an amusement park for the whole school?

No – the coaches and entry tickets are very expensive and it would be at least a two hour journey each way. We have lots of great places to visit in London.

Can we have more pizza toppings?

No - we tried this and it wasn't popular. You could, however, add this to your school lunch survey next term.

Can we have a sitting space if people don't have anyone to play with?

Yes - our Wellbeing Champions are introducing 'Friend Benches'.



It was a beautiful, sunny day and the WP School Council met on the roof.



Thank you to this week's Secretary and Chairperson, who ran the meeting with perfect organisation and professionalism!



Congratulations to the newly recruited Eco Team members, who are:

- 2C - Honor and Freddie S**
- 2L - Eugene and Anna**
- 3L - Nyren and Elizabeth**
- 3IC - Gene and Roly**
- 4M - Melissa and Freddie**
- 4C - Amy and Calum**
- 5E - Muiyi and Amber**
- 5C - Kimarla and Luc**
- 6B - Haleema, Jude and Theo**
- 6M - Tiarah, Harry and Ibrahim**

Last week, they collected their official Eco Team badges with much excitement and today they have had their first meeting with Laura to discuss upcoming whole school events, like recycling week and Fairtrade Fortnight, as well as discussing the environment review which they will complete in a few weeks' time. We received an incredible number of applications so we know that each and every child in WP will take part in promoting environment and sustainability issues in school. Thank you to each and every child who took the time to apply, you are all truly wonderful!



Colourful sundials

Year 5 have been patiently waiting all week for some autumn sunshine. Finally, on Thursday morning we were able to use our scientific skills to confirm our findings. To prepare for this experiment, the children created colourful sundials, which were labelled using Roman numerals. After much discussion, the children confirmed that the Sun appears to move across the sky due to Earth's rotation. Consequently, throughout the day the shadows that are created change based on where the sun is. Well done for using scientific vocabulary and superb team working skills.



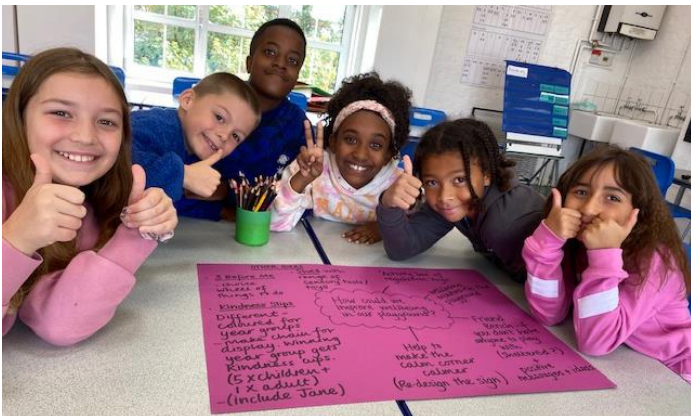


WP Wellbeing Champions

The Wellbeing Champions have already met several times this term to discuss the wellbeing of pupils at WP, and how they can help raise the profile and importance of good mental health. They are a brilliant team with lots of enthusiasm and ideas!



Their first job of the year was to set up the 'Regulation Station' boxes and deliver them to each classroom from Nursery to year 6. This supports our whole-school approach to 'Zones of Regulation' – providing a quiet space in the learning environment to practise self-regulation strategies with a range of tools.



Next, they met with our WAMHs linked professionals: Lora (CAMHs) and Cansu (MHST) were mightily

impressed with their skills, ideas, positive outlook and empathy for the children at William Patten. They asked and we have ordered two benches that will be decorated to become a 'Friend Bench' in each of the playgrounds. This will be a place for children to gather and make new friends as well as meet the Wellbeing Champions. What a great idea! I wonder how the team will decorate ours.



Wellbeing Champions are also introducing Kindness Slips – more information will be shared in assembly soon. Once their new bibs have arrived, the Wellbeing Champions will be out and about in the playground – keep an eye out for them!



WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH IN SCHOOLS (WAMHS) PROJECT

Parent Workshops in School

Our 'Managing Child Anxiety' and Turkish-speaking parent workshops were well-attended this week. Please come along and meet the WAMHs professionals: they are very experienced and able to offer support to parents and families across the school.

Next workshop...

'Behaviours that Challenge' (MHST)

Tuesday 18th October 9.15-10.15am

(repeated in Turkish at 10.30am). Please email admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk

to book your space. You can also book **Drop-in Consultations with Lora (CAMHs)**. See the 'Wellbeing' section the WP website for further details and dates.

Making playdough

In Nursery, we have had great fun making our own playdough. We worked as a group to mix up our flour, salt, yellow paint, lemon essence and cream of tartar and we talked about what we saw happening and the changes taking place. We enjoyed squeezing the playdough and adding more flour as it was a bit sticky. We then had great fun making pretend pizza, cakes, sausages and pancakes. We had great fun and enjoyed using the playdough again later in the week.

If you want to make some at home this is the easy recipe we used:

<https://theimaginationtree.com/best-ever-no-cook-play-dough-recipe/>



Tool of the Week

Each week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Classes practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. Here are the latest:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
26.9.22

MOVE IT
STRETCH IT OUT

While sitting or standing, stretch your body:

1. Stretch your arms to the sky and reach from side to side.
2. Stretch your legs out long.
3. Tip your head from one shoulder to the other.
4. Roll your shoulders in a circle, up toward your ears, then toward your back, then down. Then reverse direction.

How do you feel?

The ZONES of Regulation®

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ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
3.10.22

FEEL IT
PRESSURE POINTS

Use your fingertips to massage one of these spots:

- the center of your forehead
- your temples (the soft spot next to your eyes)
- your ear lobes

2. Rub this spot with medium pressure for one minute.

How do you feel?

The ZONES of Regulation®

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

Friday 30th September

Super Achievers

Nursery	Anna and Romilly
Rec C	Arthur
Rec YK	Rico-Osirir

HT Award Certificates

1H	Wilfred M, Simay, Robbie, Jeremiah, Ezra
1S	Rafe, Casper, Martha, Nancy, Ran
2C	Elise, Dante, Alfie, Honor, Lucas
2L	Mason, Ciro-Mael, Leni, Isabelle, Dante
3IC	Liya, Millie, Eli, Ronan, Keon, Shaneeya
3L	Grace, Nyren, Hamza, Ada, Micaiah
4C	Thierry, Sunny, Bram, Lukas, Enrico
4M	Imogen, Asya, Orhan, Mercer, Ellie
5C	Penelope, Aurelien, Betty, Louie, Sammy
5E	Bruno, Evie, Martha, Amelie, Aris
6B	Marnie, Su, Fred, Jude, Jack C
6M	Harry, Daniel, Ibrahim, Rufus, Vita

Friday 7th October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Israh and Oscar
Rec C	Martha
Rec YK	Leo S

HT Award Certificates

1H	Iris, Eva, Marlow, Hector, Sulaiman
1S	Matilda, Aylin, Hunter, Khaleem, Felix
2C	Clara, Suhayb, Freddie, Audrey, Arzu
2L	Blake, Lorcan, Max, Ellen, Ida
3IC	Galla, David, Nevaeh, Areal, Klara
3L	Aalia, Fatima, Josie, Huxley, Kay
4C	Violet, Betty, Tais, Nathan, Olivia
4M	Barin, Alba, Ali, Falcon, Melissa
5C	Zayan, Kimarla, Venla, Stella, Jayden
5E	Casper, Alex, Amber, Eliza, Enzo
6B	Pablo, Beatrix, Ed, Musa, Erdem
6M	Land, Taisiia, Isaac, Max, Arthur



October: Black History Month

10 th	6B to Kench Hill World Mental Health Day
12 th	2L visiting Ridley Rd Market and Dalston Curve Garden
13 th	2C visiting Ridley Rd Market and Dalston Curve Garden
13 th	PTFA Quiz Night (7.30pm, doors open at 6pm)
14 th	Reception visiting Abney Park
17 th	6M to Kench Hill
18 th	Year 2 visiting Clissold Park
18 th	Managing Behaviours that Challenge: Meeting for parents with Cansu (MHST) 9.15am
19 th	4M visiting Hackney Museum
19 th	1H visiting Ridley Rd Market and Dalston Curve Garden
20 th	1S visiting Ridley Rd Market and Dalston Curve Garden
20 th	5C visiting Hackney Museum
21 st	Break up for half term. Return on 31 st Oct
31 st	Year 2 visiting St Paul's Cathedral



Congratulations to **3IC** who are the attendance winners this time with **98.9%**. Well done **3IC**!

R Charlotte	95.5%	R Yeter/Kate	93.4%
Y1 Helen	97.9%	Y1 Sofia	98%
Y2 Christine	96.6%	Y2 Laura	94.9%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	98.9%	Y3 Luke	97.3%
Y4 Craig	98%	Y4 Marion	95.7%
Y5 Claire	98.5%	Y5 Eric	96.9%
Y6 Ben	97.2%	Y6 Maya	97.1%



Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day in the last fortnight: Nathan, Marty, Aydin, Milla, Orrin, Barin, Amayah, Joseph, Owen, Charlie, Ali, Ran, Poppy, Noah, Fatima, Martha and Clement. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you had a wonderful day!