

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

We have reached the end of a very busy half term and looking back over the last few weeks, it has been lovely to welcome parents back in school at the MYT meetings and for the Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic and of course to go out and about on so many more trips. We are looking forward to seeing parents at Parents' Evening in the two weeks after half term, when you will be able to see your child's lovely work and see their classroom in person! School is looking lovely and reflects our busy and exciting curriculum and the wonderful work and projects completed over this half term.

Year 6 have thoroughly enjoyed their residential trip to Kench Hill in Kent and I would like to thank the children for their exceptional behaviour, resilience and support for each other whilst away from school. You were excellent ambassadors for WP and your manners and the courtesy and respect shown towards each other and all staff, including those at the centre has been acknowledged by the Kench Hill team. "We really enjoy having the WP children at Kench Hill, they are so kind to each other and there are great relationships between the children and between the staff and children" The chef said the compliments about her food made her so happy! I was incredibly proud to hear that, but not surprised, as our children are wonderful!

I would also like to thank the staff - Ben, Sian, Billy, Maya, Alec and of course Cem (who went for both weeks!) - for going and without whom the trips would not have gone ahead. Thank you all – you are absolute stars!

Many congratulations to Tino, who received a gold medal for coming first out of all the boys and Leo P, who received a second place silver medal. This is such a fabulous achievement as over 60 boys from a number of primary schools competed in the Hackney Primary Schools' cycling league last week. Congratulations to Sadie R as she came second overall out of the girls! Amazing cycling and such strength and determination shown!

I have included information about absence requests as the number we are receiving is not sustainable in order for us to keep our very high attendance levels. I would be grateful if you would take the time to read the update, so that we can ensure that our attendance remains high and that children are in school and do not miss out.

Finally, I would like to wish a very happy Diwali to all our families who will be celebrating next week. We hope you have a lovely time and enjoy your celebrations.



Wishing all our families a restful half term and we look forward to everyone back in school on Mon 31st October. Best wishes,
Karen

PTFA Update

It's been another busy couple of weeks with the PTFA hosting the first event of the year on 13th October, the return of the now famous William Patten Quiz. The quiz was held at the school and attended by nearly 50 parents. A special thank you to Joe & Bella who wrote and hosted an amazing quiz, Bex & Stef for managing the food & drink, and Jon & David for hosting us excellently at the school, and of course everyone for coming. We raised over a thousand pounds which is a great start to our 2022/23 fundraising to support the hugely important activities that Karen and the school have planned for our children this year.

William Patten PTFA Lottery:

By way of a quick reminder, and plug to anyone who might not have seen prior comms, we run a monthly William Patten PTFA Lottery. The lottery is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. It is a great way to help raise money that all goes towards supporting the School activities that the PTFA fund. It also gives you a chance to win a cash prize on a monthly basis. You can sign up from as little as £1 a month. If you have any questions at all please contact Selwyn Renton at arcandsa@hotmail.com or anyone at the PTFA via the contact details below.

Finally a couple of dates for your diaries. The first is **Thursday 17th November**. The PTFA will be hosting an event, the details of which will be shared as soon as we're back from half term. The second is the **Christmas Fair** which is going to be held on **Sunday 4th December**.

If anyone has any ideas, thoughts or suggestions for ways the PTFA can help build the amazing community we have at William Patten, please get in touch.

In the meantime have a great half term and look forward to seeing you all in November!

Thanks

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Absence requests

After half term, the school will not authorise any absence requests for holidays. The number of requests for absence during term time has increased dramatically. Families are asking to take one or two weeks off during the term or are adding days to the usual holidays as flights are cheaper or they would like an extended holiday. Whereas in the past, the school has been able to support requests on an individual basis, the number we are receiving now has doubled. The school's overall attendance has always been above the national figure and our persistent absence figure (children who have missed 10% of their overall schooling) has always been below the national figure. This is no longer the case and it is extremely disappointing. Children who are not in school on the days before or after a holiday or not in on a Monday or Friday will be marked as an unauthorised absence, unless we have a doctor's note. Thank you for your support.

Year 6 residential trip to Kench Hill

We have been visiting Kench Hill for a number of years and Year 6 children always come back after spending the week there talking about the wonderful time they have had. The memories of the trip are very special. 6B visited last week and 6M spent this week there.

Kench Hill was superb! We had a great time trekking through woods and exploring the countryside. Spending the whole week with our friends was the best part. It wouldn't have been as much fun without them. The staff were all extremely friendly and prepared lots of fun activities such as shelter building, orienteering and gardening. The cooks made exquisite meals for us every day. The house was surrounded by acres of green fields with horses and cows roaming around freely. There were even two adorable Shetland ponies, who we were allowed to pet! On Tuesday, we went to Camber Sands, a beautiful beach that we mostly had all to ourselves. Everyone rushed into the sea fully clothed and came back soaking. Most of us went dune jumping, it was incredibly fun but as we had just been in the sea, the sand clung to our clothes. Some came back in their pants!! Our last outing was the Rare Breeds Centre, where we met cute animals who were all really sociable. Raphael said **"It was really interesting. I learnt lots of new things about gardening"**.

Edith said **"I really enjoyed Kench Hill. I loved spending time with my friends and learning new things"**.

By Beatrix Barr and Su Washitani 6B



6B had a wonderful time at Kench Hill. See how much fun they had





6M also enjoyed a super week at Kench Hill too:



1H went on a very exciting trip to Ridley Road Market and Dalston Curve Garden to celebrate Black History Month 2022! When we arrived at the market, the children went in groups with their adult to look at what was sold at the market. We spoke to a Nigerian stall holder called Adi who showed us the ingredients she imports from Nigeria. The children were able to smell and feel some of the ingredients and Adi told us that when she makes traditional Nigerian dishes it helps her to feel at home. After spotting the Black History Month globe at Ridley Road Market, we made our way to Dalston Curve Garden to find the next globe. 1H took time to sketch what they could see on the globe and we discussed what they thought the images represented. Everyone had a fantastic time and showed their wonderful curiosity about the world they live in. A huge thank you to our parent volunteers!



Y2 trip to Ridley Road and Dalston Curve Garden
Year 2 children were surprised to learn that Ridley Rd market is already 140 years old; and that people who live in the Caribbean hear about how wonderful the market is! They enjoyed seeing all the produce, and even got to discover a few fruit and vegetables that they had never seen or heard of before. We then bought some mangoes and a pineapple which the children enjoyed sharing back in class.



Year 4 Sewing Bee

The Year 4 Sewing Bee took place last week. The top floor was a hive of activity as the children transformed their 2D plans into a 3D wallet - creating pockets for passports, pokemon cards, money and precious objects! A special thank you to the Year 5 children who returned to their old classrooms to help out. It was so lovely to see how you had remembered your skills and you were so patient and kind. We will be needing your services again in the Spring term to help with our Pop-Up Café!



Diwali

To celebrate Diwali, we welcomed a dancer from West End in Schools to help the children retell the story of Rama and sits through dance. All classes either took part in a workshop or watched a performance as part of their learning about Diwali. We would like to wish all our families who will be celebrating, a very happy Diwali.



Trick or Treat - Hackney Foodbank

This Halloween, William Patten parents are running Trick or Eat and collecting vital supplies for Hackney Foodbank. If you're out Trick or Treating on Monday October 31st, please bring along some tins of food and packets of non-perishable food and follow the Trick or Eat map to find businesses and homes with collection boxes. The event, which is organised by the Local Buyers Club, has collected more than eight tonnes of food in recent years. Demand for the food bank has doubled and donations have halved so help is urgently needed. Many of the businesses on Church St and the High St are collecting from 3pm till 6pm and they'll be handing out treats to children too. There's more info at www.trickoreat.co.uk



Reception visited Abney Park

On Friday 14th October just after lunch, both the Reception classes went to visit Abney Park Cemetery for an autumn walk. In class we have been learning about the seasons and the changes that take place from summer to autumn. On our walk, we worked in small groups with parent helpers and staff to find autumn objects such as 'conker, pine cones, berries, leaf and twigs.' It got a little competitive as some groups managed to find berries and others didn't! Some children also managed to see a squirrel scuttle away which was very exciting! We were very lucky that it didn't rain and had fun exploring the cemetery. Learning about autumn has become interesting in Reception as we have gained new knowledge and facts about autumn objects.



Nursery footprints

In Nursery this week we have been looking at our bodies and our five senses. We particularly enjoyed using our sense of touch as we created foot prints in our chosen colour paint. It felt cold and slippery on our feet but it was great fun!



Pick up reminders:

Equipment

Please do not allow your children to play on the equipment, this includes the gym equipment and the climbing frame. We have had several incidents where children have had accidents and hurt themselves quite badly. This has usually been because they were using the equipment in a way they are not allowed to in school, for example going up the slide rather than down. The children who were hurt had not been supervised by their adult and school staff had to intervene.

Snacks after school

Many families bring their child snacks after school. The type of snack is obviously up to the parent to decide, but cakes, chocolate bars, croissants, doughnuts and crisps are being seen in abundance in the playground. If you provide this type of snack for your child, I would be grateful if you wait until you are off site before giving it to them, as it conflicts with the school's healthy eating policy and is confusing for other children.

Vaccination news

Over half term, thousands of extra bookable and walk-in appointments will be available for children and young people's vaccinations for polio, Covid-19 and flu, and for other routine immunisations such as measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). Polio is a highly-infectious virus (which can cause lifelong paralysis) and evidence suggests it is spreading in London. A polio booster vaccination is the best way to protect children & young people. Also as we head into winter, getting vaccinated against flu and Covid-19 gives vital extra protection from these dangerous

viruses which spread more easily in colder weather when we spend more time with friends and family indoors. [This letter](#) from Diane Jones (Chief Nursing Officer, NHS North East London) is for parents and guardians at your school or setting. The letter sets out what is on offer and why it is important for parents and carers to get their children vaccinated.

Andy Goldsworthy's land art

Year 2 finished off their art unit on 'Sculptures' by looking at the work of Andy Goldsworthy. We went to Clissold Park and collected lots of lovely autumnal leaves and seeds to create our own version of 'land art'.



Movers, Shakers and Community Makers

4M kicked off the KS2 celebrations of Black History Month when they went to the Hackney Museum to participate in a workshop called 'Movers, Shakers and Community Makers.' They met Elisha, a local artist, who emigrated to London when she was four. She shared her art with the class and also directed us in creating our own work. The class even managed to fit in a picnic and a playground visit before coming back to school for gymnastics. It was a very fun but tiring day! Thank you to all our parent helpers who came along.



Autumn fun in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we have been learning about autumn. We have enjoyed learning autumn songs and listening to autumn stories as well as making our autumn themed collages and making hoglets (baby hedgehogs) using model magic, sticks and googly eyes.



Tool of the Week

The latest Tools of the Week are below. The children have been practising in class as well as discussing which zone they would be useful for:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
10.10.22

DO IT
GROWING ROOTS



DO IT
GROWING ROOTS

1. Sit down on the ground, right where you are.
2. Feel your legs and bottom connect to the earth.
3. Let your body sink in and feel the support beneath you.

How do you feel?

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
17.10.22

FEEL IT
DESK REST



FEEL IT
DESK REST

1. While sitting at your desk, make a fist with your hands.
2. Stack one fist on top of the other.
3. Rest your head on top of your fists.
4. Close your eyes and let your head relax and sink into your fists.

How do you feel?

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

Reception Class Admissions – Sept 2023

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



OCTOBER

- 31st Children return to school
Y2 visiting St Paul's Cathedral

NOVEMBER

- 1st Dyslexia Awareness Week
2nd 5E visiting Hackney Museum
5E Parents' Evening
3rd Parents' Evening (whole school except 5E)
8th Parents' Evening (whole school)
9th 6B visiting Hackney Museum
5E Parents' Evening
10th Flu vaccinations for Reception - Year 6
Parents' Evening (whole school except 5E)
14th Road Safety Week: Be Bright Stay in Sight
EYFS Road Safety workshops
15th KS2 choir visiting St Anne's Nursing Home
16th 4C visiting Hackney Museum
6M visiting Hackney Museum
17th Constellations art workshops (+18th Nov)
24th Anti-Bullying week workshops
28th Ancient Egypt workshop for Y5
30th Ancient Egypt workshop for Y5

DECEMBER

- 4th Winter Fair
5th Last week of clubs
EYFS concert 2.15pm
6th Y1 and 2 concert 2.15pm
7th Y3 and 4 concert 2.15pm
9th Y5 and 6 concert 2.15pm
14th Christmas lunch
15th Party Day
16th Break up for Christmas holidays 1.30pm

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

Friday 14th October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Cherry and Julia
Rec C	Marty
Rec YK	Yaqub

HT Award Certificates

1H	Joseph, Isabelle, Deniz, Sulaiman, Phoebe
1S	Teo, Ronnie, Frankie, Coco, Vittoria
2C	Kimora, Freddie L, Milla, Huxley, Amos
2L	Eddy, Jae, Eloise, Kiaan, Defne
3IC	Shaneeya, Kerim, Klara, Lily, Theo H
3L	Grace, Arden, Ava, Tommy, Josiah
4C	Destiny, Aidan, Ares, Casper, Sumayyah
4M	Valentine, Freddie, Maria, Corin, Ocean
5C	Ihsan, Leia, Luc, Tino, Ben
5E	Aya, Doga, Leyla, Muyi, Mehmet
6M	Leo L, Mohammed Talha, Rudy, Aarya, Yoshi

Friday 21st October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Raphael and Joe
Rec C	Zoe
Rec YK	Sophia

HT Award Certificates

1H	Ali, Elliott, Fraser, Leul, Tommaso, Sebastian
1S	Poppy, Dolly, Federico, Aarav, Alexander
2C	Nisa, Georgina, Jamie, Kaan, Jack D
2L	Sebastian, Aroz, Ada, Mya and Rafe
3IC	Margot, Ozzy, Oscar, Roly, Gene
3L	Nyren, Fatima, Elizabeth, Arya, Nisa
4C	Bay, Leo, Zep, Enrico, Dylan
4M	Arwah, August, Ben, Lysander, Zora
5C	Evie, Theo, Ezra, Max and Elise
5E	Jonah, Juno, Ishaq, Denzel, Yusuf
6B	Abdul, Elijah, Ellis, Hector, Lucas

Football news



Well done to the Year 5 and 6 squad who can be seen (in the photo above) at the start of Young Hackney Y5&6 Football Tournament, looking happy for the challenge ahead. They performed really well amassing 9 points in the group stage. The tournament resumes on 11th November and we have to wait to see if we have qualified for the semi finals - we know it's going to be close. It was a wonderful day and those who came to watch would like to see more of this too! **Brian (WP football coach)**



Well done **3IC** who are the winners of the attendance chart for the second time in a row!

R Charlotte	96.1%	R Yeter/Kate	94.2%
Y1 Helen	97.3%	Y1 Sofia	97.7%
Y2 Christine	96.7%	Y2 Laura	95.4%
Y3 Ihsan/Craig	98.8%	Y3 Luke	97.6%
Y4 Craig	97.8%	Y4 Marion	96.4%
Y5 Claire	97.1%	Y5 Eric	97.3%
Y6 Ben	97.9%	Y6 Maya	97.4%



Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day in the last fortnight: Freddie, Emir, Matilda, Arden, Denzel, Ellora, Sufyan, Jonathan, Max, Corin, Oscar, Jude and Rufus. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!