

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after half term and despite the incessant rain, it is joyful to be back! The rain has caused much discussion amongst the children particularly the blocked drains, which resulted in huge oceans in both playgrounds! We have never seen puddles so big, they were definitely a WP world record! The children enjoyed making up stories about travelling across the sea in sailing boats to explore different worlds and many adventures included treasure chests, pirates, jellyfish, sharks and coral reefs, as well as the longest eel in the world! The good news is Jon managed to clear the drain and we may have to wait a while for our oceans to appear again! I hope you have enjoyed attending Parents' Evening and looking through your children's work and the displays around school. It has been lovely to welcome you and catch up. If you were not able to attend, please call the office to arrange a time to meet your child's teacher.

We are also looking forward to welcoming families back into school for our Christmas performances in December. The dates are at the end of the newsletter. The children have already started to learn some of their songs and although it might seem a little early, the celebrations will be here quicker than we know! We plan to have the performances in the small playground again this year, as there is more space and it was rather lovely singing outside. The Year 5 band will also have their debut performance too, which we are looking forward to very much. If the weather is not good, we would move inside, which we were not able to do last year, with Covid protocols still in place. So book the date in your diary! We have organised the Christmas lunch menu as well and will be sending details home soon about a delicious roast dinner! Finally, I would like say a very big thank you to August who rescued many of our KS1 and 2 library books from Stoke Newington library. A lot of WP library books (the bag was incredibly heavy!), had been returned there and he very kindly brought them back to school so they have come home. Thank you August, that was very considerate and thoughtful of you ☺. Let's hope the books don't escape again!

Have a lovely weekend and make the most of the sunshine, which is the forecast.

Best wishes
Karen

Thank you August!



Dyslexia Awareness Week

At William Patten, Dyslexia Awareness Week ran from the 31st of October to the 5th of November. We had assemblies to talk about the week and asked the children to think about what they know about dyslexia. We were lucky enough to have lots of questions from curious children, and insights from children who already knew quite a lot! Around the school we have had posters promoting famous and well-known people with dyslexia such as Tom Holland, Pablo Picasso, Holly Willoughby and Maggie Aderin-Pocock.

The British Dyslexia Association's theme this year was 'Breaking Through Barriers'; they have posted many stories of adults and children with dyslexia and barriers they have broken through in their lives on their website: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/>

PTFA update

As we career towards the end of 2022, we've been busy as a PTFA planning for the **William Patten Winter Fair**. As a reminder the Winter Fair will take place on **Sunday 4th December**.

The theme for the Fair this year is going to be a Winter Wonderland Treasure Hunt. We'll share more detail over the coming weeks.



We need your help! To organise and deliver a successful Winter Fair relies on support from across the entire parent community. If you can help in anyway, be that coordinating a stall, baking a cake, helping with set up and take down or anything really, please get in touch with Evan on 07773 358078.

In addition to the Winter Fair we're also busy planning the inaugural **William Patten Film Night**.

The evening will involve a festive themed film (suitable for all ages) some food and drink, and an opportunity for parents and children to have fun and socialise. The film night will be held at the school on **Friday 9th December**. We'll share more details on how you book your place in the next Patten Pages.



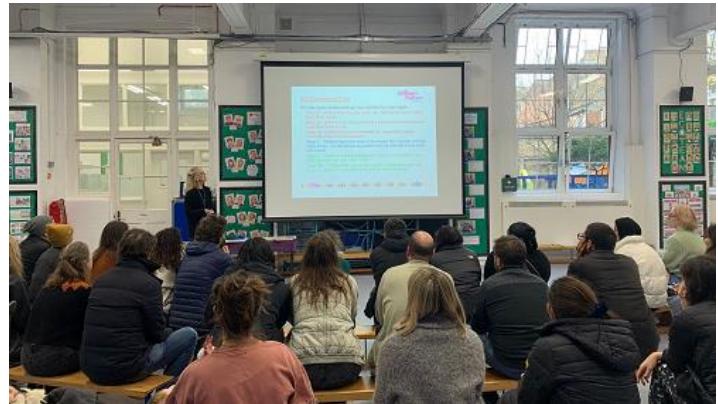
Have a wonderful weekend.

Regards,

The PTFA Team

RWI meeting for Reception parents

It was wonderful to see so many Reception parents at the RWI Meeting on Friday morning. During the meeting, we reviewed how RWI is taught in Reception including the teaching of Set 1 sounds, oral blending, assisted and independent blending. Suggestions of how parents can help at home were also discussed. A copy of the presentation will be emailed to parents with the weekly newsletter. There will be another RWI meeting, during the spring term, to review next steps.



Parent Volunteer in School

A very big thank you to Brad (also known as dad to Kay and Mercer) who was sponsored by MillerKnoll, to come into school for a 'Day of Purpose'.

We set him the task of clearing out a very big and very stuffed cupboard of documents for archiving. He found lots of treasure along the way and got to have lunch with Kay too.

We welcome parent volunteers in school - let us know if you're ever available and who knows what we'll find you to do!

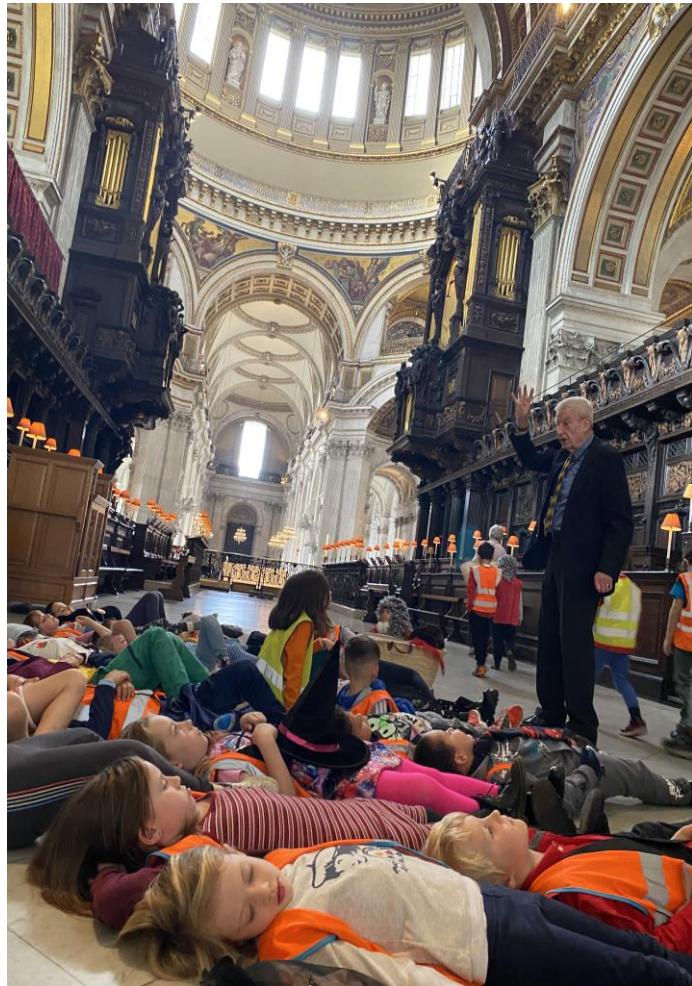


The Great Fire of London

In the week leading up to half term, Year 2 began their new topic 'The Great Fire of London'.

On the first day back after half term, they participated in a Great Fire of London workshop, at St Paul's Cathedral. The workshop was a great chance for all the children to learn more about the Great Fire and just how badly it had affected the city of London. Children joined in for different aspects of the workshop, from retelling how the Great Fire took hold of London in 1666, to looking at artefacts from the Great Fire itself. They also saw three pictures of St Paul's, before the Great Fire, and learnt that the current Cathedral is actually model number 5! The children also gazed in awe at Sir Christopher Wren's design of the dome from the Cathedral floor.

Finally, we all climbed up many many stairs (378!) to the Stone Gallery and took in the views of London's skyline today! It was a great chance to learn first-hand about The Great Fire and its impact on London!



Space and Time

In Nursery, we have started our new topic "Space and Time." We have enjoyed the stories "The Man on the Moon" and "Whatever Next." We have made our own rockets and have enjoyed making and making up stories about astronauts in our large rocket. We have also been learning songs about the solar system and recorded what we remembered happening in the story "Whatever Next" using programmable pegs.





WP School Council 2022-23

Our School Council got off to a great start in the first half term and have already made lots of suggestions to help improve the school experience for the pupils of William Patten. Here are the suggestions and actions from our recent meetings

We have lots of ideas for additional clubs: geography, Ukrainian, KS2 nature club, phonics (Maria will LOVE this!) and tennis in the park before school. Can we start them next term?

Maybe – we will have a look at the list and spaces available. We'd also need extra people to run them.

Can we have an end of year dance party?

Yes – if your teacher agrees, you can have them in your classrooms in July.

Can we include more fun maths games in lessons? Maybe – I'll let your teachers know that you like them. Maybe they could be an optional extra sometimes? Or be set up for wet play?

Can we have more garlic in the food?

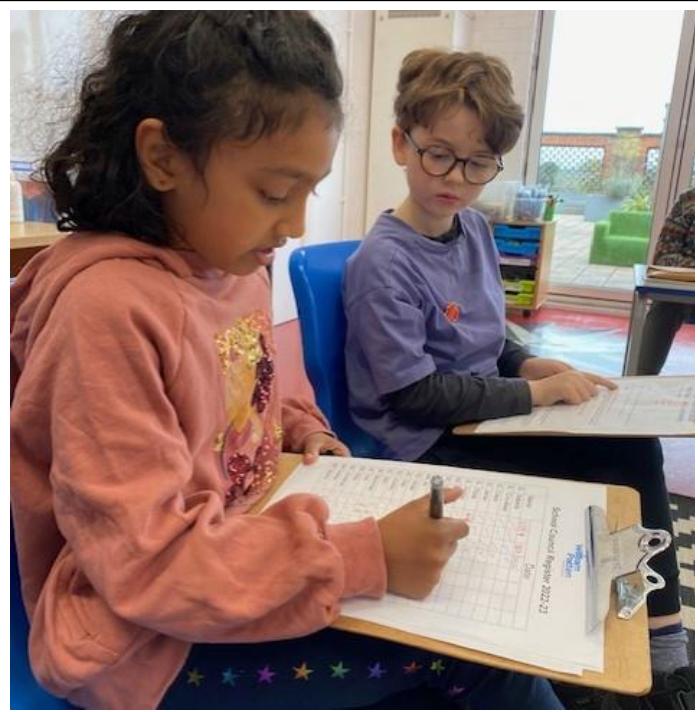
No – Ali and his team have to cater for all tastes and lots of children wouldn't like lots of garlic.

Can we have carrot sticks instead of grated carrot sometimes, and the return of gravy with chicken on Thursday? Maybe – Elmara will check with the kitchen and let you know.

Can we have a bowl of fruit in the KS2 playground? KS1 children are given fruit for free (funded by the Government). KS2 are allowed to bring a piece of fruit into school for playtime. Unfortunately the school doesn't have the money to provide free KS2 fruit.

Can we have apple juice in the lunch hall?

No – we have to provide water and milk for all pupils at lunchtime as they are the healthiest drinks. Apple juice is sugary.



Can we have an extra 10 minutes added to playtime every day? No – we have to provide a specified number of teaching and learning hours (set by Government).

The upstairs toilets spray water rather than running smoothly. Can they be checked? Yes! David will look at them.

Can we have a sibling meet up in the KS1 playground at lunchtime? We could call it, 'come play with me'.

What a great idea. We'll start planning the launch!

Can we loop our letters? No – the whole school follows the Nelson handwriting scheme which does not loop letters.

Can we have a creative writing day (a bit like Big Art Day)? Maybe – that's a lovely idea. I'm sure that Maya (English Lead/year 6 teacher) will love it too!

When is No Pens Wednesday coming back?

Soon! Caitlin is already planning it.

Why not have a school backpack rather than a book bag (as you can't fit much in it). I'm sure they'd look really cool and it's a great idea.

Unfortunately, however, we don't have the storage space in school for hundreds of backpacks.

CHARITY COLLECTIONS



School Council Charity Collections will start next week so look out for the red buckets at gates before and after school (and please remember your cash)!

Matisse Inspired Paper Cut-outs



Children at Y4/5 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, which he made towards the end of his life, and recorded their observations about the colours, shapes and composition in their sketchbooks.



They then practised the technique of 'painting with scissors', before creating their own Matisse-inspired artwork.



Colours were selected, shapes cut and different compositions tried, before finally (and firmly) sticking everything to the background. The finished artworks are incredible and very much mini-Matisse!



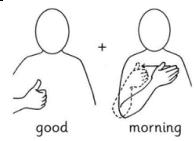
Our new Language of the Month is Bosnian!

We have had two Bosnian speakers recently join William Patten - Aster and Martha in Reception. As Bosnian is a new language spoken at William Patten, we thought it was a great opportunity to have Bosnian as our new Language of the Month. During the whole school virtual assembly the classes learnt that Bosnian is spoken by around 2.5 million people around the world along with facts about Bosnia and Herzegovina. The majority of Bosnian speakers currently live in Bosnia and Herzegovina but some native speakers may also live in Serbia and Montenegro. There are many other areas of the world that have influence from the Bosnian language due to the fact that many residents were forced to leave Bosnia and Herzegovina to go to live in other countries, including England. Bosnia and Herzegovina is located in southeast Europe. The country borders Croatia, Serbia, and Montenegro. It is also bordered by the Adriatic sea to the southwest, along a narrow extension of the country. Bosnia and Herzegovina is a mountainous country, with the Dinaric alps being a major part of the landscape. The flag of Bosnia and Herzegovina consists of a blue background, a large yellow triangle, and nine diagonal stars. These stars represent Europe and the cut off stars also suggest that the stars for Europe are infinite. The yellow triangle represents the simplified shape of Bosnia and Herzegovina you can see on the map. The colours, yellow, white, and blue are often associated with peace and neutrality. During the assembly, the teachers and children were able to practice Bosnian greetings that they are going to use in the morning and afternoon register and we will continue to use the Makaton signs alongside the greetings. Why don't you have a go at learning Bosnian words and phrases!

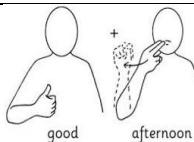
Bosnian words and phrases

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

Good morning -
Dobrojutro



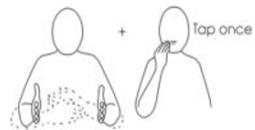
Good afternoon -
Dobardan



School dinners - Školski ručak



Packed lunch - Lanch paket



Please - Molimtay



Thank you - Hvala ti



Hello - Zdravo



Goodbye - Doviđenja



Club spaces



We have lots of wonderful clubs running for children at William Patten and currently have spaces in the following:

- Spanish
- Y3 and 4 cricket
- Y2 football
- Y3 football
- Y2 and 3 lego club

If your child would like to sign up for any of these clubs, please email Carole at clubs@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk

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

Friday 4th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Shanelle and Navraj
Rec C	Imogen
Rec YK	Teddy

HT Award Certificates

1H	Eva, Lily, Mia, Odhran, Fraser
1S	Rafe, Noah, Eden, Thiago, Luqman
2C	Mason, Audrey, Poppy, Jack Q, Henry
2L	Eugene, Aroz, Taha, Lorcan, Aster
3IC	Gene, Matilda, Daisy, Patrick, Matiu
3L	Ollie, Aalia, Juliet, Nyren, Josie
4C	Destiny, Sadie, Calum, Emmy, Bram
4M	Asya, Tazio, Serafina, Romy, Orhan
5C	Tino, Una, Evie, Audrey, Luc
5E	Amber, Flossy, Zia, Inayah, Bruno
6M	Yoshi, Clement, Tiarah, Leo P, Bowie
6B	Abdul, Raphael, Jack S, Lucas, Kaizer

Friday 11th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Sebastian and Liyat
Rec C	Zakia
Rec YK	Olivia

HT Award Certificates

1H	Margot, Deniz, Kiran, Wilfred K, Eesa
1S	Nancy, Eesa, Owen, Coco, Sumayyah
2C	Elijah, Jack D, Kimora, Jamie, Suki
2L	Felix, Eddy, Dante, Isabelle, Ellen
3IC	Joseph, Belle, Vilma, Arabella, Theo
3L	Tobi, Hamza, Amaiayah, Matilda, Ellora
4C	Tais, Betty, Esha, Sadie, Thierry
4M	Ali, Ellie, Mercer, Sadie, Yusuf, Arwah
5C	Theo, Tiggy, Louie, Sammy, Ihsan
5E	Doga, Yusuf, Marla, Kacey, Casper
6M	Pelle, Shahnaz, Tiarah, Oscar, Arthur
6B	Theo, Jonathan, Quentin, Zack

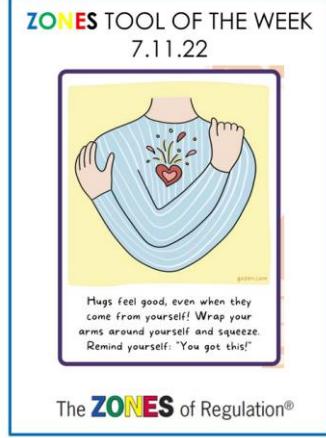
Our visit to Hackney Museum - Abdul and Ed

The trip we went on to Hackney Museum was really fun because we learned about influential figures in Hackney of African and Caribbean heritage. We met a Zimbabwean artist called Alisha and she showed us some of her prodigious artwork. She let us take back to school some superb African cloth to make some alluring self-portraits. We learned about many different jobs such as barbers, teachers, artists, basketball players, star engineers

We saw many statues and designs by these Black heroes. We had a great time and know the years to come will enjoy it too!! **By Abdul and Ed (6B)**

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:



Cycling League

On Friday, the Year 5 and 6 members of the William Patten cycling team took part in their second race of the year. The children represented William Patten impeccably, cycling to and from Hackney Downs safely, and displaying perfect behaviour throughout the afternoon. The race required our cyclists to display a range of skills - cycling on different terrains, turning corners and avoiding obstacles. We have three new medals to add to our trophy cabinet! Well done to everyone and thank you to the parents who joined us. Looking forward to the next one!



William Patten Girls' Football Team



Well done to our wonderful William Patten players at the end of their excellent tournament. We started a bit later than planned, due to all the traffic delays which meant the group matches were reduced to 5 minute games. It made no difference to us as we went unbeaten, scoring lots of goals and conceding zero!! I think this is a record goalkeeping record for Grace as I can't remember us ever not conceding before in the group stage! I think Hattie scored at least 6 goals and there were strong performances from every single player - they were all amazing. We went through to the quarter finals where we met our old rival Betty Layward. It was a tight affair which went to penalties and despite our efforts we lost 2-1. I am really proud of the team's superb efforts and look forward to seeing them in action again – **Brian Bramble (football coach)**



Well done **3L** who are the winners of the attendance chart this time with a high score of **98.1%**. Please remember if you miss school you miss out!

R Charlotte	95.1%	R Yeter/Kate	94.3%
Y1 Helen	96.5%	Y1 Sofia	96.2%
Y2 Christine	95.8%	Y2 Laura	95.4%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	97.4%	Y3 Luke	98.1%
Y4 Craig	96.2%	Y4 Marion	96.9%
Y5 Claire	96.7%	Y5 Eric	97.5%
Y6 Ben	97.6%	Y6 Maya	97.9%

Dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

- 14th Road Safety Week: Be Bright Stay in Sight. EYFS Road Safety workshops.
- 15th KS2 choir visiting St Anne's Nursing Home. LSO visiting 5E.
- 16th 4C visiting Hackney Museum.
- 17th Constellations art workshops (+18th Nov).
- 21st Year 2: Walk around Stoke Newington. WP Recycling Week.
- Y6 virtual workshop: Greek Temples. Recycling assemblies.
- 23rd Y6 virtual workshop: Greek Temples.
- 24th Anti-Bullying show and workshops.
- 28th Ancient Egypt workshop for Y5.
- 29th KS2 choir follow up to St Anne's Nursing Home.
- 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
- PTFA movie night for children & parents
- 14th Christmas lunch
- 15th Party Day
- 16th Break up for Christmas holidays: 1.30pm



Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day during the last fortnight: Nisa, Matiu, Pablo, Klara, Max, Wilfred, Simay, Hunter, Isaac, Ed, Stella, Calum, Dylan, Luqman, Winston, Rai, Callum, Leo, Mohinder, Rafe, Aya, Arlo, Taedon, Musa and Hafsa. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

Thank you!

We are very grateful for the support from parents who have purchased: **School photographs** – we made a commission of **£481.43!**

Christmas cards - commission of **£753.20!**

Thank you WP parents! By taking part it helps the school raise money to be invested in our children!