

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Friday 25th November 2022

Dear parents,

The end of a busy week with Recycling Week and Anti Bullying Week taking place at WP, as well as singing rehearsals. The children have also been busy working incredibly hard learning their Christmas songs for the shows the week after next. They are sounding quite beautiful already and I am being serenaded regularly in my office! We had supply teachers covering in lower KS2 on Tuesday and they were mightily impressed by the quality of the singing ☺ I will not reveal all the songs, so we will keep the performances a surprise, but I know you will know the songs your child is singing because they must have been practising at home too!

Both Year 5 classes took part in Art workshops this week run by *See You In Stokey* and local artists *Output Arts*. It is part of a community lights project across Stoke Newington called *Constellations*, designed to bring joy and cheer in the winter months. We were delighted to be part of the event, which will culminate in a lantern procession along Church Street on Saturday 3rd December from Stoke Newington Town Hall. The children made beautiful star shaped lanterns made from willow and paper, which will look magical when lit in the shop windows. Thank you to Jenna and Holly from Early Bird, who invited us to take part.

We have a number of traditions that take place at this time of year. We have been collecting for the Hackney Food Bank

www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk and the Spitalfields Crypt Trust www.sct.org.uk for a number of years and would like to do so this year too. Instead of physical donations of tinned goods, packets, clothing etc, we have set up a donation point on Pay 360, where families can donate and we will split the money equally between the two charities, as we always do. The charities can then decide how best to spend the funds. The donation point is open now and will close at 3.30pm on Thursday 15th

December. It means we have just enough time to send the money before we break up for the holiday. Last year we raised over £1000, which was very much appreciated by the charities. We would be very grateful if you would consider making a donation this year if you can.

Thank you.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

Change to start and finish times:

The Government has stated that all schools need to offer 32.5 hours of teaching time from September 2023. This means a school day has to be 5 and a half hours per day. Our school day is currently 5 hours and 20 minutes, as teachers from Reception – Year 6 are working either from 9am – 3.20pm or 9.10am – 3.30pm, with an hour for lunch.

From January 2023, all children in Reception up to Year 6 will start school at 9am and finish at 3.30pm. This will put us in line with the DfE requirements and will support parents who are finding the staggered start and particularly the collection challenging, as there is a 10 minute wait if you are collecting siblings from KS2. The children will be collected from the same places they currently wait at the end of the day, with the exception of Year 5 and 6, who will wait on the Astroturf in the small playground when we implement the changes.

I would be grateful if you could continue to collect your children and leave the playground promptly, so that Fit For Sport can use both playgrounds. Please also ensure that your children do not play on the climbing frame / gym equipment.

I will send out another reminder before the end of term. Thanking you in advance.

Karen

PTFA update

Dear Parents,

It's been a busy couple of weeks preparing for the Winter Fair next week **Sunday 4th December - 13:00 to 16:00**. Plans are coming together and we're really excited to welcome everyone to what will be a fun packed afternoon. We're still looking for volunteers to help with set-up on the Saturday and during the day on Sunday so if you can spare any time to help please get in touch with Evan on 07773 358078 or evanjameswilliams77@gmail.com.

We're also preparing for the inaugural movie night on **Friday 9th December**. The evening will involve a festive themed film (suitable for all ages), food and drink, and an opportunity for parents and children to have fun and socialise. To book your place please follow the link below and book a ticket. Tickets are free and donations will be welcome on the day. Please book one ticket per child, parents don't need to book a ticket.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/william-patten-movie-night-tickets-475140256297>

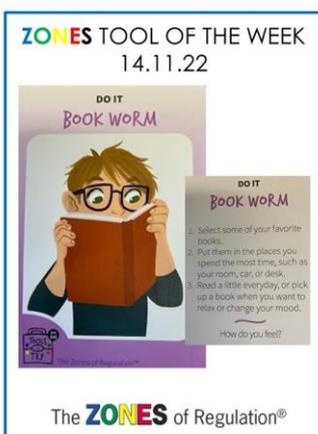
Finally, we're really excited to announce the date for the next William Patten PTFA quiz. It's going to take place on **Thursday 2nd February 2023**. Please put the date in your diaries, you won't want to miss it...

Have a great weekend.

Regards,
The PTFA Team

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:



William Patten's very own film stars!

Audrey and Elise (2C) travelled to Kent in July 2021 to do a day's filming. It was for a film called *Living* starring Bill Nighy which was written by Kazuo Ishiguro.

Living is currently in cinemas and doing very well. It has 5* reviews in [The Guardian](#), [the Telegraph](#) and [Time Out](#), after playing lots of film festivals around the world including Venice, Sundance and Toronto.



This is the official publicity still with Audrey and Elise on set (and 'in character' as two children in 1952 London). Audrey's dad said it was a short sequence they filmed but an important one to the film's story and themes.

The girls had a super day on-set in Chatham and their names even appear in the end credits! What a wonderful experience and perhaps we'll see more of Audrey and Elise on the big screen in the future!

Trailer for *Living*:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t2L8CP31-14>

Ukulele Club

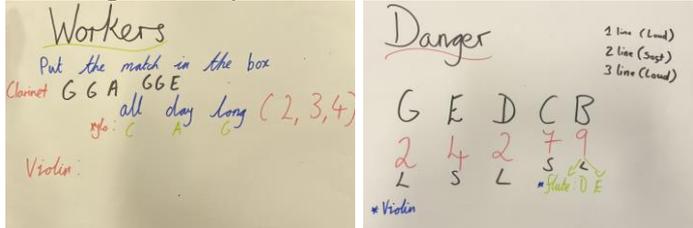
Ukulele club has started at William Patten! They meet every Thursday after school. The children are learning how to hold their ukuleles, keep in time with each other and also beginning to learn a two-chord song. Suggestions for a name for the group are welcome - The Stoke Nukingtons?

Many thanks to Debs and Laura for running this group. We are very lucky to have you.



London Symphony Orchestra

William Patten were thrilled to welcome back members of the London Symphony Orchestra to help complete 5E's recent music project, which is based on a composition by Hannah Kendell. 5E, in collaboration with the LSO, have been developing an exciting piece of music that encapsulates the mood, energy and story of the Victorian Bryant and May Match Factory. The children were initially shocked by the working conditions that these poor young girls had to endure, but they were also inspired by their bold and novel action, which paved the way for safe and fair working conditions. Over the past few weeks, the children independently composed every rhythm and note of their original composition.



To add an extra layer of excitement to the piece, the children had the opportunity to add a flute and viola to their thrilling piece of music. It was a real moment of awe in wonder when the children got to hear the beauty and talent of these immensely talented musicians. To help fine-tune their composition, a professional composer supported them in arranging their piece of music, which created light and shade in their work. Their performance was a success with rave reviews by all the children of Year 3. WP is very much looking forward to welcoming the LSO back in 2023.



Free book from the Book Trust

Reception children were very excited to receive a free book, from the Book Trust, which is part of their annual campaign to encourage children to spend a little time each day reading. This year, the Time to Read pack includes a copy of the delightful story *We're going to Find the Monster* by Malorie Blackman and Dapo Adeola. You might find the Book Trust website link useful:

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/what-we-do/programmes-and-campaigns/time-to-read/>

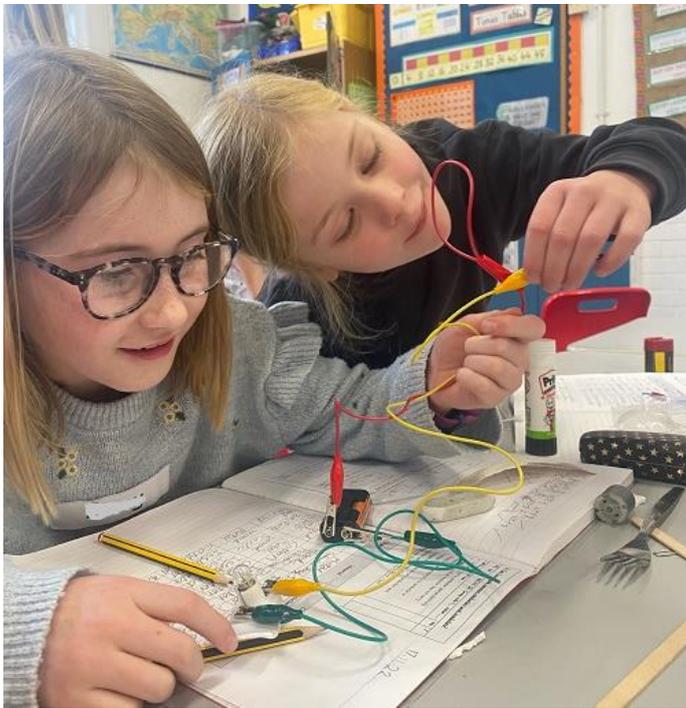


Be safe around electricity

Year 4 have been learning all about electricity in Science this week. They have made simple electrical circuits and investigated which materials are good conductors and insulators. In addition, they have learned about how to be safe around electricity.

Here are some tips:

- Ask an adult for help when plugging or unplugging a socket.
- Make sure wires do not trail across the floor.
- Dry your hands thoroughly before touching electrical appliances.
- Don't stick anything into a toaster while it is on.
- Don't leave devices charging overnight.



Year 6 virtual workshop

Year 6 are starting an exciting new topic on **Ancient Greece**. Yesterday 6B had a virtual meeting with Alex who works at the British Museum. We had a terrific time learning about Greek gods and the temples in which people went to worship them. The workshop was very interactive and everyone was eager to contribute their ideas. Alex gave us little quizzes and activities along the way!

Ellis 6B *"I enjoyed it because it was interactive and was interesting how people didn't actually worship gods inside the temple".* What Ellis means by this is that people prayed and worshipped in the sanctuary, a quiet place outside the temple.

By Su and Nana 6B



Nursery made aliens!

As part of our work on "Space and Time" Nursery have been enjoying making stories about Space. We have been looking at the book "My sister is an alien" and have made our own playdough aliens using playdough, pipe cleaners, pom poms, lolly sticks and google eyes inspired by the aliens in the story.



Teaching for Mastery Workgroup at William Patten

William Patten is now working with 13 other local schools, from both Hackney and Barking and Dagenham, to support in the teaching of mathematics using the mastery approach. Each half term, participants from each of the schools will visit to attend a 'workgroup' where they will take part in a lesson study of a maths lesson at William Patten. Participants then consider how this might inform practice in their own settings, with teachers at William Patten also taking part as part of the school's commitment to continued professional development. This term's workgroup involved in a Y4 lesson on the 9x table and related division facts, and the children developed strategies for recall, as well as relating their learning to reasoning and problem solving. The children worked incredibly during the lesson, and were excellent ambassadors for the school. The participants were also very complimentary about the children's focus and work ethic within the lesson as well as how the subject was being taught. William Patten is a specialist school within the DfE funded national Maths Hubs programme. As part of our work within the London North East Maths Hub, we are also able to access and benefit from regular quality training from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).



Sowing with the Eco Team

Year 2 and Year 3 members of the Eco Team sowed green manure in the edible playground this week. The children had to clear the ground of all the frozen leaves and then prepare the wet soil. There were some excellent questions from the group as to why we were planting in November, and the children learnt that the seeds could be successfully planted directly outdoors throughout the winter months. The children learnt that the plants that would grow would be rich in nutrients and will be dug into the soil at the beginning of Spring when we are ready to grow our usual mix of fruit and vegetables when the growing season begins. The children were a great help, and worked well together to get the job done. We are now on the look-out for early signs of germination.



Anti-Bullying Week 2022

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, we had a visit from a theatre company called 'Open View Education'. In the wonderful interactive session we learnt all about Milly and Phillip and how sometimes people can be encouraged to be unkind to others. There is a name for that, and it is bullying and all the children knew it was very important to 'Speak Up and Reach Out' which was the core message of the session. Children got to take part in the show and everyone left knowing how to get support if they need it and to also look out for all our friends at school.



William Patten
Primary School

WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CARERS

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SCERTS FRAMEWORK FOR SUPPORTING AUTISTIC CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Olivia Malone, Autism Specialist Speech and Language therapist, will provide an introduction to the evidence based SCERTS framework and cover some helpful strategies for supporting autistic children and young people at home and in school.



VENUE: William Patten (Please come to the office)

DATE: Monday 12th January 2:00-3:00 pm

FACILITATORS:

Olivia Malone-NHS Autism Specialist Speech and Language Therapist

Hajra Siddiqui- William Patten link Speech and Language Therapist

Caitlin Shaw-SENCO

If you would like to attend, please let Wendy or Jane in the school office know, so that we can get an idea of numbers.

We're in the Eco Schools Brochure!

We were thrilled to have such a large feature in the Hackney Eco Schools Brochure, which proudly shows our Eco Team, from last academic year, engaging with workshops, gardening and being all round Eco superstars by helping promote issues like cleaner air in the local area and making sure we recycle in school properly! A copy of the brochure will be delivered to each class for them to share and keep in book corners, it is also up on the school website for you to read in full.



Hackney Green Flag Eco-Schools

- Betty Layward Primary School
- Comet Nursery & Children's Centre
- Hoxton Garden Primary School
- Jubilee Primary School
- Millfields Community School
- Orchard Primary School
- Phoenix Montessori Nursery
- Rushmore Primary School
- Shacklewell Primary School
- Shoreditch Primary School
- Simon Marks Jewish Primary School
- Southwold Primary School
- St John the Baptist Primary School
- Tam's House Nursery
- Wentworth Nursery & Children's Centre
- William Patten Primary School



- 400 classroom recycling bins installed and 10 waste audits conducted with students to improve recycling capture and participation



- All 40 Eco Schools recycle their food waste with our free service
- UCL supporting 'climate friendly' canteen menus across 4 schools



- Eco-School pupils take part in Clean Air Day workshops and learn how to take action against the causes of air pollution

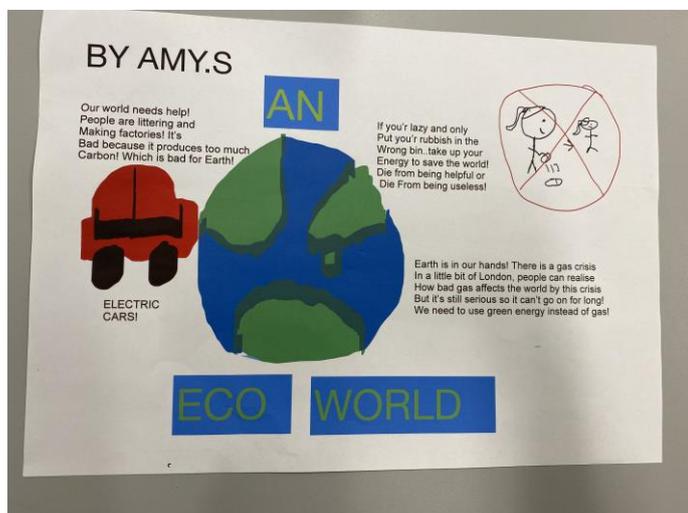
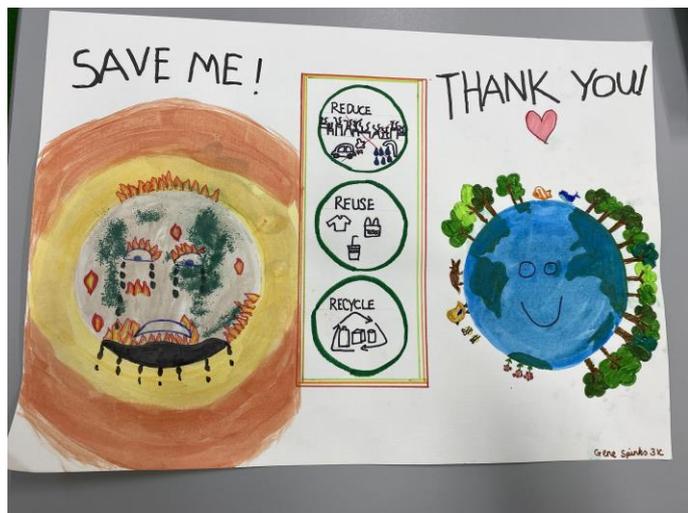
Year 2 walked around the local area

On our local area walk of Stoke Newington, we enjoyed following our route on a map, while checking which direction we were walking in with our compass. Along the way, we stopped to observe the 'land use' in the area and record this on our tally chart.



Recycling Week

Each year group took part in brilliant, interactive recycling workshops this week, as part of our recycling week celebrations. We welcomed Kelly, who is an environmental officer from Hackney council, and learnt all about how we can reduce, reuse and recycle products both at home and at school. The Eco Team also designed some posters too, which are proudly displayed in the corridors for everyone to admire. A special thanks to Gene in 3IC and Nyren in 3L who helped Laura put them up all around school!



'Recycle, reuse and reduce'

This week, Nursery and Reception found out more about recycling as part of recycling week in school. Kelly, who is an environmental officer from Hackney Council came in to tell us how we can recycle, reuse and reduce at school and home. The children were confident to share their own knowledge about recycling food waste from snack time and we learnt that this food waste then goes into our compost at school. Children also learnt and talked about recycling at home, with children also telling us how they recycle their milk containers at home. When we came back to class, the children talked about things we do in class to recycle and were keen to talk about it over the lunch break when we looked at what we could recycle or add to the food waste bin.

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

Friday 18th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Aoife and Mia
Rec C	Aela
Rec YK	Iris

HT Award Certificates

1H	Bella, Ezgi, Khloe, Hector, Simay, Eesa
1S	Sumayyah, Hunter, Maya, Teo, Khaleem
2C	Freddie L, Freddie S, Honor, Huxley, Kaan
2L	Ciro-Mael, Jae, Ada, Sebastian, Flora
3IC	Rafi, Millie, Liya, Keon, Eli
3L	Ava, Fatima, Micaiah, Josie, Theo
4C	Bay, Violet, Leo, Lukas, Zep
4M	Imogen, Emir, Aalish, Rosie, Sawyer
5C	Sammy, Ihsan, Zayan, Una, Olive
5E	Enzo, Mohinder, Jonathan, Eliza, Jonah
6M	Vita, Land, Oscar, Isaac, Ibrahim
6B	Jack S, Edith, Nana, Jack C, Jude

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Super Achievers

Nursery	Kimya and Kit
Rec C	Noah
Rec YK	Rai

HT Award Certificates

1H	Leul, Phoebe, Marlow, Wilfred M, Fraser
1S	Casper, Ran, Sophia, Dolly, Ronnie
2C	Milla, Kimora, Georgina, Dante D, Nisa
2L	Mya, Anna, Khush, Max, Lorcan
3IC	Galla, David, Ronan, Nevaeh, Areal
3L	Arlo, Arden, Nyren, Kay, Feadan
4C	Sumayyah, Nathan, Casper, Calum, Alisa
4M	Melissa, Maria, Lysander, Falcon, Barin
5C	Harleen, Elise, Ilakya, Neelam, Leia
5E	Alfie, Alex, Ishaq, Martha, Muiy
6M	Clement, Aisha, Pelle, Aras, Aarya
6B	Musa, Su, Aydin, Haleema, Pablo

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day during the last fortnight: Martha, Aras, Harry, Margot, Su, Robbie, Leo, Leni, Ruben, Dante, Honor, Ciro-Mael, Georgina, Rosie, Elise, Alfie and Lili-Marie. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

PTFA Lottery



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

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

Aug 2022

1 st	Andrea Palmer-Gray	£40
2 nd	Katie Hoare	£30
3 rd	Dimi Alexopoulou	£20

Sept 2022

1 st	Ita Langan	£40
2 nd	Sian Davies	£30
3 rd	Kate Newman	£20

Attendance chart



Well done **3IC** who are once again the winners of the attendance chart with a high score of **98.5%**.

R Charlotte	94.6%
R Kate/Yeter	94.8%
Y1 Helen	95.3%
Y1 Sofia	96.1%
Y2 Christine	96.3%
Y2 Laura	95.4%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	98.5%
Y3 Luke	97.3%
Y4 Craig	96.4%
Y4 Marion	94.9%
Y5 Claire	95.8%
Y5 Eric	97.5%
Y6 Ben	97.1%
Y6 Maya	97.4%