

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

 **Issue 200**

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Dear parents,

This is the last edition of the Patten Pages this year and the 200th edition! I do hope you enjoy reading it each fortnight as it really does reflect the life of the school. A special thank you to Rita, who collates all the articles and puts it together. Personally I think it is the best newsletter out there, but I might be a bit biased ☺

I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to the WP staff team for all their hard work this term. The entire team, regardless of their job title, play such an important part in making our school the unique and special place it is. Absences have been very challenging again this term, but from the outside you would never know and that is down to the strength of our team and their determination to make sure that the quality of education is uncompromising. We are incredibly fortunate to have staff who are committed to ensuring our children are happy, enjoy coming to school, enjoy learning, have fun and feel valued.

The teachers go above and beyond when it comes to planning lessons, ensuring that learning is accessible and exciting, as well as being supported by trips and additional activities. I know how hard they work and how they care about the wellbeing of the whole child. Our support staff are also fabulous. TAs support children's learning in class and also work very hard at playtime and lunchtime. The office team have the answer to everything and are always so kind and patient with everyone! The site and cleaning teams ensure our school is always clean and sparkly and the kitchen team prepare over 1000 meals weekly, from scratch. Wow! A number of teams, but all hugely committed to WP and working to the same goal.

Thank you.

What a team we have indeed and as I have said before that team includes our families. It was wonderful to welcome so many of you last week to the performances (over 750 people in total!) and your support of events like this, your support when we need adults to accompany us on trips or suggesting projects we might be interested in, offering words of encouragement or feedback mean we are working together towards the common aim of making our school the best it can be. Thank you to all our WP families. You are amazing and also play a huge part in making our school unique.

I have been privileged to give out numerous Headteacher Awards this term, as children are

working so hard, both academically and in terms of their relationships, positive attitudes and kindness towards others. Walking round school and speaking with our lovely children is a joy. The work on display is fabulous and the children's books are super. The children are very excited to talk about their work and articulate when discussing their learning. The Interim Assistant Director from Hackney visited last week and he was very impressed with the quality of teaching, the children's engagement and the standard of work that he saw. I was very proud! Wishing a happy Hanukkah to all our families who celebrate and I would like to wish all our families a restful and relaxing holiday and whatever you are doing, enjoy!

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023, with everyone starting at 9am.

Best wishes

Karen

I would to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported the Winter Winterland Fair on December 4th. It was another hugely successful PTFA event for WP children, their families and the local community. Thank you to everyone who contributed in lots of different ways – designing and constructing the grotto, collecting or donating prizes, selling raffle tickets, running a stall, making food, serving food, washing up, tidying up, selling T shirts and bags - THANK YOU! As ever, in true WP style, it was a huge team effort and we could not have done it without you! We are incredibly fortunate to have such a fabulous school (and wider) community, who show such generosity with their time and support. Thank you ☺ ☺ ☺

At this time of year, we sometimes have to say goodbye to staff who are leaving and this year is no different. Sadly, Kate and Mary are leaving WP at the end of this term.

Thank you Kate!

We are saying goodbye to Kate at Christmas. Kate has worked at William Patten for 12 years, as a PPA teacher and more recently as the class teacher for 1YK in the summer and for RYK this year, having a job share with Yeter. She is going to take some time to think about what she might like to do and will be exploring her options and who knows where that

might lead! I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kate for all her hard work and commitment to our school community. As with many of our staff, Kate began her WP journey as a parent and we were thrilled to find out she was a teacher and even better was looking for a job! The rest they say is history and we were delighted to welcome her to the team. Kate's very high expectations, excellent behaviour management, sense of fun and wonderful teaching has impacted on so many children from Nursery to Year 6.

She has been such an asset to the school, both as a parent and teacher and has always been a huge support to her colleagues, carefully listening and offering sage words of advice, which has meant so much. Patient, calm, kind, flexible (I always knew I could ask her to teach anywhere and she would always say that's fine!) talented baker and all round lovely, I know she will be very much missed by the children and staff. Kate, you are fabulous and brilliant, thank you so very much

Please keep in touch and come back to say hello, you are always welcome ☺ As you are local, we hope to see you often! ☺

Love from Karen and all the children and staff.



Thank you Mary!

A huge thank you to Mary, a 1:1 TA who is retiring at Christmas. Mary has worked with us for four years, supporting individual children and she would now like to spend more time travelling, meeting friends and walking her dog! This sounds like a good plan and very well deserved.

We are very sorry that Mary will be leaving and would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank her for all her hard work and commitment to our school community.

She has made a very valued contribution to the school beyond the children she worked with and I know she will be missed by everyone. She has been such a support to her colleagues and made an incredible difference to the children that she has worked with. The impact she has had is quite remarkable. Those children are now much more confident, engaged with learning and most importantly, independent. The opportunities Mary provided, her recognition and promotion of their own skills and talents will stay with those children and

have been a crucial part of developing their ability to see the world beyond school. Thank you Mary for your experience, kindness, patience, good humour, flexibility, perception, ideas and feedback. You are lovely and brilliant and we wish you lots of happiness out East! Please keep in touch and come back to say hello, you are always welcome.

Love from Karen and all the children and staff.



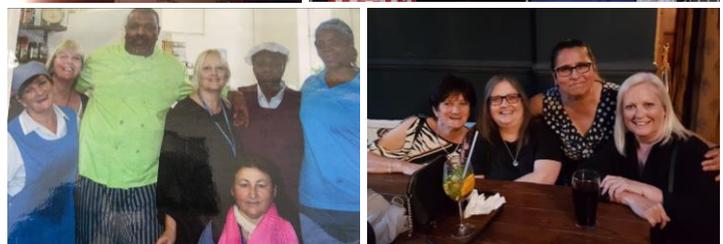
To the true legend AKA Nora,

We are very sad to say goodbye to Nora, who has made the decision to retire after working for a very long time (40 years!!) in the WP kitchen. She did not return in September and has been very busy enjoying life beyond N16 ☺ She did not want a fuss about leaving and so an assembly was out the question, but we have been able to persuade her to attend our staff celebration at the end of term, where we will present gifts and card from her very grateful colleagues.

I know it has been said before, but Nora is an absolute legend and will go down in WP history! We are in awe of her commitment and dedication to the children and staff of WP, with over 40 years working in the kitchen. A truly incredible feat, given the physicality of the job and the sheer hard work it involves. During her time at the school, she has helped prepare over one and a half million meals, which is astonishing! She has also seen over 2000 children come through the doors, over 300 staff and a number of Headteachers!

Nora has worked so hard and always completed tasks with a smile and infectious energy. She made all the staff gasp in amazement at her strength and absolute determination to not let anything stop her from doing her job. Dishwasher broken, not a problem, a thousand pounds of potatoes to peel, not a problem, the delivery hasn't arrived, not a problem, the boiler is on fire (!), not a problem ☺. Nothing phased her! Ever! Optimistic, always good humoured, friendly, compassionate, considerate, pragmatic, a beautiful smile, generosity, kindness, the most amazing work ethic, she is an example to us all. Nora, we wish you a very happy retirement – you absolutely deserve it.

Enjoy putting your feet up and / or having adventures, but please do keep in touch. Once a part of WP, always a part of WP. Thank you so very much for everything you have done. Love from Karen and all the children and staff.



Nursery had great fun decorating their tree in the home corner to celebrate the countdown to Christmas! Each child carefully added their decoration. We are looking forward to doing lots more Christmas themed activities especially our Christmas Show!



Dear Parents, it's been a busy term and as a PTFA we wanted to say a big thank you to all of you for your support. We had a hugely successful Winter Fair raising over £6,000 for the school. We also hosted the first in the series of the now famous WP Pub Quizzes, and the inaugural WP Movie Night. The result of the money raised has allowed the PTFA to support a number of fantastic initiatives during the term including the below.

- > Fit for Sport – for lunchtime cover across the school
- > The new Noticeboard
- > Hoodies and Yearbooks for year 6

There are many many more initiatives we'd love to support through the next two terms and look forward to your continued support as we start what will be a busy, and fun, calendar of activities in the new year.

In the meantime we wish everyone a fun and relaxing festive break and look forward to seeing you all in 2023.

Kind regards,

The PTFA Team

Thank you to everyone who helped (and bought things) at the Winter Fair, it was a huge success:



Christmas shows

We had a wonderful week of Christmas performances last week. All the children were amazing and performed with such enthusiasm and professionalism in each of the shows. A huge thank you to our wonderful children for their fabulous singing and overall performances. They had worked so hard to learn the words to the songs and their singing was delightful! A special thank you to Elaine for all her hard work planning and organising the shows.



Christmas Dinner

Over 360 children enjoyed a festive meal on Wednesday. Thank you to our amazing kitchen team for working so hard on the day, chopping, peeling, baking and roasting. It was yummy!



Geography learning aids

The school office received a very important delivery this week, it felt like Christmas had come early! In our packages were inflatable and squishy globes, assistive technology globes and jigsaw puzzles. 4M were very lucky to trial these learning aids out but in return, they worked very hard to develop games using the resources to support children in geography lessons for Years 1 – 5. Coming to a classroom near you soon!



Last week, **Nursery** had a visit from Maya as part of **Computer Science Week**. Our challenge was to make an igloo for the Inuit people in the Arctic. We had sugar cube, mini marshmallows, glue and cotton pads to use to make our igloos. We looked at pictures of igloos and discussed what we were going to do to make ones. We thought about "Decomposition" as we broke down the parts of the challenge as well as "Patterns" as we spotted patterns and similarities in the igloos like their shape and how we needed to make an entrance to our igloos. The children worked well in their groups to make their igloos, share ideas, and solve problems that we encountered. Thank you, Maya, for coming to work with us, we had great fun learning about Computer Science!



Making puppets

In Nursery this week as part of our topic work on the book "Lost in the Toy Museum," we made our own toy puppets using felt, button, pom poms, stickers and glue. We can't wait to use them when they are dry!





School Council Charity Collection

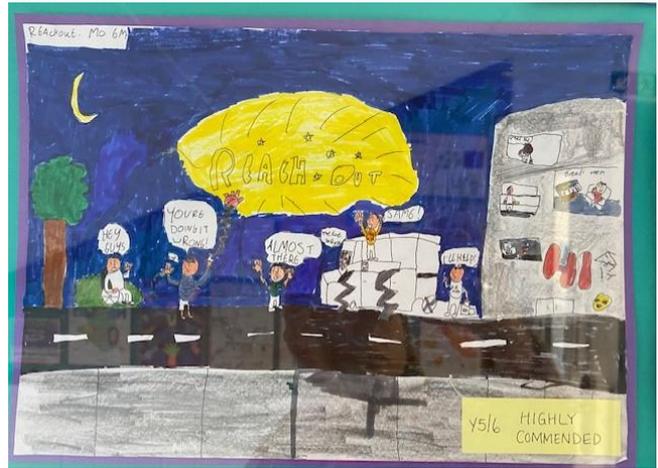
Year 6 School Councillors were on the gates, shaking their buckets for their chosen charities: Children with Cancer UK and Crisis. They raised £128.26 to be shared between the charities.



Poster Competition Winners!



Thank you to everyone who entered our poster competition during National Anti-Bullying Week 2022. Children across the school attended special assemblies and engaged in a brilliant theatre show. Children in year 6 also attended workshops on the theme: REACH OUT!



Our Wellbeing Champions had a difficult time judging! Congratulations to winners, who received a special certificate and book token.

Overall Winner – Juno Y5

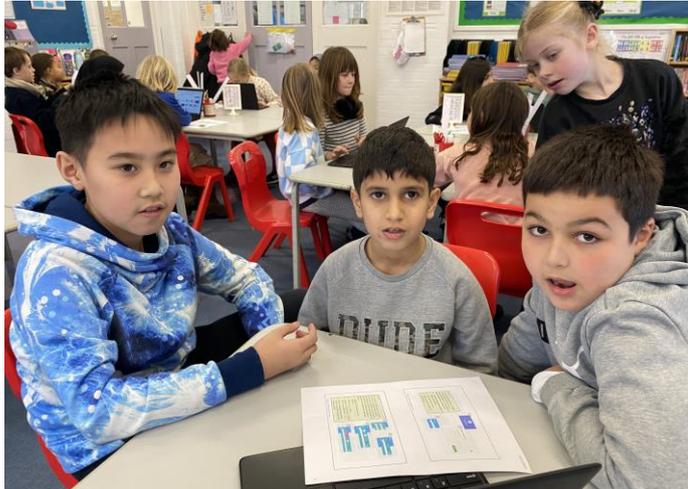
KS1 Winner - Jack Y2

KS2 Winners - Morgan Y4 & Ilakya Y5

Highly commended - Dante 2C, Romy 4M, & Mo 6M.

Thank you Year 6!

A big thank you to the Year 6 children who visited Year 4 in the last two weeks to share their knowledge and expertise in coding. We are so lucky to have children that are willing to share their skills with younger children. These 'tutors' sat with the children and talked them through building codes for dice games and making a compass. They also were able to offer advice on how to debug code and download their code onto Micro:bits. Thank you also to the Year 6 teachers for releasing the experts!



Thank you Sandra

A very big thank you Sandra (Flossy and Eddy's mum), who organises the lost property and ensures that it gets back to who it belongs to. Sandra gives up her time to sort everything out, photographs the lost items and puts an email together to try to reunite the items with their owners. She then delivers everything back to the children! We are incredibly grateful as she spends hours dealing with lost property.

Sandra, you are amazing! Thank you.



Nature Club made Christmas decorations

The children had a lovely last session at Nature Club. They whittled some wooden beads from elder wood using potato peelers, and then threaded them with dried orange, spruce twiglets and little bells to make beautiful and unique Christmas decorations or jewellery.



Attendance Chart



Ihssan and Craig's class are the overall winners for this term with **98%**. Well done **3IC!**

R Charlotte	93.1%	R Yeter/Kate	94.7%
Y1 Helen	94.8%	Y1 Sofia	94.6%
Y2 Christine	96.4%	Y2 Laura	95.1%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	98%	Y3 Luke	96.7%
Y4 Craig	95.9%	Y4 Marion	94.4%
Y5 Claire	95.2%	Y5 Eric	96.3%
Y6 Ben	96.9%	Y6 Maya	97.1%

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

Friday 2nd December

Super Achievers

Nursery	Finn and Anna
Rec C	Jack
Rec YK	Callum

HT Award Certificates

1H	Ali, Hector, Jeremiah, Robbie, Sebastian
1S	Dalia, Aylin, Martha, Aarav, Federico
2C	Alfie, Jamie, Dante D, Amos, Suki
2L	Blake, Evan, Ida, Eloise, Anna
3IC	Klara, Shaneeya, Lily, Kerim, Theo H
3L	Ellora, Elizabeth, Kay, Hamza, Nisa
4C	Ares, Morgan, Dusty, Amy, Zora
4M	Sota, Ocean, August, Alba, Valentine
5C	Ilakya, Ezra, Jayden, Rex, Zayan
5E	Amelie, Denzel, Evie, Juno, Orrin
6M	Aisha, Max, Hattie, Taisiia, Rufus
6B	Lucas, Erdem, Grace, Jack S, Edith

Friday 9th December

Super Achievers

Nursery	Leo and Cherry
Reception	Everyone in Reception is a Super Achiever this week!

HT Award Certificates

1H	Ali, Hector, Jeremiah, Robbie, Sebastian
1S	Dalia, Aylin, Martha, Aarav, Federico
2C	Alfie, Jamie, Dante, Amos, Suki
2L	Blake, Evan, Ida, Eloise, Anna
3IC	Klara, Shaneeya, Lily, Kerim, Theo H
3L	Ava, Juliet, Tommy, Ebe, Lochie
4C	Ares, Morgan, Dusty, Amy, Zora
4M	Sota, Ocean, August, Alba, Valentine
5C	Ilakya, Jayden, Rex, Zayan, Ezra
5E	Amelie, Denzel, Evie, Juno, Orrin
6M	Aisha, Max, Hattie, Taisiia, Rufus
6B	To be announced in the next PP!

Department for Education (DFE) Christmas Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme for 2022 in partnership with Hackney Council are running 2 programmes from **December 19th to December 22nd**. They are for children eligible for free school meals (paying children are also welcome). The first is at Parkwood School, N4 from 10am to 2pm. Link to book: www.skipzproductions.org

The second is at Mossbourne Academy, E5 from 11am to 3pm. Link to book: <https://bit.ly/3DWiNp3>



SKIPZ PRODUCTIONS PRESENTS

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"Santa, Snowmans and Snowflakes" themed performing Arts Art and Crafts and Outdoor Activities

Plays and Drama Activities | Arts and Crafts | Singalongs and Dance | Nutrition Education Activities | Parent Workshops and Families Support | Visit from Santa Claus | Mystery Pass the Parcel | Baking/Filling Activities | Live Christmas Theatre Show | Best dressed Christmas Competition

10 am-2 pm
Parkwood Primary School, Queens Drive, N4 2HQ

Monday 19th December - Thursday 22nd December

For more information and to register please visit the website <https://www.skipzproductions.org>

If you require further assistance please email us at skipzhackney@gmail.com

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Dear Parent / Guardian

We are now taking **Holiday, Activities and Food (HAF)** winter camp 2022 bookings for children & young people.



This year's events are much Bigger, Fun, Thrilling and Exciting with plenty of sports, activities and games to choose from. So don't delay, book your child's place today. Simply visit www.bubblesandsmiles.uk and select the borough your child lives or attends school, alternatively click <https://bit.ly/3DWiNp3>



The HAF programme is funded by the Department of Education and activities, meals and snacks are free for children who receive benefits-related **free school meals**. Please remember to provide own refillable water bottle.



For **non-free school meals** recipients, there is a fee to pay, please call 07572200628 call for quote.



Kind Regards

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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.



Wintery Tool of the Week

This week's Tool of the Week is below. The children have been practising in class as well as discussing which zone it would be useful for.

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
12.12.22

Penguin Breathing



1. Stand with your heels together, toes pointed slightly outward, & arms by your sides.
2. As you inhale, slowly raise your arms up toward the sky like a penguin raising its wings.
3. Exhale & slowly bring your arms back down.
4. Repeat until calm & grounded.

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★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day during the last fortnight and to those who will celebrate their birthday before the end of the month: Finn, Arthur, Valentine, Aminah, Serenity, Matilda, Jack, Sunny, Tobi, Rex, Sophia, Clara, Hattie, Amelie, Huxley, Elia, Leo, Serafina, Sammy, Federico, Bram, Suki, Lorcan, Bay, Imogen, Frankie, Alexander, Leia, Enzo, Kimora and Mya.

Happy birthday to you all!

Reminder – new start and finish time from January 2023

All children will start school at 9am and finish at 3.30pm (Morning Nursery: 9am – 12pm, Afternoon Nursery: 12.30pm – 3.30pm).

Start of day

We will open the gates just before 8.55am. All children to be in school by 9am ready for the register. Children arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late. Children can come into the playground via Dynevor Rd or Lancell St. Nursery and Reception parents can continue to come onsite to drop their child off, but all other parents to say goodbye at the gates.

End of day

We will bring the Year 1 – 6 classes down to the playground and they will wait in their allocated spaces.

Year 1	In the large playground, by the houses
Year 2	On the Astroturf in the large playground
Year 3	On the Astroturf in the large playground
Year 4	In the small playground: 4C by the waves and 4M on the steps
Year 5	In the small playground on the football pitch
Year 6	In the small playground by the climbing frame

Happy holidays to all our WP families. We look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023!