

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Christmas holiday, which seems so far away now! It was lovely to welcome the children back and catch up with all their news of what they did during the break. We have made a busy start to the term, with Year 6 producing some beautiful work inspired by David Hockney and Year 3 designing and making their own sandwiches, which could rival (or probably outdo) any supermarket offering! Maybe we should set up our own sandwich stall, I think we would sell out of everything very quickly, as they were so tasty ☺ The top hall resembled the tent in the Great British Bake Off, with Year 5 making their own bread. The results looked and certainly tasted delicious, with a perfect crust and no over or indeed under proving! The confidence with which the children described the bread making process and which type of bread they had made to me was impressive!

I would like to thank everyone for ensuring that on the whole we have had a successful start to the new start time of 9am. The majority of children are arriving on time, but there are some who are coming to school late. This impacts on the start of the day for them, the teachers who need to start their lessons on time and the office who have much work to do. We have allowed flexibility as we transition, but from next week, children arriving after 9.05am will be recorded as late in the register.

If you come into school, you may notice that the KS1 library is being moved. The space is going to be used as an Inclusion Sensory Space for children in the Early Years and KS1 classes. The KS1 library will be moving to the backroom and we aim to have it up and running ready for after half term. You never realise how much there is in a room until you have to move it!

We are looking forward to celebrating Chinese New Year next week with an assembly and special lunch. Ali is busy planning the menu and we are looking forward to hearing our fortunes being read and whether we will have luck and good fortune in the Year of the Rabbit! Wishing all our families who celebrate a very happy new year!



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend!  
Best wishes  
Karen

## PTFA update

Dear Parents,

After a nice festive break we're back and excited to start work on the next terms' activities! Our autumn term events helped raise funds that will go a long way to supporting the school's needs, and thank you again to everyone who volunteered and attended. Lots more to come in the next two terms, and many ways to get involved. We wanted to get an early start on scheduling for the next two terms, with more event details to come - key dates include:

1. **Coffee & Donuts catch-ups** - 22nd Feb post drop off at the school - come and join us for a cup of coffee and a donut to learn more about the PTFA and what we do, raise new ideas for activities, and volunteer for events
2. **Pub quiz: music edition** – date tbc
3. **Fit for Sport Week / Guinness World Records attempt** - 24-28 April, a week of programming highlighting the benefits of sport, health, and activity culminating in a Guinness World Record attempt on 29th April for the most people completing a 5km run connected together! Watch this space!
4. **Quiz and Auction** - 9th June
5. **Summer Fair** - 1st July

As always, anyone interested in volunteering to help with any and all events please email us at [williampattenptfa@gmail.com](mailto:williampattenptfa@gmail.com)

We hope everyone has a great start to the year and to seeing everyone at PTFA events soon!

Kind regards,  
The PTFA team

## Breadmaking in Year 5

Year 5 started the year with their annual bread-making lessons in DT. During our lessons, the children got the opportunity to undertake research and explored a variety of different breads that one would see in their local supermarket. They also studied the manufacturing process of making bread and finally, they got the opportunity to make their own mini-loaf of bread. Before commencing, the children were inspired by Paul Hollywood's famous bread recipe and they studied it in great detail. After the classroom was cleaned, roles were delegated, ingredients measured, and off we went. Thanks to the support from parents/carers, the Year 5 team and kitchen staff, the children succeeded in creating some scrumptious bread. A big well done for all their focus and determination during our lessons.



## William Patten Book Awards

Are you looking for the perfect non-fiction book to learn something new? Maybe you're raring to meet new characters and explore new worlds, but you're not sure which novel to dive into next... Or perhaps you're just stuck for ideas on what to read next! Luckily for you, every two weeks our WP Reading Leaders are sharing book recommendations, in the form of the WP Book Award! One book will be selected for the prize each fortnight. We're starting out with recommendations for KS2, so if you are in Year 3 or above, you will hear all about each book and why it won an award in your Headteacher's award assembly every other Friday. You can also read about the winning books in the Patten Pages, or find them on display in the library with copies nearby to borrow and enjoy! The first winner this spring term is... 'Shadow' by Michael Morpurgo!



Is there a book you would like to recommend for this award? We are accepting nominations! Write down the name of the book, the author and the reason why you think it deserves a prize. Then hand this to one of our Reading Leaders in any of the Y5/6 classes, or to Maya (6M). We can't wait to read your ideas!

## Cycling trials

The William Patten Cycling Team attended their first event of 2023 last week. Fortunately, the cycling took place inside and the children had to compete in time trials to see who could go the fastest, but not actually go anywhere! As always, the behaviour of the children was excellent, and they were super role models for everyone there. Very well done to Sadie who received a silver medal for the second quickest time in the girls' event. The team is 4th overall, and we are hoping that we could move up into the bronze, silver, or even the gold medal position. Watch this space! Thank you also for the great suggestion of getting William Patten team jerseys. We are on it! Sincere thanks to Ollie and Jo, who are our cycling heroes and take the children each month.



## Year 6 artwork inspired by David Hockney

Year 6 have created some beautiful work inspired by David Hockney. David Hockney's 'A Bigger Picture' is a body of the artist's most recent work, spanning 50 years and focusing on the artist's return to the UK from California and his native (West) Yorkshire. This body of work demonstrates Hockney's exploration and fascination with the depiction of landscape through oil paintings, iPad paintings, charcoal drawings, sketches, digital video and collages. The children learnt that collages are artworks created by carefully selected smaller images and that a montage is a singular image created through the combination of smaller images (including photographs). The children worked individually to create their own landscapes and then worked collaboratively in groups to make a montage of different images of the playground. Observing them work together was joyful, such intense concentration and focus and excellent teamwork and consideration towards others. Fantastic work Year 6, on many different levels!



## Punctuality

As you know, when the children came back in January, the times of the school day changed. We now start at 9am and finish at 3.30pm.

Whilst the majority of children are arriving at school on time, there is a significant group who are not. The lateness is impacting on the children themselves, the teachers and of course the office.

We allowed some flexibility for the change in start time and children have not been recorded as arriving late at school, whilst everyone adjusts to the change.

From Tuesday 24th January when we are back after the long weekend, children arriving at 9:05am will be recorded as late in the register.

We have a very quick morning meeting at 8:50am every day for all teachers and as soon as that is over they go to their classroom to start their day. SLT open the gates as soon as the meeting is over, so just before 8.55am.

There is plenty of time for children to get to school and in and up to class ready for a 9am start.

Any Nursery and Reception parents arriving after 9.05am will need to go to the office and the children will be taken over to class and recorded as late. Please do not knock on the classroom door, as you will not be let in!



**The School Council meet every two weeks to provide the pupil voice for WP: what is going well and what we need to improve! Here are their questions and suggestions brought to the last two meetings:**

Can we have sliced tomatoes and lettuce leaves on veggie burger Fridays?

Yes – I'll ask Ali to organise this.

Is 'Come Dine With Me' going to start again for parents?

Yes – Karen is putting dates in the calendar for after spring half term.

When will we get pineapple rings again?

They're on the menu for our Chinese New Year lunch.

We need more table tennis bats and balls.

These will be put in the first aid area for you this week.

Can we have hockey and Japanese clubs?

The list of clubs is already very long! We will add your ideas to the possibilities for summer term.

KS1 children want monkey bars in the playground.

Sorry, it would be too expensive to install and there is already a good range of play equipment in our playgrounds.

Can we have the hand-driers back?

Not sure – Elmara will look into this.

Can you put noodles on the lunch menu?

Yes, they've now been added.

Why don't year 6 sit on benches in assembly like they did when my sister was at William Patten?

The halls are used for lots of different purposes and it saves a lot of time if we don't need to put the benches out and then away.

What happened to the book box competition?

Everyone loved seeing them displayed around school.

This was for the Stoke Newington Literary Festival. We'll talk to Maya (English Lead) about starting this again.

Can we have hoops to play with at play and lunch times?

We used to provide hoops but some children hooked them over each other which hurt when they played 'horsey'. So we removed them.

Could we go on trips to Epping Forest?

Teachers plan their trips throughout the year, linked

to what you are learning in the curriculum. If it fits in somewhere, we might be able to do this.

Can you remind everyone not to wear football tops – it's not fair if some children break the rule.

Yes, Karen will do this for you.

Can we have: ketchup on pizza day (for our chips), vegan ice-cream rather than chocolate dessert, smoked salmon sandwiches and sushi? Yes to ketchup, maybe to vegan ice-cream but no to the others, as they are too expensive to buy for hundreds of children.

Children are requesting new releases from their favourite authors – to add to the library.

Sian will pass your requests onto Jane, our librarian.

Can year 4 have different books in their classroom book corners?

You discussed this at the meeting and agreed that you could swap books between KS2 classes. Great idea!

Sometimes the milk runs out for KS2 children at lunchtime.

There have been shortages reported by our suppliers recently and when milk is not delivered, staff have to go to local shops and buy our milk.

We will try to increase our order so that this doesn't affect KS2.

More birdhouses in the trees please!

We'll talk to the Eco Team and see if they can make this happen in time for spring.

We'd like mirrors in ALL of the children's toilets please.

No problem – Elmara will check the mirrors and order more.

**Thank you to our amazing School Council who always arrive at the fortnightly meeting with lots of ideas and feedback from their class.**

Every week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Each class practises the new tool and then discusses which zone it would be useful for.

Here are the latest:

**ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK**  
16.1.23

**DO IT**  
**COMFORT SPOT**



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**COMFORT SPOT**

Think about a place that feels comfortable and cozy. Where can you go to relax? Use this place to take a break.

How do you feel?

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

**ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK**  
9.1.23

**FEEL IT**  
**MINDFUL LISTENING**



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1. Lie down and notice the sounds around you.
2. Find one sound to pay attention to.
3. Try to focus on that sound only for three minutes.
4. If you notice your thoughts wander, refocus on the sound you were listening for.

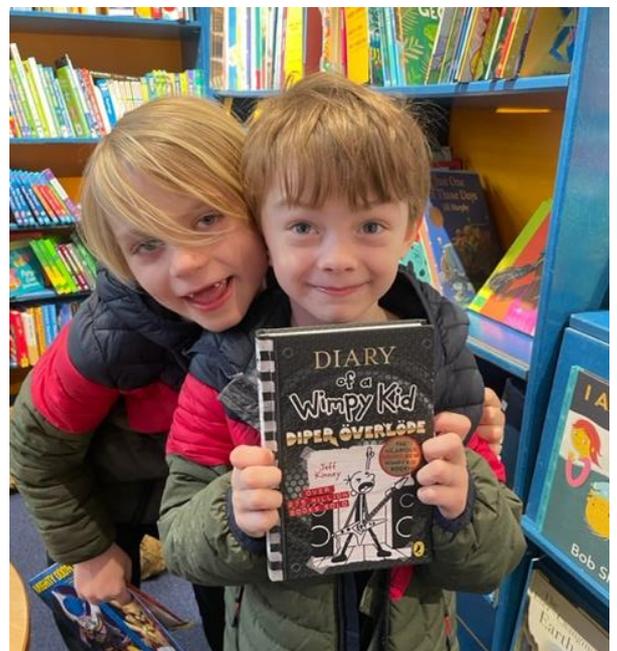
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**This week in Nursery**, we have been learning about measuring in our daily Maths sessions. As part of this work, we have been looking at capacity. The children loved exploring filling up different containers and describing how much they had using mathematical language such as empty, half full, full and nearly full.



**Jack in 2C** was one of the winners of the Anti-Bullying poster competition before the Christmas holidays. He bought the new Wimpy Kid book with his voucher and looks very pleased with his purchase – happy reading Jack!



This week, **Year 2 classes explored materials and their uses** in greater detail. We explored the playground, searching for different examples of natural materials and those that have been man-made. We know that some materials occur naturally, such as wood, cotton and rocks. Others, such as glass, plastic and paper, have to undergo change (a chemical process) before they are completely formed.



### Attendance Chart

Well done **3IC** who are top of the attendance chart once again with a high score of **97%**.

R Charlotte	93.1%	R Yeter/Maria	94.9%
Y1 Helen	94.7%	Y1 Sofia	94.5%
Y2 Christine	96.1%	Y2 Laura	94.3%
<b>Y3 Ihssan/Craig</b>	<b>97%</b>	Y3 Luke	96.6%
Y4 Craig	95.4%	Y4 Marion	94.5%
Y5 Claire	94.8%	Y5 Eric	95.4%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Maya	96.5%

### Language of the Month

Our new Language of the Month is **Italian!** We are lucky enough to have 19 Italian speakers at William Patten and to represent the Italian speakers across the school Helen was joined by Dalia (1S), Dante (2C), Enrico (4M) and Daniel (6M). During the whole school virtual assembly the classes learnt that when it comes to the number of speakers, Italian isn't the

most widely spoken but it is still one of the most popular and influential languages in the world. Italian is the first language of 65 million speakers living in Europe, and the second language of an additional 15 million people. As well as Italian being the national language of Italy, Italian is one of the official languages of Switzerland, San Marino, the Vatican City, and Istria, and is spoken by over 85 million people all over the world. The capital city of Italy is Rome, which is also the biggest city in the country by population and size. It has many world-famous landmarks including the Roman Colosseum, the Pantheon, and St. Peter's Basilica. Rome is visited by millions of tourists every year. Italy has a Mediterranean climate, it has a warm climate during the summer months, with typically cool and wet winters. The children also learnt that the Italian alphabet only has 21 letters because J, K, W, X and Y aren't used in Italian words. It should also be noted that Italian dialects sound very different from one region to another so it is possible to identify where a person is from in Italy depending on how they speak the language. During the assembly, the teachers and children were able to practice Italian 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 Italian words and phrases?

### Italian words and phrases

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

Good morning - **Buongiorno**



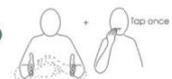
Good afternoon - **Buon pomeriggio**



School dinners - **Pranzo scolastico**



Packed lunch - **Pranzo a sacco**



Please - **Per favore**



Thank you - **Grazie**



Hello - **Ciao**



Goodbye - **Arrivederci**



## The William Patten orchestra has restarted!

It takes place every Thursday before school and is run by Elaine, our wonderful music teacher and Alan, who teaches our children guitar and brass on Fridays. Two sessions in and the children have impressed already with their teamwork and musical ability!



### **Thank you Susannah!**

Susannah (Anna's mum) works for SAGE Publishing, who run a SAGE Books for Schools & Learning scheme. She recently proposed William Patten as a worthy recipient. We are delighted to say that the nomination was successful and therefore William Patten will receive a £500 donation. Thank you Susannah for nominating us.

**Congratulations to the first children of 2023 to receive a EYFS Super Achievers award and to those who received a HT Award certificate. Well done everyone 😊.**

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January**

#### **Super Achievers**

Nursery	Finn and Israh
Rec C	Ryan
Rec YK	Stella

#### **HT Award Certificates**

1H	Margot, Eesa, Eva, Mia, Odhran
1S	Eden, Rafe, Hunter, Nancy, Alexander
2C	Amos, Jack D, Suhayb, Alfie, Elijah
2L	Aroz, Mya, Lorcan, Mason, Dante
3IC	Matiu, Ronan, Millie, Gene, Galla
3L	Tommy, Kay, Beatrice, Ollie, Amaiyah
4C	Bay, Destiny, Morgan, Nathan, Bram
4M	Sawyer, Melissa, August, Corin, Yusuf
5C	Ihsan, Tino, Ilakya, Leon, Alex
5E	Amber, Flossy, Inayah, Mohinder, Enzo
6M	Daniel, Isaac, Chloe, Hattie, Bowie
6B	Elijah, Marnie, Ed, Ellis, Kaizer

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#### **Super Achievers**

Nursery	Raphael and Shanelle
Rec C	Nova
Rec YK	Joey

#### **HT Award Certificates**

1H	Ezgi, Fraser, Leul, Iris, Phoebe
1S	Coco, Eesa, Teo, Thiago, Vittoria
2C	Amos, Arzu, Bobby, Elise, Poppy
2L	Anna, Ciro-Mael, Flora, Lili-Marie, Mason
3IC	Keon, Liya, Belle, Kerim, Oscar
3L	Ada, Arlo, Arya, Elizabeth, Ellora
4C	Bay, Bram, Destiny, Dylan, Olivia
4M	August, Ben, Maria, Romy, Sadie
5C	Harleen, Leia, Elise, Rex, Tiggy
5E	Bruno, Eliza, Jonathan, Mehmet, Zia
6M	Anna, Daniel, Mohammed Talha, Rudy, Yoshi
6B	Raphael, Nana, Jude, Vita, Theo



Hackney Foodbank is facing its toughest ever winter and has launched an emergency appeal to raise at least £100,000. Please help if you can. It is not ok that children in Hackney (or anywhere else) are malnourished, that their parents are unable to afford even the basics like toothbrushes and that they are going to school with empty lunch boxes. Donations to the food bank have dropped and there has been a huge spike in demand. Many are unable to afford heating. Increasingly the food bank is giving out no-heat food parcels for people who can't afford to heat food. Please give whatever you can to remind people they are loved and to make sure they don't go hungry and please share this link with friends and neighbours: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/foodbank-launches-emergency-appeal>



Many happy returns to those children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Ronan, Willow, Ruairi, Cherry, Sumayyah, Aela, Jack, Theo, Oscar, Evie, Alfie, Land, Joey, Kacey, Evan, Yaqub, Aarav, Joe, Ozzy, Ellen, Misher, Enrico, Musa, Mohammed Talha, Betty and Raphael.** Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

#### **Year 2 need your help!**

In preparation for the Year 2 D&T project (Moving Vehicles) at the end of the term, the classes need to start collecting resources that they will share between both classes. The children will be working in pairs, i.e. 2 children will design 1 vehicle. Please can we ask that you save your empty tissue boxes, egg containers, tea boxes ... anything of this sort and send them in to class or the office. The box / container must please be of card and not be any bigger than 20 – 25cm in length, 10 - 12 cm in width. A cereal box will be too big. As ever, thank you for your support and we look forward to sharing the designs in a future edition of the Patten Pages and on Instagram!

