

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

I would like to start the newsletter by offering huge congratulations to Rita and Rhoksana who attended the Hackney Long Service Awards on Friday 3rd March, at Hackney Town Hall. As you may recall, Rita has worked at WP for 25 years and Rhoksana for 27! Such commitment and dedication is quite phenomenal and I would like to sincerely thank them for the wonderful way they have supported the many children, staff and families of the school during their time at the school. They received a lovely certificate of thanks from the Mayor of Hackney and a gift voucher and they enjoyed spending time with other long serving Hackney workers. Not sure if another 25 years is on the cards, but you never know! Thank you Rita and Rhoksana ☺ ☺ You are magic!



Other thank yous this week go to Marion, our Humanities subject lead who has been delivering workshops across the school from Nursery to Year 6 to celebrate International Women's Day. I know that her colleagues have very much welcomed her inspiration and creativity and she has enjoyed teaching the different age ranges. The children have created such beautiful poems in groups and pairs and worked so well collaboratively. A big thank you to Maya, our English subject lead for a fabulous World Book Day, which was celebrated last Friday. We had our traditional parade, but there were new ideas, which will become the traditions of the future, I am sure, such as the Book Buddies, Book Swap and Door Decoration. The day was a true celebration of reading and the importance of books for learning, but also for pleasure and the joy they bring.

We have such a talented staff team and of course we could not do these projects without the support and hard work of everyone else involved! Thank you team WP ☺ Wishing everyone a very happy weekend.

Best wishes
Karen

World Book Day 2023



Hi, I am Vita in 6M and I'm a William Patten Reading Leader. I am going to tell you all about World Book Day 2023!

When I first got to class, we started to read a very good book called 'The Soup Movement'. Each year group had their own book to read, and because the theme of our World Book Day was 'inspired', all the books were either based on true stories or had an inspirational message within them. "The Soup Movement is inspirational because the two main characters decide to do a year of good deeds. This encourages you to do something positive for others," commented Arya.

After reading and discussing our book, we had a parade, where we showed off our costumes. Then after break time, we had a competition: to make our door look like a cover for our book (The Soup Movement). The Reading Leaders got to judge who wins – I won't tell you though! Hattie, who particularly enjoyed this activity, said: "It was great decorating the door in the theme of the book chosen for our class! We all made our own soup cans with inspirational messages on."

After lunch, we did a Book Swap, which is where everyone brought in a preloved book and swapped it for someone else's book. Clemet (6M) reported: "The Book Swap was fun – I would do it again if I could!"

Then we went to the playground for a Reading Picnic with our Book Buddies. We read a story to the Year 2s, while Year 5 read to the Year 1s and Year 4 visited Reception. Year 3 made videos for Nursery too! Anna, another student in Year 6, said: "I really enjoyed the Reading Picnic because it was a calming and fun experience! We read several books, which was nice because we could see which book we both enjoyed."

Unfortunately, we then had to go home, but it was very fun and one of the best World Book Days!





As part of WBD, 3IC filmed each other reading a book for the nursery children to watch.



World Book Day: classroom door decorations

The Reading Leaders had difficult decisions to make this afternoon as they judged the door decorations from WBD. Each class worked very hard to decorate their door based on their inspirational book. The judges took into account whether the door matched the message in the book, creativity, use of colour, how much the children had done themselves and whether the door was eye catching. The doors are all fabulous, so I'm glad I was not on the judging panel! The classes will find out the winners for EYFS, KS1, lower KS2 and upper KS2 in assembly on Friday!



International Women's Day is celebrated every year on the 8th March. Last year, the children interviewed important women in their lives about what life was like for them growing up. This year, the children explored an important event in the past – the Match Girl Strikes of 1888. They learned how 2,200 women left their work stations in the Bryant and May factory and marched down Bow Road demanding better pay and working conditions. Many of these women were poor, uneducated, unable to vote or find work elsewhere but together, they managed to make important changes for all women.

The children celebrated the day by writing and performing poems commemorating these brave and inspirational women. Each year group adopted a different poetic form. The poems were sent home in a matchbox decorated by the children and featuring a word or image relating to the match girls that had special impact for them.

EYFS created a rhyming poem together:

A poem for the matchstick girls

A girl stands proud and 

Listening to those around her 

They had 

They were strong and 

Together they will not  .

Year 1 wrote acrostic poems:

Matchstick Girls

By Elliott and Isabelle

Majestic women and girls

Asking for fairness

Times were different

Challenges for women

Hope for it to change.



Year 2 wrote haikus:

The Match Girls

A long time ago
There was a light of courage
Together united.

By Mason, Bobby and Kaan.

Year 3 wrote narrative poems:

The Match Girls

Over one hundred years ago, not far from here
Was a matchstick factory,
Inside young girls and women of all ages worked.
Making matches out of dangerous chemicals.
Cold horrible phosphorous which made them ill.
After their friend got fired,
The workers with courage in their hundreds
Started to unite in protest
Like a spark of fire burning through the
factory,
Two hundred women and girls decided to stop
and protest with all their strength.
A few days later, the rest of the girls stamped
their feet for their rights!

By Vilma and Lily

Year 4 wrote shape poems:

The Match Girls

Ignite a fire with
Girls as courageous
As fierce lions.
They strike, they strike.
The matches guiding
A path through
Darkness
Unite,
The phosphorous burned
As bright as the sun.
Passion in their heart.

By Rosie, Munira, Mercer,
Emir, August and Falcon

Year 5 wrote dramatic poems:

The Matchgirls' March

Get back to your benches,
Get back to your stools,
Get back to your work,
You need to follow the rules

You are being un-fair,
We are in the depths of despair.
We will all be united.
Be kind, history will call your name.

You do what I demand,
You do what I say,
You follow my command,
Or you will never get your pay

You won't get your pay
Go on strike,
You won't be seen in
Bryant and May

We are the match girls
We will fight for our rights
We are the match girls
We will fight into the night.

By Luc, Louie, Una, Kimarla,
Betty and Ihsan.

Please Bryant and May,
Give us our pay
Or we will march out.
And wave our banners about.

No toilet breaks,
More phossy jaw.
You may stand together,
But you are too poor.

We will leave Bryant and May
As we did not get our pay.
So we will march out
And shout it all about.
We will march all day,
To get our fair pay

Year 6 wrote ode poems:

An Ode to the Empty Benches

An ode to the tools scattered defiantly on the scratched and worn worktops.

An ode to the cobbles on the dusty trodden roads and the misplaced tiles on the millions of roofs

Below the smoke-engulfed London skyline.

An ode to the spark that was struck in the minds of courageous match girls.

An ode to the broken glasses, love letters, pieces of metal and wood that littered the floor of the Bryant and May factory

An ode to the chants sung in the streets,

To resilience.

And finally, from the purple, green and white,

You are the match girls that struck our light.

By
Araş, Edith, Daniel and Marnie.

International Women's Day by Marnie and Edith 6B

We absolutely loved the workshop led by the amazing Marion on the courageous matchgirls for International Women's Day. The aim of the workshop was to create an ode for the valiant girls! We especially loved hearing everyone else's work and poems. Here is a quote from Alba 6B "I like how the leader of the assembly (Marion) is Irish too so it felt like there was a connection between her and the matchgirls." We also like how we were put into groups with the other class (6M) as well so we could find new ideas and thoughts.

IWD workshops

1S performing for 2L:

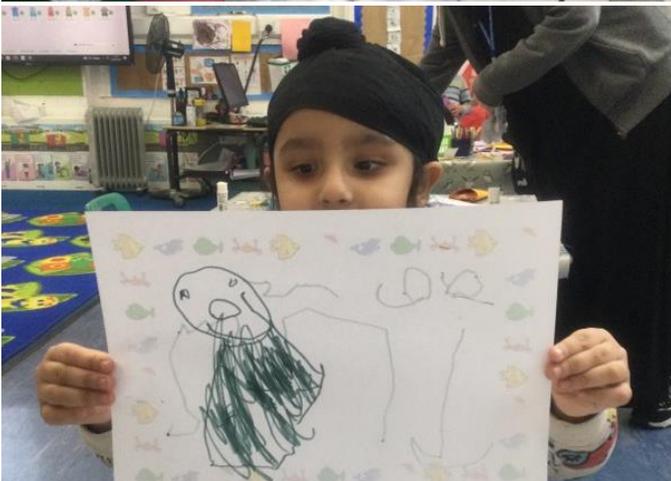


Nursery enjoying their workshop:



Nursery - amazing writing!

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at the story "Commotion in the ocean." We then choose our favourite animal from the story to draw and then worked hard to think about the first sound in the animals name as well as trying hard to form letters. Well done Nursery, you did some amazing writing this week.



Year 5 gymnastics

Year 5 working with such focus, concentration and trust in gymnastics this afternoon, as they performed counter balances. Not as easy as they make it look. 😊😊😊 Rochelle and Berry, our gymnastics coaches were mightily impressed!



Initial Leek Success!

Last week, Y3 members of the William Patten Eco-Team (and Bella) sowed leeks in propagation trays with compost. Since then, the children have been watering them in their classrooms and we're pleased to say they've already started growing! When the seedlings are nearing 10cm, we'll transfer them into the raised bed in the edible playground. Ali and the kitchen team will then be able to use them in one of their delicious pasta dishes. The children clearly have green fingers as evidenced by their early success! Over the next few weeks, every year group will be involved in sowing seeds and planting bulbs, and we're very much looking forward to seeing our school grounds burst back into life!



Language Leaders from Clapton Girls' Academy visited our Y4 and Y6 classes this week. The Y8 students prepared bespoke sessions for the children which were informed by their current and previous learning, providing both consolidation and extension. There were opportunities for speaking and listening, written recording, independent and group work and participation in vocabulary games.

Both classes really enjoyed the company of their visitors and worked hard in their sessions. We look forward to future sessions with the language leaders as part of our ongoing collaboration with CGA and thank Mr Leech and the language department for supporting the organisation of these sessions. Many thanks too to the Language Leaders, for being excellent ambassadors for learning a modern foreign language.



Year 6 geography field trip to the Olympic Park - Elijah and Quentin 6B

Hi, we are Elijah and Quentin and we're going to be recounting our amazing trip! First of all we met up with our guide called Richard at the milk float in Hackney Wick, then we walked to the salmon factory. Did you know that it's the last factory in London that still makes smoked salmon? After that we went to the locks.

Fun fact – they have to open it when the water level is equal because of the water pressure.

Later we visited the lodge at Queen Elizabeth Park to have lunch then entered the tumbling bay for 45 minutes. Next our groups went to sketch the wetlands. Did you know that sometimes you can see otters at the wetlands?

We made our way back at around 2.30pm and arrived back at school at 3.20pm. A big thank you to all the staff and parents who made this happen.



Our new Language of the Month is Turkish



We are lucky enough to have 33 Turkish speakers at William Patten and to represent the Turkish speakers across the school Helen was joined by Ezgi (1H), Arzu (2C), Arden (3L), Emir (4M), Yusuf (5E) and Musa (6B). During the whole school virtual assembly the classes learnt that Turkey lies in the Eastern Mediterranean region of the world, which is to the east of the Mediterranean Sea. Turkey is located between the continents of Europe and Asia and is called a transcontinental country. The capital city of Turkey is Ankara which is the country's second largest city. It has various fascinating landmarks including the Ankara Castle and is the home to one of Turkey's largest mosques. Turkey's largest city is Istanbul and is known for its scenic location and its connections to the Marmara Sea and the Black Sea. More than 80 million people live in Turkey and about one fifth of the Turkish population live in and around the country's biggest city Istanbul. One of the most interesting facts about Turkey is how many languages are spoken in the country. Although the official language in the country is Turkish, there are over 30 minority languages spoken across the country, including Kurmanji (Northern Kurdish), Mesopotamian Arabic and Zazaki. Turkish is one of the most polite languages in the world. It uses honors and grammatical forms allows speakers to choose the appropriate level of formality to use when speaking to someone else according to who they are (their age or familiarity to you). Also, The Turkish language has 8 vowels: ⟨a⟩, ⟨e⟩, ⟨ı⟩, ⟨i⟩, ⟨o⟩, ⟨ö⟩, ⟨u⟩, ⟨ü⟩ and the Turkish vowel system means that the meaning of a word depends on how the vowel sounds are pronounced. Importantly, you may have heard about or seen on the news that there was a devastating Earthquake in Turkey and Syria on the 6th of February. We are showing our support by having Turkish as our new Language of the Month and William Patten are also raising money for the British Red Cross Turkey and Syria Earthquake appeal charities this Red Nose Day on Friday the 17th March 2023.

Why don't you have a go at learning the Turkish words and phrases that we will be using at William Patten?

Turkish words and phrases

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

Good morning – *Günaydın (gun-iy-den)*



Hello – *Merhaba (mar-haba)*



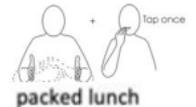
Goodbye – *Güle güle (gulee guleh)*



School dinners – *Okul yemeği (okul yemay)*



Packed lunch – *Sefer tası (sefar taish)*



Please – *Lütfen (lutvan)*



Thank you – *Teşekkür (teshik-kulersh)*



Tool of the Week

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

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK

6.3.23

MOVE IT
MIGHTY MUSCLES

Tools to TRY
The Zones of Regulation™

MOVE IT
MIGHTY MUSCLES

Have your muscles do the work of pushing, pulling, or carrying something heavy. Ideas include:

- Opening doors
- Carrying a filled basket
- Sweeping
- Moving a stack of books

How do you feel?

The ZONES of Regulation®

Our brilliant gymnastics team won gold!

The Year 3 and 4 team AND the Year 5 and 6 team came first in the Hackney Keysteps Gymnastics competition. They had Karen fooled on their return, as they said that they had been praised for their participation, but then announced they were victorious! They should be so proud of their achievements and the way they represented WP brilliantly, with good behaviour and team spirit.

🏆🏆 Double gold. A huge thank you and well done to our amazing coaches Rochelle and Berry, the best gymnastics coaches in the world. We are very fortunate they are part of the WP team! 😊😊



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Sumayyah, Theo, Yusuf, Filip, David, Juno, Arabella, Felix, Violet, Anna, Shahnaz, Oscar, Una, Amber, Aykut, Patrick, Vita, Ali and Stella. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

PTFA Lottery



Congratulations to the winners of the William Patten Lottery which were drawn at the fabulous PTFA quiz night this week. Please collect your prize money from the school office. If you are interested in joining the lottery contact Sel at arcandsa@hotmail.com.

Nov 2022

- 1st – Kevin Ward £40
- 2nd – Dimi Alexopoulou £30
- 3rd – Chris Dearie £20

Dec 2022

- 1st – Katie Hoare £40
- 2nd – Katie Hoare £30
- 3rd – Ita Langen £20

Jan 2023

- 1st – James Barr £40
- 2nd – Caroline Northam £30
- 3rd – Susannah Trefgarne £20

William Patten are helping eliminate hygiene poverty by collecting unused products to donate to a Hackney-based charity supporting children and families. **A big THANK YOU to Violet (4C)** for contacting Beauty Banks and setting us up as a collection point. We need: soap, shower gel, handwash, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes, toothpaste and deodorant.



Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you!

