

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

An incredibly busy two weeks at WP! Red Nose Day, St. Patrick's Day, a visit from Safari Pete for EYFS, Shakespeare workshops across the whole school, the Eco Team visited Clissold Park for a bird count and we also had a wonderful Year 5 / LSO performance for Year 1. How wonderful! We have also had Parents' Evening and Assessment Week in the last fortnight.

Red Nose Day was a huge success and we were overwhelmed at the generosity of our families with the contributions for the Great WP Bake Off. We put out 8 tables for the cakes in the morning, but very soon ran out of space as more and more children kept entering the hall in the morning asking "Where shall I put my cake?". The overflow had to go on the benches, but they were not forgotten when the School Council arrived to judge! Taking their role very seriously, the children decided on their top cakes to sample and did Paul Hollywood proud ☺ They commented on the designs, relation to the theme, taste and texture and then narrowed down their selection and finally decided on the winners. The winning bakers were presented with their prizes in assembly today and hopefully will be inspired to keep on baking. We look forward to future creations at future Bake Offs.

Special thanks go to the office team – Rita, Wendy, Carole and Jane - for running the cake sale on RND. They spent the majority of their day organising, cutting and selling cakes, which was a mammoth task. They tidied everything away too and left the hall immaculate. Thank you Team WP. Not sure they want to see another cake for a little while though ☺ Other prizes awarded today were for the World Book Day homework quiz. Excellent detective skills from Melissa in Year 4, Calum in Reception, Aras in Year 6 and Zakia in Reception who were able to solve the mystery of which adults liked which book. I thought this was a tricky challenge, so was mightily impressed at their deductions! We hope you enjoy spending your voucher at the bookshop and happy reading.

Ramadan started yesterday and I would like to wish our families who observe Ramadan, Ramadan Mubarak. I send my warmest wishes to you and your family during this special time. We are looking forward to celebrating with you at the WP Eid party after the holiday. Children will be able to wear their

special Eid clothes if they would like to on the day. We will be having a special Eid assembly for EYFS / KS1 and KS2 and each class will be having a lesson to find out more about the importance of Ramadan and Eid to Muslims around the world. More details about our Eid party will be sent when we are back after Easter.

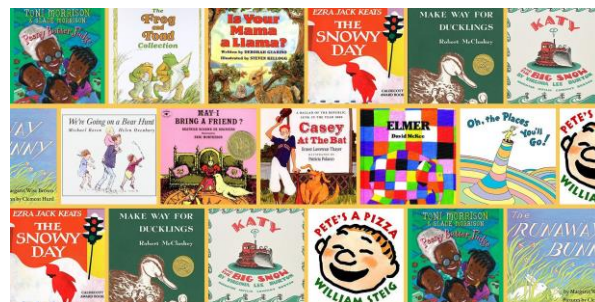


Wishing everyone a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

## PTFA appeal for books



Access to engaging high quality books are a crucial component of the rich education our children receive at William Patten, and particularly in the EYFS.

Unfortunately as a result of the shrinking School budgets the School doesn't have the resources to replenish the stocks. Therefore as a PTFA we're going to step in and support. We're working with Maria to secure £1,000 of new books and would love your support. If you have any new / nearly new books at home or would like to purchase some books directly to donate then please do so. The PTFA will make up the difference from PTFA funds. If you can donate a book(s), please do so to the school directly (via the office) by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March.

## World Book Day Quiz

Thank you to all the children who took part in our big World Book Day quiz, attempting to match the correct staff member to a childhood book that inspired them. It was a tough challenge, but the winners were announced in today's assemblies and they are...

✦✦ **Melissa (4M)** ✦✦ Our KS2 champion identified the books chosen by every staff member in her year group, and the entire Senior Leadership Team, as well as 2 additional members of staff!

✦✦ **Aras (6M)** ✦✦ wins the second prize with full marks on the Y6 quiz and several more correct on the tiebreaker quizzes too.

In EYFS and KS1, a big round of applause for...

✦✦ **Callum (Rec YM)** ✦✦ who correctly matched every Reception staff member to their book and had the most overall correct answers in the entire school. First place was incredibly close in this age group, and the second prize goes to

✦✦ **Zakia (Rec C)** ✦✦ who was only 2 answers away from the top spot!

Thank you again to all who took part, and congratulations to our winners.



## Red Nose Day 2023

Our School Council judged this year's WP Bake Off which raised lots of money for Red Nose Day and the Red Cross Turkey/Syria Earthquake Appeal. It was a tough decision but they were brave, and managed to taste all of the winners after short-listing on style and creativity! The best-tasting cake was Dante's: it was delicious! Thank you to everyone who brought in a cake or tray of cupcakes. There were hundreds to choose from and everyone across the school thoroughly enjoyed tasting the magnificent creations.

**Congratulations** to the winners (the standard was SO high!) who each received a special certificate and prize.

**EYFS: Alice and Violet**



**KS1: Dante and Hunter**





## KS2: Edith & Marnie and Alex



A tough job, but someone has to do it. In this case, School Council, who took their role very seriously. Thank you to Jonathan, Bowie, Alba, Hattie, Ares, Mohinder, Benny, Audrey, Jamie, Isabelle, Ciro-Mael and Clara. You did a fantastic job and kept the results confidential. Well done!

Round cakes, square cakes, big cakes, small cakes, traybakes, cupcakes. Cakes with noses, cakes with faces, cakes with hair! So many wonderful designs showing such creativity and imagination. All tasted delicious. Winners were announced in assembly today and we hope you liked your prize. Keep on baking!







3IC enjoying their 'carpet cake picnic'!





### Getting ready for Red Nose Day!!

Valentine (4M) was very busy last weekend. She organised some friends (Vilma 3IC, Venla 5C & Betty 4C) to wash cars (inside & out!), sweep front yards and clean front doors to raise money for Red Nose Day. So far they have raised £100! What an achievement ☺



### Happy St Patrick's Day

We were very fortunate to be able to have the wonderful Irish Dance troupe visit us on St. Patrick's Day! They performed for EYFS and KS1 and then for KS2. Fabulous music, singing and dancing, which had us clapping our hands and tapping our toes! Thank you for such a lovely end to our week and celebrating with us ☺





## **Safari Pete**

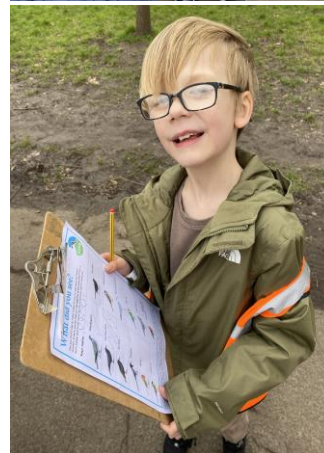
Safari Pete came to visit this week with some feathered and scaly friends! Nursery and Reception were very brave and showed such kindness and care to the creatures they met. Tallulah the Meerkat, Juliet the Owl and Boo Boo the Monitor Lizard all came to say hello. We even had a crocodile in the bottom hall!





### RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch

On Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March, the Eco Team headed up to Clissold Park to take part in the annual RSPB Big Schools' Birdwatch. Despite the very blustery and windy weather, no one got blown away! The children managed to collect lots of data on the different bird species that inhabit Stoke Newington. As predicted, the feral pigeon was the most common, along with some black headed gulls and a swarm of crows too! Karen set them the task of finding out if the swan who lives there had found a friend, sadly it was still swimming solo, but we have high hopes and fingers and toes crossed for next year! The children also spotted some more tropical feathery friends, in the form of bright green parakeets, which caused squeals of excitement. A big thank you to all the parents who came along to support the trip, and to all the Eco team members for their impeccable behaviour and general energy and enthusiasm on all things bird watching!



Next week is **Autism Acceptance Week** and we will be marking this in school through assemblies and activities in class. Hackney Education are offering a range of Autism Education Trust training and parent and student voice activities through the week. The focus will be Autism and Intersectionality. They want to use the week to listen and respond to the views of Hackney young people and their families, thinking about how to make sure autism training and practice is culturally sensitive and meaningful, with particular reference to the global majority community. You can use the link below to sign up to any of the trainings listed in the attached flyer: [Autism Acceptance Week 2023: Event Registration for Parents and Carers \(google.com\)](https://www.hackney.gov.uk/autism-acceptance-week-2023)



## Shakespeare workshops

This week is Shakespeare Week in the UK, and we have been celebrating with some fantastic workshops run by West End in Schools - a theatre in education company. Adam, the workshop leader, has been engaging children from Reception through to Year 6 with activities linked to *The Tempest* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. The sound of excited thespians has radiated from the bottom hall, where children have developed many theatrical skills. Some highlights include learning to walk in the style of different characters, leading with different body parts to create different effects, and how to clearly deliver lines in Shakespearean English. Engaging their bodies and brains, children participated in a range of activities. Isaac (6M) said his favourite was the 'Bus-stop game', where two children took on the role of characters from the play but had to act as if meeting at a bus stop. The rest of the class then had to identify the characters based solely on the brief performance. An absolutely BRILLIANT time was had by all, and we would like to again extend our thanks to Adam for making the magic of Shakespeare truly come alive for our children this week. To find out more about Shakespeare Week: <https://www.shakespeareweek.org.uk/>



## EYFS: A Midsummer Night's Dream

Reception children enjoyed learning about the main characters in Shakespeare's comedy, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. They moved and acted out the characteristics of Oberon, Titania, Puck, Bottom, Lysander, Helena and Demetrius, the bees in the forest and even magic flowers. Adam, the workshop leader, was very impressed by the children's behaviour and the informed contributions that Reception children made during the workshop!






## LSO workshop and performance

Over the term, Year 5 has had the opportunity to be inspired by the life and career of one of America's greatest composers, George Gershwin. At WP, we've been continuing our creative friendship with one of the finest orchestras in the world: The London Symphony Orchestra. This marvellous friendship has supported our students to become composers and explore the many ways that a piece of music can be created. It has also been a delight seeing our students grow in confidence, engaging and succeeding in complex tasks, superb teamwork and an overall joy and love for music. Year 5 was also thrilled to collaborate and regarded their original composition with two musicians from The London Symphony Orchestra. After, they performed their stunning piece to an attentive Year 1 and Year 5 audience. To finish off this exciting experience, our students will be visiting the Barbican to watch a performance by the LSO. A big well done to all our musicians that took part in this project over the term.



## Place2Be 'Parenting Smart' course



### 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.

Learn more at [parentingsmart.org.uk](https://parentingsmart.org.uk)

**Exclusive to Place2Be schools**

### Parenting Smart - Online Course

Parents and Carers of 4-11 year olds can now access our free online course providing you with extra tools to deal with **everyday parenting challenges**.

The course aims to help you strengthen your relationship with your child and respond helpfully to challenging behaviour. You can also join discussions with other parents in your group from across the UK.

Designed to fit around busy family lives, the 6-week course can be **broken down into short, 15-minute sections** and you can access it from your mobile phone, tablet or any other device.

- ✓ Free
- ✓ No fixed times
- ✓ Accessible from any device
- ✓ Hear from other parents around the UK
- ✓ Place2Be professional on hand to support learning

Learn more at [place2be.org.uk/family](https://place2be.org.uk/family) or talk to the Place2Be staff member in your school.

Our online course is open for registration. The last day to register is **27<sup>th</sup> March**. Start date – **April 18<sup>th</sup>**. Link for registration: <https://www.place2be.org.uk/our-services/parents-and-carers/support-for-families-in-place2be-schools/parenting-smart-online-course/>

This is a free online parenting course based on tried and tested techniques and experiences from supporting children, young people, and their families. It is split into six modules, each focusing on one parenting skill that will help improve the parent – child relationship and identify new ways to respond to challenging behaviour:

**Connecting:** How to build a strong bond with your child

**Praise & Reward:** How to encourage desired behaviours

**Selective Ignoring:** How to discourage unwanted behaviours

**Clear Instructions:** How to ensure your child understands what is expected of them

**Boundaries and Consequences:** How to set limits in advance in an effective way

**Time Out:** How to manage extreme behaviours

A family practitioner will be the moderator of the course. The family practitioner will support the parents and carers and answer any questions they might have.



Ben's class are at the top of the attendance chart this time with a score of **96.8%**. Well done **6B!**

RCharlotte	92.8%	RYeter/Maria	95.3%
Y1 Helen	94.6%	Y1 Sofia	94.7%
Y2 Christine	95.8%	Y2 Laura	95.1%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.5%	Y3 Luke	95.9%
Y4 Craig	95.1%	Y4 Marion	95%
Y5 Claire	94.9%	Y5 Eric	95.7%
<b>Y6 Ben</b>	<b>96.8%</b>	Y6 Maya	96%





# Big Art Day 2023

The School Council judged this year's LGBT+ artist research poster competition – and it was tough! Thank you to everyone who entered: we loved looking at your informative, creative and eye-catching posters.



**Congratulations** to our winners who each received a special certificate and £10 token for Stoke Newington Book Shop.

**EYFS:** Callum and Sebastian

**KS1:** Nancy, Evan & Jack D

**Lower KS2:** Beatrice

**Upper KS2:** Olive & Hattie

## Sowing and Growing Underway!

Eco Team members from Years 4, 5 and 6 joined Laura and Craig one lunchtime recently, to sow seeds for their classes. They first filled plant pots with seed compost and then sowed their seeds according to each pack's instructions. The seeds will initially be looked after and watered in class, before the seedlings are transferred to their allocated growing areas.

- Year 6 sowed pepper seeds, which we are optimistic will grow on the roof terrace owing to the amount of sun it receives
- Year 5 sowed tomato seeds, which are also well suited to the rooftop beds.
- Year 4 sowed cucumber seeds.

The seeds were watered and taken to each classroom as part of the process. Year 3 are set to sow lettuce seeds in their raised beds, before the Easter break, and will also be planting leeks in the edible playground. Year 2 planted anemone and lupin bulbs earlier this week (which links to their science topic) and Year 1 will soon be sowing pumpkin seeds. EYFS are also planning to sow a dwarf variety of sunflower seeds on the roof before the break, and tomato seeds in their classes for their outdoor areas. Further information on the planting and sowing arrangements for this year can be found on the environment and sustainability page of the schools website, at the following link:

<https://www.willampatten.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/environment-and-sustainability/>





### Headteacher's tea parties

A delightful way to spend Friday afternoon, with two Headteacher's Tea Parties. Congratulations and well done for achieving the magic 5 Headteacher Award nominations. The children started a new trend - attempting Biscuit Jenga whilst trying to balance a cup, a tough one! Thank you for working hard, trying your best and showing kindness and consideration towards others. You demonstrated this when you welcomed Sian who tried to gatecrash the party! You should be very proud of what you have achieved so far this year. We are very proud of you.



### Lego Club

Children at Lego club have been very busy: Wilfred made "a museum of ancient things", Joseph and Owen made "a car museum", Poppy made "a hut with a roof terrace", Ran, Maya, Izzy, Margot and Owen made a museum of treasure! Last week, Ran, Maya and Casper made a museum complete with different exhibitions. There was an animal exhibition, human, rocks/gems and space!

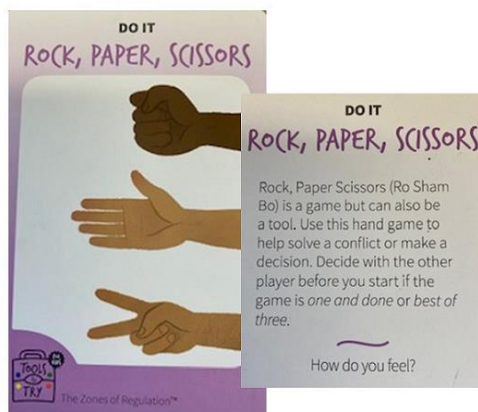


# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Kerim, Isla, Tazio, Maya, Nori, Chloe, Kaan, Ares and Olive. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

### Latest Tool of the Week

**ZONES** TOOL OF THE WEEK  
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