

# The Patten Pages

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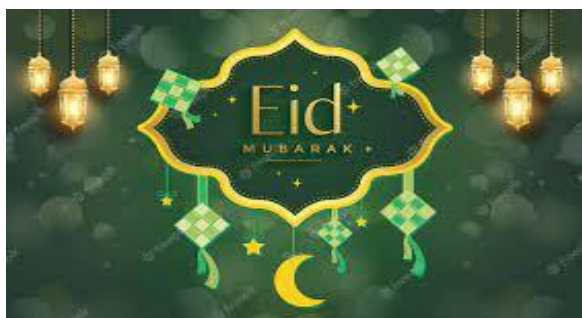
Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2023

Dear parents,

Welcome back after the Easter holidays. It was lovely to see the children back in school and excited to share what they have been up to whilst they were away. It has been lovely to see some sunshine too!

We have a busy few weeks coming up, as we have our Eid party celebration to look forward to next week. We will be holding the party outside on the Astroturf and each class has been timetabled to visit the food stalls throughout the day. It has traditionally been held inside but as we are having it outside, it means that we can invite parents in to share the celebration with us. We do hope that you will be able to pop along if you are working from home or happened to be close by. It would be lovely to see you. I think you will be amazed at how much delicious food has been donated by our families who celebrate Eid!

The following week we have a Coronation party to look forward to. We will celebrate by having a whole school picnic lunch outside in the playground, followed by a parade of our Eco Crowns. We will also have an ice cream van at lunchtime and a photo booth where the children can have their picture taken with their Eco-Crown. A very big thank you to the PTFA, who have funded the ice creams and photos. Both will definitely help make the day a day to remember and of course children will have their photo booth 'stamp' keepsake photo. We hope as many children as possible will join in the celebration and make a crown to wear on the day. We have prizes for the best crown and I know that the eco-team are looking forward to the judging already. I would like to say your support with the new lunch arrangements has been very helpful. It has made such a difference and has had an impact already - ordering with better prices and it has reduced the administrative burden for the office. No more counting and counting! Finally, I would like to say Eid Mubarak to all our families who are celebrating Eid. I hope you have a lovely time with family and friends.



Best wishes  
Karen

## PTFA update

Dear Parents,

We hope you're all well and had a great Easter break. It's been a busy period for the PTFA getting organised for the different activities we have coming up during the Summer Term. The first of which is Active Living Week in May.

Please see poster below and embedded QR code for further details.

A poster for 'ACTIVE LIVING WEEK' by 'THE WILLIAM PATTEN PTFA'. The top half shows a female athlete in a yellow and black singlet and blue shorts, captured mid-air as if jumping over a brick building. The background is a clear blue sky. A QR code is located in the top left corner. Below the image, there is a dark grey box with white text. The text reads: 'We all know the importance of being active and making healthy choices. It's not just about the benefits to our mental and physical wellbeing though, it's also really FUN!' followed by 'What to expect: Inspirational speakers joining assemblies! Whole school challenge to cover 2,500km - that's London to Paris three times! Closing with a bang and a community 5k where we'll attempt to break a Guinness World Record for the number of people linked together! The 5k race is open to all, but only those 16 years old and over will count towards the record breaking attempt.' Below that, it says 'When: 15-19 May with a Guinness World Record attempt on Sat 20 May.' and 'We need all your support to make this a success. Please scan the QR code for more information and to sign up. Thank you.' At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'For more information contact Evan Williams on 07773 358078 / evanjameswilliams77@gmail.com.'

Also coming soon...

- > 15th - 20th May - Active Living Week
- > Thursday 8th June - Pub Quiz & Auction
- > Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair
- > TBD - Coffee Morning(s)

Have a great weekend all.

Kind regards,  
The PTFA Team

## STEM week 2023

**A very big thank you to Sofia, our Science subject lead, who planned all of the activities and events for STEM week, including the fabulous family challenge!**

As part of STEM week, children in Nursery made their own boats, which they then tested to see if they would float. Fabulous work Nursery!



Year 1 designing and making their own boats with propellers! One of our STEM week challenges and one the children enjoyed working in pairs to do. After the making, there was of course the testing, which explains why there was a paddling pool on the roof! Excellent work Year 1!



Years 1 to 6 also took part in wonderful workshops run by the local group STEAM Lab Hackney. The children had the opportunity to get hands on with a range of technology including Indi car robots, Sphero bots which they programmed to talk and micro:bits which they used to make electric guitars!



## **STEM week Family Challenge is back!**

It was lovely to welcome parents back to the event, which we used to run each year. A very big thank you to the families who were able to attend. Your support is very much appreciated. Great teamwork and amazing construction skills. We hope you enjoyed the evening.



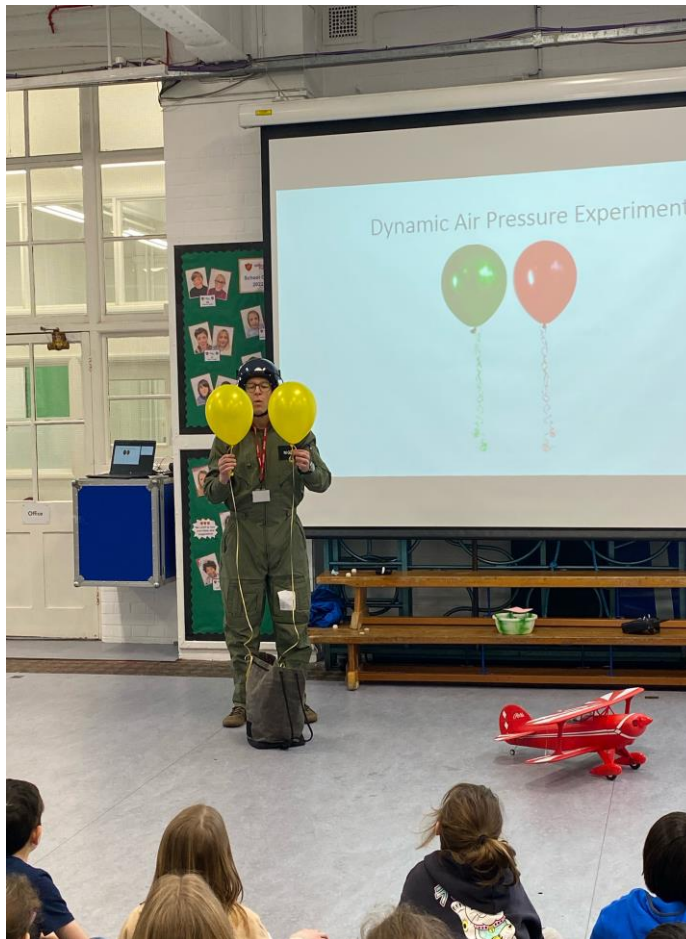
## **STEM Week - circuits**

In Nursery, we enjoyed exploring circuits as part of our work for Stem Week. We worked in pairs to make a circuit so we could light a bulb as well as a buzzer and then in the afternoon we extended this to use a switch to turn off then on the bulb and the buzzer.



## Budding aviators!

We were very lucky to have a special visitor to Year 4 for STEM week. Falcon and Dolly's dad came in to talk to us about being a pilot. We learned about all the different factors that allows something as big as an airplane to take flight. We were even able to make connections between air pressure in flight and the barometers we made in class as our focus STEM activity. A huge thanks to Matt for inspiring us. Some children were particularly excited to know that you can start flying lessons when you're 14. I think there may be some budding aviators among us!



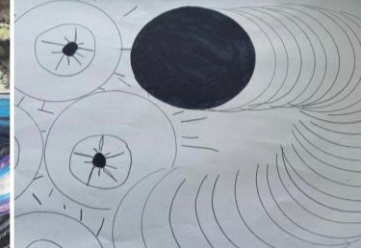
## STEM poster competition

Some of the great entries for our STEM poster competition. Entries were judged by School Council this week. Winners announced soon!



## RE calendar competition

Some of the wonderful WP entries for the Hackney RE calendar. This year's artwork is based around the theme of creation: How was the universe created? Children could focus on creation stories as well as religious and secular views on the origins of the universe. Traditionally, we have always had a number of winners, so hopefully will see some of these in the published calendar!



## Olga the Viking

Year 4 had a special visitor this week. We were expecting Thorgil the Viking but he was on a raid so his wife Olga came instead. Olga demonstrated how we could row a Viking longship effectively, helped us build our own longhouse, explained what we could expect at a Viking meal and recounted an epic Viking saga about Thor. She also read our fortunes using runes and explained how Vikings sought justice at a court or Thing! What a great way to start our Viking history topic!



## EYFS 'Animal Day'

Just before the Easter holidays, on our first EYFS Animal Day, children dressed up as their favourite animal as a final celebration of our 'Animals' investigation during the spring half-term. During this topic children learnt about diverse environments and ecosystems, and the animals found in these different habitats. We discussed sustainability and our impact on the environment. We had so many animals in class on Animal Day ; a parrot, several sloths, many rabbits, two lions, a bat, a pig, one poisonous dart frog, a rooster, lots of foxes, a collection of tigers, three unicorns and a clutch of bears to name but a few. We thoroughly enjoyed this special day.



### Year 5 attended a performance by the LSO

Before the Easter break, a group of musicians from Year 5 were given the opportunity to visit the home of the London Symphony Orchestra: The Barbican. On a wet, grey Tuesday we made our way through London to see a full-scale orchestra tackle marvellous pieces of music from the American Songbook. Throughout the performance, we listened and danced in our seats to George Gershwin, Charlie Chaplin and many more fine composers. The students were also delighted to spot two musicians that recently collaborated with WP during our recent workshop. Exiting the auditorium one Year 5 student bellowed, "I feel so inspired!". I think it's safe to say that we all had a memorable day which we will never forget.



### Spanish pop up cafe

On the final Thursday of the Spring term, Year 4 set up their Spanish pop up café. The children learned about food production and food miles before embarking on making some Spanish themed dishes. Each group was tasked with making and assembling a dish. This involved lots of teamwork, chopping, grating, peeling and mixing. Many new skills were learnt and the joy of creating was shown all around. Each class spent the afternoon eating and drinking their dishes. By the looks of all the empty plates, the food tasted amazing!



## Maths Hub Participants visit William Patten

Participants from schools across the London North East Maths Hub region, visited William Patten in the final week of the spring term. The participants took part in training and observed a year 6 maths lesson, within the unit of work on fractions, decimals and percentages. The children investigated the relationship between fractions and decimals, making conversions between the two. The work included the concept of numbers with recurring digits and the children deepened their understanding through mathematical reasoning and problem solving.

### Fractions, Decimals and Percentages

Fraction	Decimal
$\frac{1}{2}$	0.5
$\frac{1}{3}$	0.33333...

First, divide your one in to 3 equal groups, as far as you can.

Then, put your ten tenths into 3 equal groups...

...(you might need to exchange a tenth for ten hundredths for this).

- What would you now need to do to continue?
- What do you think would happen next?

Once again, the participants were very complimentary about the excellent engagement of the children during their lesson and were impressed with what they were able to achieve. We had lots of positive feedback, which included the following from other Hackney schools:

‘Thank you so much for today’s session. It was so valuable and I took so much away for my own practice and to share with our team. Your children are a real credit to your wonderful school. It was such a joy to see them think so deeply and make connections’.

‘(There were) so many useful tips and thought processes for breaking down mastery teaching.’

William Patten is a specialist mastery school within the National Maths Hubs programme. As such, we also continue to benefit from close relations and training with the National centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM).

## Planting and sowing!

Nursery have been enjoying planting seeds. We have planted sunflower seeds on the roof garden and we have planted tomatoes as well as planting courgettes, peppers and cucumbers in our indoor planter in our classroom.



Children in Reception show where they planted their sunflower seeds on the roof just before the break. All our new roof crops are being covered with netting, as two rather large pigeons have become very interested in our sowing activity since we sowed green manure seeds in the winter!



### Lettuce Seeds Sown

Members of the Y3 Eco Team and Nevaeh sowed lettuce seeds on the roof terrace a few weeks ago. All went to plan and the lettuce plants had started to grow by the time we returned from the Easter break. We will now be able to add our home-grown leaves to tasty salads throughout the summer term.



### Y5 Eco Team in action

The Year 5 Eco Team were busy just before Easter, planting bulb and sowing seeds to germinate over the break. First, the team dug holes in the surrounding beds on the roof, before planting gladioli bulbs. They then scattered nigella seeds which they covered with a thin layer of compost. Next the children snipped and dug in some of the green manure in the edible playground and planted beans and edible flower seeds. The children also transferred kale from the rooftop to the playground beds, where we hope it will be happier! The children did a terrific job, finding many enormous wriggly worms in the process, which was much to everyone's entertainment!



### Year 2 Science lesson

Our topic in Science is '**Living things and their habitats**', Year 2 have been learning about applying the 7 life processes to establish whether something is 'alive', 'not living' or 'has never been alive'. We had a great outdoor lesson on our roof garden to see what we could find.



### Letters from Madrid

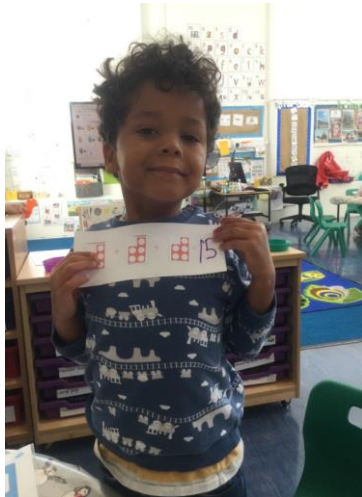
This week, we received letters from our partner school in Madrid. These have now been given to every class from Y1-Y6. Over the next few weeks, we will be preparing our replies in Spanish as part of our MFL curriculum. We are also looking forward to arranging video calls for each class, between the schools very soon!





## Solving maths problems

This week in our daily maths sessions in Nursery, we have been looking at Numicon and working out the value of each Numicon piece. Today, we did some addition using the Numicon to solve maths problems using numbers to 10 and numbers to 20. We talked about the value of the Numicon pieces, we then added two or more groups together and wrote how many we had in total. Fantastic work Nursery!



## Yoto Carnegie Shadowing Scheme 2023

As the summer term begins, our Year 6 Reading Leaders are fortunate enough to have the opportunity to take part in the Yoto Carnegie shadowing scheme!

### What is the Yoto Carnegie?

The Yoto Carnegie Awards are the UK's longest running and best loved awards for children and young people. The awards celebrate outstanding achievement in children's writing and illustration and are unique in that they are judged by children's librarians, with the Shadowers' Choice award being voted for by children and young people - including our Reading Leaders! For updates please follow @CarnegieMedals or #YotoCarnegies23

**Our contribution:** We are taking part in the Illustration shadowing scheme (which includes a greater number of age-appropriate books for primary than the writing shortlist). The Year 6 Reading Leaders joined a virtual meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April for the launch, and will continue to meet in May and June to discuss the books, before the final vote takes place.

**The shortlist:** If you would like to read along, or take part in your own vote at home, the books from the shortlist are included below.



Rescuing Titanic:  
Flora Delargy  
Wide Eyed Editions



Alte Zachen: Old Things  
Benjamin Phillips  
Cicada



The Worlds We Leave Behind  
Levi Pinfold  
Bloomsbury Children's Books



The Comet  
Joe Todd-Stanton  
Flying Eye Books



The Visible Sounds  
Yu Rong  
UCLan



Saving Sorry: Chang and the Sun Bear  
Jeet Zdung  
Kingfisher

The Visible Sounds is great for all ages, The Comet is aimed at lower KS2 (Years 3 and 4) and beyond, and the rest of the collection are for upper KS2, with Alte Zachen and The Worlds We Leave Behind suggested as 11+.

## HT tea parties

Congratulations to the children who have received the magic five Headteacher Award nominations. Thank you all for being so determined to do your best in school. You work hard, make the right choices and are thoughtful and supportive friends. Well done everyone!!



## Football win! Congratulations to our football team

On Thursday 30th March, just before the Easter break, we took a mix of Year 5 and 6 pupils to play a football match against Sir Thomas Abney school.

It was our first game for quite a while and everyone was excited to have the chance to play again. The game was played on the grass in Clissold Park. It was a really exciting encounter. We scored first through Eli, Sir Thomas Abney equalised before the break so it was 1-1 at half time. The game continued to ebb and flow when halfway through the second half Pablo scored a brilliant long range shot - 2-1 to us! They equalised again soon after. Both teams pushed for a winner and with a matter of minutes to go a draw looked on the cards until Raphael scored the winner from close range to end a thrilling match.

POTM went to Zia for his sterling work at centre back. Other notable performances from Su, Louis, Aurelien, Max, Ben, Lucas, Daniel and Orrin. Natasha (our Y5 TA) who came to help was full of smiles watching William Patten come out on top, 3-2, displaying all the qualities we have come to expect from our teams, hard work, team harmony, resilience and skill. Some of our players had never played in a match before so this was a good opportunity and everyone played their part making it a wonderful occasion. We look forward to our next match, hopefully soon.

Brian Bramble (WP football coach)



A huge thank you to Brian for his commitment to the children at William Patten. We are very lucky to have him as our football coach!

**Latest Tool of the Week: Smile at someone 😊**

**ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK**  
17.4.23

**The ZONES of Regulation®**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Aurelien, Kaizer, Maria, Dalia, Audrey, Amelia, Ben, Nana, Ihsan, Nyren, Aisha, Dolly, Quentin, Fred, Sawyer, Esha, Ocean, Kay, Jamie, Daniel, Ezra, Eugene, Ollie, Ryan, Marnie, Felix, Benedict and Fraser. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you had a lovely day!

**JAG and after school collection**

A quick reminder to say that if your child attends the Junior Adventures Group, JAG, after-school club, you need to book before 2pm to ensure that your child has a place at the club on that day.

This week we have had a number of children who have been left in the office because they think they are going to after-school club, but they have not been booked in on time. JAG are not able to take the children if they are booked late and neither are we!

It is very disruptive for the office team to have a lot of children in the office at the end of the day, and many are not being collected until 4:30pm. Please do ensure that you book your child their place by 2pm.

Supporting  
**BritishRedCross**

**In aid of the Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal**

This is to recognise the wonderful achievement of  
**William Patten School**  
for raising £1630.33 for the  
British Red Cross Turkey-Syria Earthquake Appeal

This valued donation will provide practical, medical and emotional care to people in crisis.

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**The power of kindness**

**Ben's class** are at the top of the **attendance chart** this time with a high score of **96.9%**. Well done **6B!**

RCharlotte	93.1%	RYeter/Maria	95.4%
Y1 Helen	94.5%	Y1 Sofia	94.8%
Y2 Christine	95.7%	Y2 Laura	95.2%
Y3 Ihsan/Craig	96.3%	Y3 Luke	95.7%
Y4 Craig	95.2%	Y4 Marion	94.9%
Y5 Claire	94.9%	Y5 Eric	95.8%
<b>Y6 Ben</b>	<b>96.9%</b>	Y6 Maya	95.6%



**April**

26 <sup>th</sup>	Eid party Y1 visiting The Garden Classroom
27 <sup>th</sup>	Strike day (school closed)

**May**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Strike day (school closed)
5 <sup>th</sup>	Coronation picnic
8 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday
9 <sup>th</sup> -12 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs
15 <sup>th</sup>	PTFA Active Learning Week
26 <sup>th</sup>	Break up for half term