

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Friday 5th May 2023

Dear parents,

Our Eid celebration was a great success last week. The generosity of our Muslim families and staff meant that we had enough food to share with over 500 children, parents and members of staff. Not only did the parents donate so much delicious food, but they also gave their time to serve all classes from Nursery to Year 6 throughout the day and it wasn't exactly warm either! Without them the day would simply not have happened and shows what a fantastic community we have at WP. Sincere thanks to everyone for their generosity, kindness and time. The children thoroughly enjoyed the party and were unanimous in judging the day 10 out of 10! The comments about the food were lovely ☺

"I loved the chicken rice"

"I was in a food wonderland and had too much to choose from!"

"I really enjoyed the feta cheese pastries"

"Can we do this every week?"

"I liked the rice, but loved the bread!"

"It tasted like heaven, my mouth was watering, it was so good!"

"I would really like this dish on the school dinner menu!"

Following on with the party theme, we enjoyed our Coronation party today, despite the weather! The eco-crowns were fabulous, with such a range of materials used and all very unique, individual and rather beautiful. The children enjoyed describing how the construction of many of the crowns were a family affair, including grandparents and much younger siblings getting involved. The photo booth proved to be a real hit with the children as they had their own "stamp" photos to take home. The Coronation cupcakes were also popular, so a big thank you to Ali and the team for making enough for everyone to enjoy. The ice cream also went down very well! Thank you to the PTFA for funding the photo booth and ice cream van, both of which have made the day one to remember for all children.

Year 6 will be taking their national tests next week and we wish them luck, although not that they need it because they have worked incredibly hard prior to this point. We have a lots of lovely trips planned for them to enjoy after the assessments, such as a trip to Springfield Boat Club, a trip to Hackney School of Food to make pizza and brownies, a day of fencing and making clay heads with Sian, all of which have been made possible by the support of the PTFA.

Whatever you are doing over the bank holiday weekend, enjoy, and we look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday, the 9th May.

Best wishes

Karen

Dear Parents,

Over the next few weeks we have three important events coming up that are central to our fundraising activities for the year.

Calendar for the Summer Term:

> 15th - 20th May - Active Living Week (see below for more detail)

> Thursday 8th June - Pub Quiz and Auction

> Saturday 1st July - Summer Fair

To make the three events a success we really need your help. A few specific areas we need support are below, but any help you can provide would be greatly received:

> Volunteers for the 5km race on Saturday 20th May at the end of Active Living Week - We need help to marshall the race and manage the post race picnic

> Auction prizes / donations for the Pub Quiz on 8th June

> Volunteers to support the Summer Fair on 1st July

Active Living Week:

Active living week is about raising awareness of the importance of living an active and healthy lifestyle, bringing the community together and having fun!

During the week the plan is to cover 2,500km as a school community. That's London to Paris and back three times!

The distance will be split across two activities as below:

1. Collectively we're aiming for WP pupils to cover 1,250km! There is no minimum or maximum distance any one pupil can cover, it's a team effort. There are no rules on how pupils can cover the distance, it can be walking, cycling, running, scooting, etc. the only requirement is that the distance is captured and fed into the PTFA [we'll be setting up a shared form to capture individual contributions alongside a running total next week]. We'll also share the official course for the William Patten 5km Race at Clissold Park so that if pupils want to use that as the distance they cover they can do so
2. Guinness World Record attempt 5km run / walk at Clissold Park on Saturday 20th May. The aim is to have 250 parents, carers, family members and friends of William Patten take part in the run / walk collectively covering 1,250km

Please register for the race on Saturday 20th May as soon as possible using the link [here](#). We need everyone to get involved if we're going to break the world record so please register, and spread the word!

Kind regards,

The PTFA Team

Eid Mubarak!

A fantastic feast at the WP Eid party last Wednesday. Yet again our Muslim families and staff prepared enough food to feed the whole school from Nursery to Year 6! Astonishing! Thank you for your generosity, kindness and delicious dishes. Such a treat. So much delicious food to choose from and thoroughly enjoyed by everyone!





Y4 trip to St Augustine's Tower

Year 4 were very excited to visit St Augustine's Tower in central Hackney - a mediaeval stone tower originally constructed in the 13th century. The children started with a Suitcase Stories workshop at Hackney Museum and explored four different suitcases containing authentic belongings of immigrants to Hackney dating as far back as the 18th century. They then walked to the tower and climbed 135 very steep and winding steps to the top. It was a little bit scary but also very thrilling! It was really an excellent trip and the children wholly recommend a visit! It is open to the public on the last Sunday of every month, please tell Patrick, our guide, that Year 4 sent you! This visit is part of our forthcoming Refugee Week celebration in June. We would like to express our gratitude to the parents that accompanied us, we would not have been able to go without you.



Coronation party

We had a wonderful day today at William Patten.
Everyone really enjoyed our Coronation party!



Rooftop Garden Planting

Y4, 5 and 6 members of the Eco team did a wonderful job of planting their classes' seedlings on the rooftop terrace this week. Y4 are growing cucumbers, Y5 tomatoes and Y6 are attempting peppers. We are also growing melons in the greenhouse, where we've also kept a few of the peppers as a back-up! Well done and thank you to the following children, who showed excellent team working skills whilst putting their green fingers to good use!

4M - Melissa and Freddie

4C - Amy and Calum

5E - Muvi and Amber

5C - Kimala and Luc

6B - Haleema, Jude and Theo G

6M - Tiarah and Ibrahim



Year 1 Garden Classroom trip

Both Year 1 classes went on a trip to 'The Garden Classroom' in Dalston to support our Science topic: Plants. When we arrived at The Garden Classroom the children went on a plant investigation to identify edible plants at the garden and we learnt which parts of the plants are edible and which parts are not. After learning about the different parts of the plants like roots, stem, leaves and flowers, the children had an opportunity to dig up weeds and analyse the roots under magnifying glasses. The trip rounded off with helping the plants in The Garden Classroom grow by watering them and we even had a vegetable picnic by eating edible parts of plants like carrots, celery and cucumber. It was a wonderfully informative trip and both Year 1 classes enjoyed themselves and were very sensible and polite.



STEM Week Poster Competition

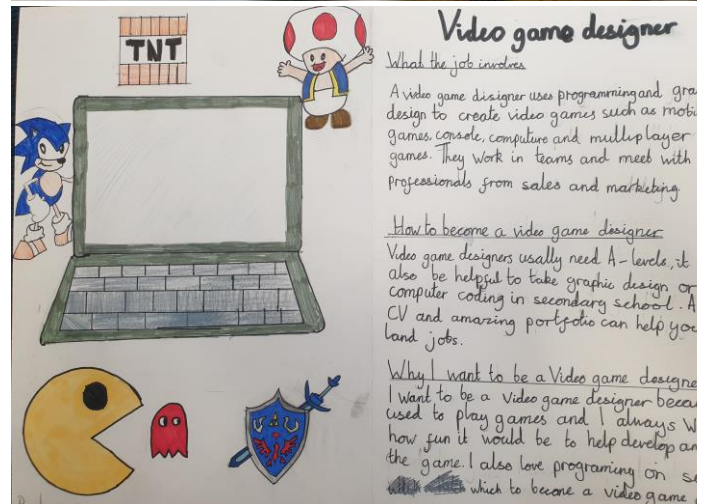
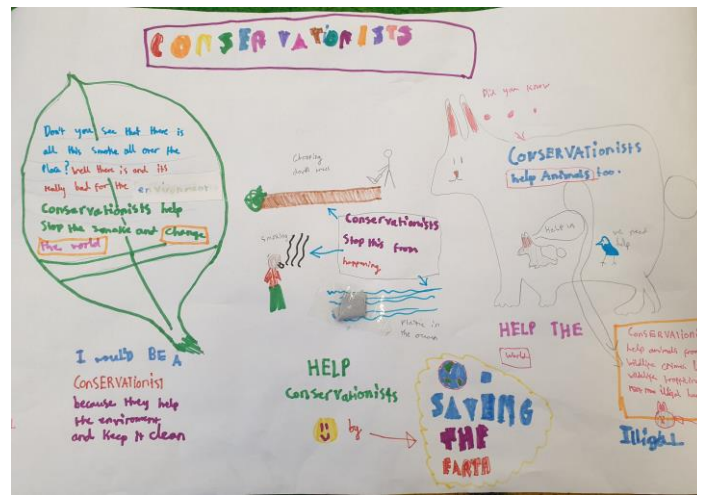
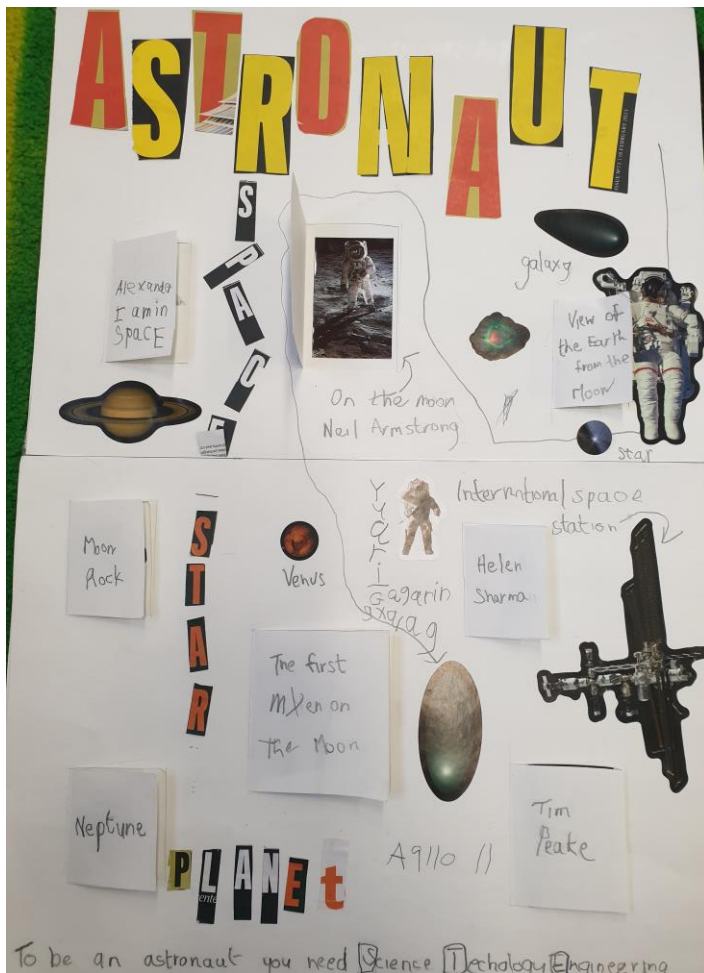
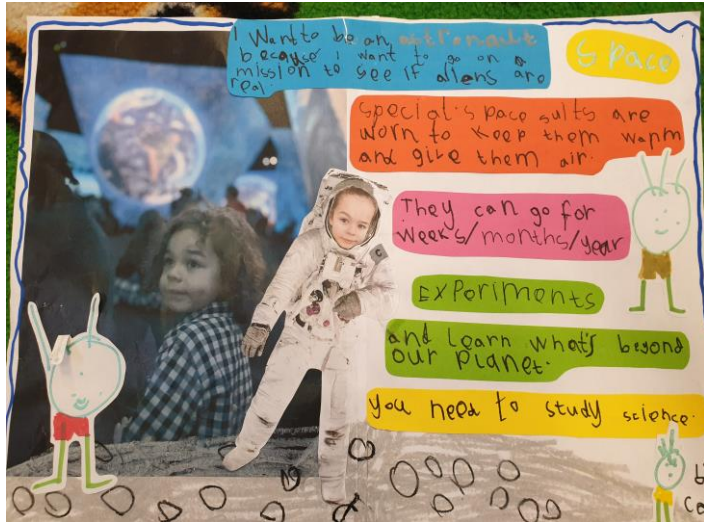
There were many incredible and inspiring entries to the STEM week 'I want to be...' poster competition. The school council found it very hard to choose the winners as William Patten is full of children aiming to work in STEM. Congratulations to the winners for their eye-catching and informative designs:

EYFS: Callum (RYM)

KS1: Alexander (1S)

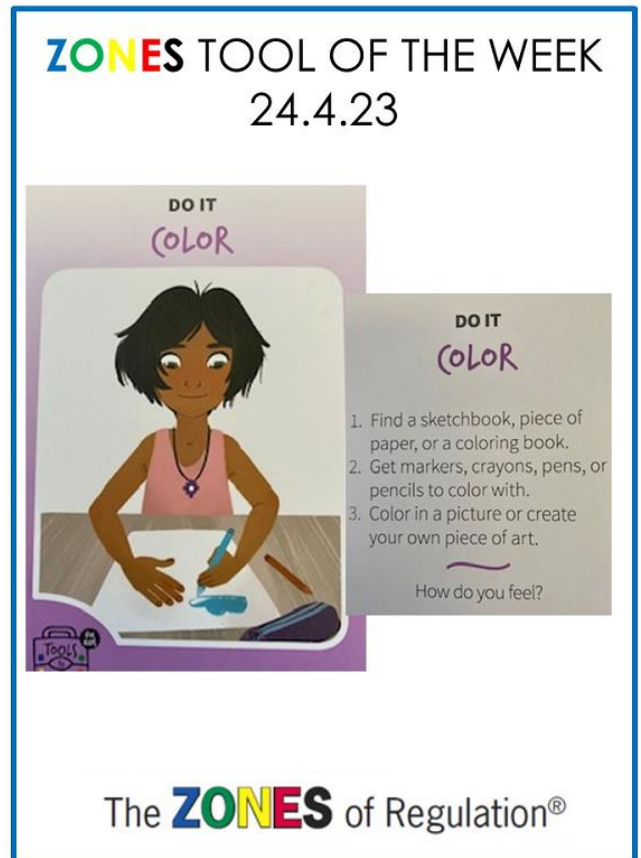
Y3 and 4: Ellora (3L)

Y5 and 6: Penelope (5C)



Tool of the Week

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



Year 3 designed Anderson shelters

Following on from last term's WW2 project, Year 3 got stuck into some D.T work where we designed and created our own Anderson shelters.



Carnegie Award shadowing

This week the Y6 Reading Leaders had their first independent meeting with the Carnegie Medal Shadowing team from Hackney. It was impressive to see them manage their time like pros, ensuring they were prepared to speak and joining the zoom meeting in their lunch break. The Shadowing group focused on the illustrations in two books - Saving Sorya and The Comet. They spoke eloquently and thoughtfully about both. Nana's idea that the illustration of a child sleeping in the shadow of Sorya (the bear) evoked ideas of protection and safety was particularly resonant, especially as Daniel reminded the group that bears can often be dangerous creatures, but that the illustrator has made a deliberate choice not to depict Sorya in this way. Every child in the meeting represented the school brilliantly, and I am very interested to see what they make of the next two books on the shortlist.



Our new Language of the Month is Bengali!

We are lucky enough to have 17 Bengali speakers at William Patten and to represent the Bengali speakers across the school Helen was joined by Eesa (1H), Luqman (1S), Ellora (3L), Munira and Aminah (4M), and Ishaq (5E). We have chosen Bengali as our new Language of the Month because, as you know, Eid was celebrated on Friday the 21st April by William Patten's Muslim families - We hope you had a wonderful celebration!

Eid isn't just celebrated by Muslim Bengali speakers from Bangladesh; The Muslim children in our school are from many different countries like Pakistan, India, Turkey, Iran and many more and they might speak languages like Arabic, Urdu, Turkish, Farsi and more. Eid celebrations usually include prayers at the mosque, spending time with family and friends, sharing delicious meals together and giving gifts.

During the whole school virtual assembly the classes learnt that Bengali is spoken in Bangladesh and in the Indian states of West Bengal and Tripura. There are about 220 million native speakers and about 250 million speakers of Bengali in total. It is one of the most widely spoken languages, ranking seventh in the world. Bangladesh has a population of around 162 million people and the capital city is Dhaka which has a population of 20 million. The culture of Bangladesh is rich and diverse and has evolved over centuries. Architecture, dance, literature, painting, and clothes are all important parts of the Bangladesh culture. The people of Bangladesh have many festivals and celebrations throughout the year and religion is an integral part of Bangladeshi culture and the major religion in Bangladesh is Islam. There are four main dialects spoken in Bengali, these are: Radha, Kamrupa, Pundra and Bangla. This means that depending on where someone lives in Bangladesh they will speak one of these Bengali dialects. The Bengali script is derived from Brahmi, one of the two ancient Indian scripts. Bengali is written from left to right and there are no capital letters. The script is characterized by many upstrokes, down strokes, and other features that hang from a horizontal line. During the assembly, the classes learnt to say greetings in Bengali and had an opportunity to see how the Bengali script is written.

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

Bengali words and phrases

Have a go at saying some of these words or phrases

Good morning – Shuprôbhat সুপ্রভাত



Good afternoon - Shubhō sôndhya শুভ সন্ধ্যা



Hello – Hyâlô হ্যালো



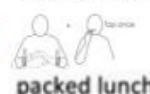
Goodbye – Bhalo theko ভালো থেকো



School dinners – Skulêra khâbâra স্কুলের খাবার



Packed lunch – Bâjira khâbâra বাড়ির খাবার



Please – Anugraha অনুগ্রহ



Thank you – Dhônyôbad ধন্যবাদ



Save our oceans!

This week in Nursery we have been looking at Oceans. We have been developing our fine motor skills as we made paper plate crabs using paint, pipe cleaners and eye stickers. We have also been using our phonic knowledge to write posters to encourage people to save our oceans from plastic and other rubbish.



Picasso Inspired Bird Sculptures



Children at Y4/5 Art Club were inspired by Pablo Picasso and painted birds in black before making their own fabulous papier mache bird sculptures. Lots of skills were practised and developed - including the safe use of the glue gun!



Sian submitted two of the bird paintings to the Royal Academy Young Summer Show ...so WATCH THIS SPACE!

Landscapes: Polar Regions

Last week, Nursery were looking at Polar Regions as part of our topic "Landscapes." We have been learning about what it looks like and how it would feel like to live in the Arctic and Antarctica as well as finding out information about animals that live there. We then used chalk to draw our favourite animals which included a Musk Ox, Snowy Owl, Arctic wolf, Polar Bears and Arctic Hares.



HT tea parties

Congratulations everybody on achieving the magic five nominations. It was lovely to see you at the latest Headteacher's Tea Parties! Well done and thank you for working hard and trying your best in all that you do. You have been so determined and shown great perseverance. You should be very proud of all that you have achieved so far. We are very proud of you. You are caring friends, you are creative and knowledgeable about so many things! You are also Biscuit Jenga maestros.



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

Friday 28th April

Super Achievers

Nursery	Ruairi and Navraj
Rec C	Willow
Rec YM	Tommaso

HT Award Certificates

1H	Bella, Fraser, Leul, Marlow, Phoebe
1S	Aarav, Eesa, Maya, Teo, Vittoria
2C	Clara, Freddie, Marcelo, Poppy, Alicja
2L	Isabelle, Kiaan, Leni, Taha, Felix
3IC	Belle, Galla, Keon, Oscar, Theo C
3L	Ava, Fatima, Juliet, Feadan, Lochie
4C	Caspar, Enrico, Esha, Leo, Thierry
4M	Asya, Freddie, Maria, Romy, Aminah
5C	Una, Penelope, Harleen, Kimarla, Elise
5E	Amelie, Bruno, Casper, Evie, Orrin
6M	Aras, Aisha, Shahnaz, Anna, Leo L
6B	Jonathan, Alba, Otto, Abdul, Hector

Friday 5th May

Super Achievers

Nursery	Kimya and Sebastian
Rec C	Rory
Rec YM	Sienna

HT Award Certificates

1H	Ezgi, Iris, Margot, Odhran, Sebastian
1S	Matilda, Eden, Alexander, Martha, Owen
2C	Freddie L, Audrey, Jack Q, Alfie, Lucas
2L	Jae, Sebastian, Lili-Marie, Rafe, Flora
3IC	Oscar, Belle, David, Joseph, Daisy
3L	Ada, Micaiah, Grace, Kay, Tommy
4C	Sunny, Olivia, Dylan, Aidan, Ares
4M	Aalish, Ali, Munira, Ellie, Serafina
5C	Venla, Ben, Luc, Neelam, Una
5E	Denzel, Inayah, Martha, Flossy, Ishaq
6M	Daniel, Vita, Harry, Aarya, Anna
6B	Aydin, Beatrix, Ellis, Quentin, Theo

JAG holiday camp

JAG Games held during their Easter Camp at William Patten. JAG run holiday camps during the school holidays as well as their after school club at WP every day till 6pm. Please see their website: <https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/> for further details and booking information or speak to one of the lovely JAG site team after school.



Attendance Chart

Eric's class are at the top of the **attendance chart** this time with a high score of **96.8%**. Well done **5E!**

RCharlotte	94.1%	RYeter/Maria	95.4%
Y1 Helen	95.2%	Y1 Sofia	95%
Y2 Christine	95.7%	Y2 Laura	95.9%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.3%	Y3 Luke	95.3%
Y4 Craig	95.8%	Y4 Marion	95.3%
Y5 Claire	95.1%	Y5 Eric	96.8%
Y6 Ben	96.4%	Y6 Maya	95.6%

**★ HAPPY ★
BIRTHDAY!**

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Aalish, Grace, Kit, Neelam, Amy, Lucas, Nancy, Aras, Beatrix, Shaneeya, Eesa, Jeremiah, Kimya, Eva, Teo, Harleen, Aster, Hector, Morgan, Mimi, Micaiah, Galla, Eden and Rafael. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!