

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the holiday for the final 6 weeks for the year. I can't believe where the time is going! There was lots happening in school in the last week, with a highlight being the wonderful music concert showcasing not only the musical talents of our children, but the hard work, dedication and commitment over time of all involved – children, tutors and families! It was a delightful afternoon and enjoyed by all. I was mightily impressed by the children's playing and also their confidence, playing individually or in small ensembles to such a large audience (over 180 parents, grandparents and siblings!) was a huge achievement, particularly as they have not done so before. Well done everyone and we look forward to the violin, keyboard and orchestra performances at the end of June!

The Hackney Lead Adviser for Religious Education visited WP to look at our RE curriculum and teaching on 22<sup>nd</sup> May. We were asked to facilitate this by the Assistant Director of Education, Jason Marantz. Claire met with Craig, with teachers, looked at books and talked with children. We received this lovely email after her visit. It made us very proud!

*Thank you so much for your welcome, time and hospitality, yesterday.*

*I really enjoyed spending the afternoon at William Patten, meeting the children and speaking to your colleagues about the RE work. The school had such a lovely atmosphere and I could see that the pupils were really engaged with The Ramayana activities.*

*Thank you for all of your hard work planning a thorough and diverse RE curriculum. It really is a credit to yourself and your team.*

*Claire Ramalli*

Finally, huge congratulations to Leo in Year 6, who has been selected to represent Hackney in cycling at the London Youth Games! A super achievement and one which Leo should be very proud of. He has been a regular member of the WP cycling team, participating in the Hackney Cycling League and obviously impressed with his skills! Well done Leo, we look forward to hearing how you get on. I know you will be an excellent ambassador for Hackney, like you have been for WP!

Have a lovely weekend  
Best wishes  
Karen

I would like to thank you once again for your response to our request for support with funding. I am still receiving messages and they are very much appreciated and have been shared with the wider staff team. I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank the PTFA, whose knowledge and expertise has been utilised to ensure that the platform for donations is easy to use, maximises the amount of donations given and that this entire process is compliant. This was done in a very short timescale, which was quite astonishing. Almost like magic! The situation has been a steep learning curve, as this is very new and we are incredibly grateful for the support of the PTFA and everyone else (including ex WP parents!). The PTFA have also created a QR code which can also be used if you would still like to make a donation. Please see below. We will be sending more information about setting up regular payments later on.



## Music concert

We thoroughly enjoyed listening to the amazing performances at the music concert before half term. Thank you to the children for sharing their musical talents with us. Thank you to the parents who came along, your support is very much appreciated. Finally, a huge thank you to Elaine, Jon and all our music tutors for putting together such an enjoyable concert!



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## Find your Personal Best

Year 3 have been taking part in Personal Bests with Young Hackney. Finding their baseline in various activities and aiming to increase them before Young Hackney come back later in the term. Some of the activities were hard but the children were amazing, showing such resilience and determination!



## Goodbye and thank you to Asma



Asma, one of our wonderful Nursery Teaching Assistants, left WP on the last day of half term. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her hard work and commitment to our school community. She has made a very valued contribution to William Patten and I know she will be hugely missed by the staff, children and parents. The EYFS team will miss her particularly! She consistently demonstrated high standards and expectations and this has been reflected in all the work she has done during her time at the school. Her colleagues have very much appreciated her assistance and guidance. We wish her happiness in her new job working in Admissions at Hackney Education, which means she will be able to WFH! Thank you Asma and please do keep in touch!

## A big welcome to baby Finn



Congratulations to Luke and his partner, Lauren, who welcomed the very gorgeous Finn to the world just before half term! Enjoy your time as a new family of three! We look forward to seeing Luke back in school after his paternity leave. 😊😊😊

## Spanish is our new Language of the Month!

With Hispanic Week approaching on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June, we have chosen Spanish to support the celebrations which we are very much looking forward to, especially the Spanish cuisine inspired lunch we will have!

In a whole school virtual Language of the Month assembly, Helen was joined by Thiago (1S), Ocean (4M), Aurelien & Max (5C) and Rudy (6M). During the assembly, classes learnt that Spanish is spoken by 470 million native speakers all over the world and thirty one countries have Spanish as their official language; Spain, Mexico, Cuba, all of the countries in Central America and South America (except Brazil, where Portuguese is the official language).

As Spanish is spoken in so many countries around the world, the regional varieties of the Spanish language are fairly different in each Spanish speaking country especially in pronunciation and vocabulary. Focusing on Spain; Castilian Spanish is recognised as 'typical' Spanish and is spoken across the country of Spain. Catalan is spoken in the region around Barcelona, and the province of Cataluña, as well as in Valencia; Catalan reads and sounds quite different to Castilian Spanish. Basque is spoken in the Basque Country in the north of Spain and Galician is spoken in Galicia, in the Northwest of Spain.

Spain has a rich history, exciting culture and many traditions. It is well known for its food, music, festivals, art and sports stars making it a wonderful country to visit. Spain is widely known for its Spanish cuisine, traditional Spanish dishes include the famous paella, tortilla, gazpacho, as well as tapas. Festivals and celebrations are also among the many things that define Spanish culture. It hosts numerous fantastic festivals throughout the year, bringing together thousands of local people and tourists. Spanish has a phonetic writing system which means you can look at a written word and know how to pronounce it or hear a word and know how to spell it. Usually, when you see or hear a letter in Spanish you know how it should sound or be written. In the Spanish alphabet (alfabeto Español) there are 29 letters, 3 more than the English alphabet - ch, ll and ñ (the small squiggle above the ñ is called an accent). Why don't you have a go at saying some of these Spanish words and phrases along with the Makaton signs?

Good morning - Buenos días



Good afternoon - Buenas tardes



School dinners - Comida en escuela



School dinners

Packed lunch - Lonchero/Lonchera



packed lunch

Please - Por favor



Please

Thank you - Gracias



thank you

Hello - Hola



Hello

Goodbye - Adiós



Goodbye

## Year 6 Reading Leaders

Today, in Nursery, we had two reading leaders come to visit us. Daniel and Rudy from Y6 came to read us the story "Sleep well Siba and Saba" as we are learning about Uganda this week. The children enjoyed the story and Julia commented "I liked the animals in the story." Finn also said "the girls were dreaming, they dreamt about things they didn't have and then they got them the next day." Thank you, Daniel and Rudy, for coming to read to us.



### **Making (and eating!) fruit kebabs**

In Nursery, we have been making fruit kebabs to develop our fine motor skills using a knife safely to cut our chosen fruit. We then carefully put them on a wooden stick and chose a topping of melted chocolate, hundreds, and thousands or sugar stars. We enjoyed eating our fruit kebab at snack time and talked about which fruit was our favourite.



### **Thank you Felix and Mimi!**

Felix and Mimi made a pop up shop on Church Street on Sunday before half term selling some of their toys to raise funds for William Patten. Mimi was an absolute brilliant sales person and definitely won custom with her enthusiasm and clever matching of potential customers to items. Felix made some brilliant signs. They were both really good about donating a large percentage of their toys and were delighted to have raised £220 which we have donated to the PTFA. What a wonderful achievement – thank you Felix and Mimi 😊



### **Thank you Peer Supporters**



We currently have 60 children from Years 5 and 6 who volunteer for one lunchtime a week, to support and play with our Reception and KS1 children in the back playground. They signed up for the fun but soon realised what a huge and extremely responsible role it is. Sarah (Place2Be) and Sian (Deputy Headteacher) met with the group this week to share and talk through any issues they are experiencing. The peer supporters were able to offer each other advice and suggestions for games to play, as they have so many skills. They are super role models for our youngest pupils. The children LOVE them!



Their impact was perfectly summed up in an email we recently received from a WP parent:

*My son talks a lot about the peer supporters at playtime. There is one boy named Daniel who he talks about often. He says Daniel always looks after him and his friends, he makes them laugh and is very nice and kind. He is so fond of Daniel that he regularly asks if it's Tuesday yet (the day Daniel does it), because he gets to see him. This young boy, Daniel, sounds like such a lovely young man and his kindness has really had an impact on my son and his friends. I just wanted to share this with you.*

*An appreciative parent.*

I'm sure that conversations like that are happening across the school community. Thank you for being the lovely young people you are: WP are very proud of you!



**The School Council meet regularly 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 a KS1 chess, homework, (hard) maths and more coding clubs?

*Maybe – Carole is getting the new clubs list ready to send out soon with lots of exciting new opportunities.*

Is it possible to put another Place2Be box in the middle hall?

*What a great idea! Sian will speak to Sarah and ask Elmara to order one.*

When will we get watermelon again?

*It's back in the veg shop and on the menu in school (only available in the summer months).*

Can we have ice lollies for desert at lunchtime in the hall?

*No – we sometimes buy lollies on VERY hot days or for a special treat.*

Can we have fruit juice at lunchtime rather than water or milk?

*No – it contains a lot of sugar and would be too expensive to buy for 300 children!*

We need more bug hotels and gardening in the playgrounds.

*Great idea – maybe the new Eco Team could organise this in September, with Laura.*

Can we have coat hooks in the KS2 playground?

*If you get warm, coats can be put on the seating area by the table tennis tables. No room for lots of pegs as the walls are used by children playing thumb ball.*

Can the jerk chicken be less spicy?

*Yes – Elmara will ask Ali to adjust the recipe so that everyone can enjoy it.*

The Astroturf in the KS2 playground is very old and needs replacing, so it's soft again.

*We do regular safety checks and will have to wait until we have the funds to replace it, as it's an expensive job.*

When is the end girls' downstairs, toilet going to be repaired?

*The site team are aware and we are waiting for a part.*

We need better football nets as they keep breaking.

*We discussed how they become unhooked and can simply be hooked back on by anyone, including children: they are not broken.*

Is the football tournament going to happen again?

*Yes – we'd love to organise the tournament again as we know how popular it is. We're planning it for the return to school in September when it's less busy with events and trips.*

The new flapjack is too soft and squidgy.

*Elmara has spoken to Ali who is changing the type of oats used, so that you'll get a crunchier, crispier flapjack.*

Can we go on more trips please?

*Yes – lots of exciting trips will be planned for the new school year.*

Can 2L have more Diary of a Wimpy Kid books?

*4M said they have doubles and will ask Marion if they can donate to 2L.*

Can the teachers do a talent show for the children at WP?

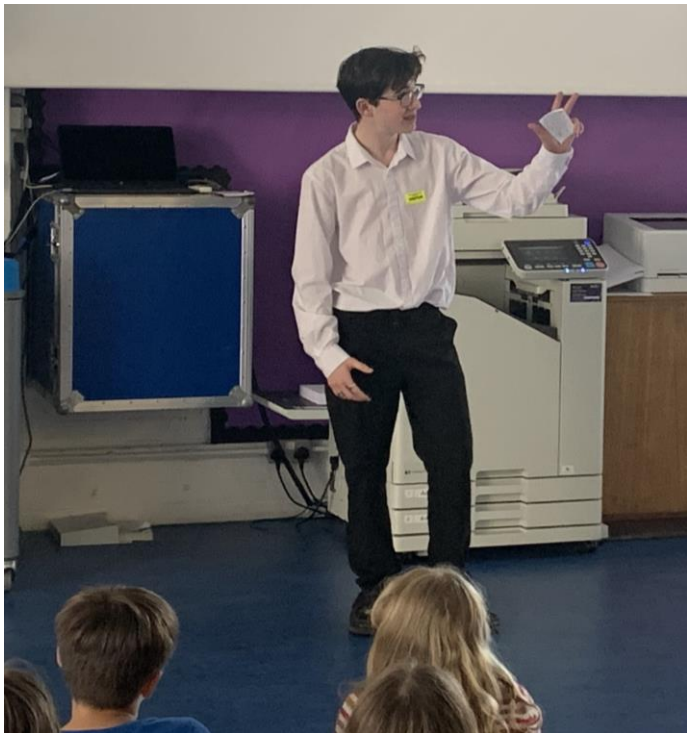
*No – as much as we'd love to perform and make you laugh, we simply don't have the time.*

**Thank you to our amazing School Councillors who represent their classes and share ideas so well.**

### Transition to secondary school

It was so lovely to see Tom, an ex WP pupil yesterday! He volunteered to come in and speak to our Year 6 classes about secondary school. Sharing his own experiences about what the transition to Year 7 was like, offering reassurance and answering all the questions, he demonstrated maturity, kindness and patience. He did a fabulous job and we need to ask him back next year too! Thank you Tom. You were amazing!

*“The chat we had with Tom was so useful to me and everyone else as it explained how to feel entering secondary school for the first time and what mindset to have. He’s given us the confidence to (on our first day) talk to people, make friends, and find our passion. He made us feel happy about entering our new school and start our new lives. Everyone now feels confident about going to secondary school and excited about making new friends” Alba 6B*



### Food bank appeal for volunteers

Could you spare a few hours each week to volunteer with Hackney Foodbank?

The charity urgently needs more helpers to help distribute emergency food parcels – they’re looking for people to help in its warehouse and food distribution centres. Volunteers must be strong (able to lift 24-kilos), kind and passionate about helping people.

Pat Fitzsimons, CEO of Hackney Foodbank, said: “Volunteering for us is good for the soul – it’s a great way to meet new people, while making a tremendous difference to people experiencing food poverty. Lovely friendships form amongst our volunteers.

“We had an influx of volunteers during the pandemic but many have now returned to work and are unable to commit” Hackney Foodbank which recently marked it’s 10th anniversary, is currently reaching around 650 people per week and is committed to creating a hunger-free Hackney. They’re based in Hoxton. Warehouse volunteers are needed Monday to Friday, 8.30am-11.30am or 12pm-3pm. Food distribution centres are open in Hoxton (Mondays 11am-1pm), Dalston (Tuesdays 11am-1pm), Clapton (Wednesdays 5pm-6.45pm), Stoke Newington (Thursdays 12pm-2.30pm) Pembury (Fridays 6pm-8pm) and Haggerston (Saturdays 10am-12pm). Drivers are needed Monday to Saturday - daytime and evenings. To volunteer, please visit <https://www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk/volunteer> and fill in the application form.



### Hackney RE Calendar competition

The following William Patten pupils are winners of the Hackney RE Calendar competition 2023:

**Callum, Alicja, Bethel and Pablo!**

*"We had some fantastic entries this year. I would like to thank the pupils for their wonderful artwork on behalf of Hackney SACRE".* Congratulations to them.



**Callum: Reception**



**Alicja: Year 2**



**Bethel: Year 5**



**Pablo: Year 6**

### Year 6 self portraits

Mickalene Thomas is a black female American artist who focuses her painting on Black American females and self portraits. She specialises in using rhinestones for her design. Year 6 have been learning about her in our art lessons and were inspired to make our own self portraits. We tried hard to be as accurate as possible mixing colours until we had the right tones. When the paint dried we stuck them to an A3 background (that we had painted ourselves) and decorated our portraits with gems and absurd amounts of glitter!!

**By Otto 6B**



**Theo and Abdul**

**Haleema and Grace**



**Jude**

**Otto**



## HT parties

Great fun at the latest Headteacher's tea parties. Congratulations for reaching the magic five nominations. You are super and should be very proud of all of your achievements!



Year 4 took advantage of the good weather on Wednesday for our library session. We enjoyed reading outside the KS2 library, in the sunshine!



### Football news

On Wednesday, we took 22 players to the annual 7-a-side schools tournament on Mabley Green. The boys and girls each played in separate competitions. It was a lovely day for football and we were so proud of their performances. In the end it was a day of mixed fortunes, the girls did well and in their final game where they needed a point to qualify for the quarter finals (and despite hitting the post 4 times) ended up losing 1-0. I have to give Sumire a special mention as she worked tirelessly throughout, Vita was also rock solid in defence. Everyone did well but it just wasn't our day! The squad included Grace, Hattie, Tiarah, Amber, Vita, Land, Aarya, Beatrix, Marnie and Aisha.

The boys on the other hand did qualify for the quarter finals having played exceptionally well in the group matches. I believe Raphael scored a hat trick in the 1<sup>st</sup> match. WP were easily one of the best teams today and were so close to reaching the semis having outplayed their opponents Woodberry Down,

but eventually lost on penalties 5-4, we then watched them reach the final. However, it was great to see so many top performances. Eli, Jonathan, Fred, Zia, Ed, Orrin, Pablo, Daniel, Raphael, Harry and Jonny all deserve a mention as they played as well as any team I have been involved in. We look forward to the next round of matches coming up. I should also mention the game for Year 5 & 6 we played before the half-term break, it was the return game with Thomas Abney, another good match that ended 1-1. We are due to play them once more to finish the series.

**Brian Bramble (WP football coach)**



### 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  
5.6.23

### Flamingo Breathing



1. Stand on one foot & gently rest the other foot on the inside of your left ankle or calf (not the knee).
2. Softly focus your gaze ahead.
3. Inhale & exhale deeply for five breath cycles.
4. Switch legs & repeat until calm & grounded.

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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May**

**Super Achievers**

Nursery	Mia and Romilly
Rec C	Victoria
Rec YK	Violet

**HT Award Certificates**

1H	Ali, Deniz, Elliott, Fraser, Khloe
1S	Aarav, Dalia, Ran, Matilda, Rafe
2C	Bobby, Jack D, Kimora, Marcelo, Nisa
2L	Ada, Taha, Aroz, Frida, Zaynah
3IC	Arabella, Belle, Keon, Margot, Sufyan
3L	Aalia, Amaiyah, Hamza, Juliet, Nisa
4C	Aras, Amy, Aidan, Violet
4M	Benedict, Corin, August, Emir
5C	Evie, Jayden, Kimarla, Penelope, Zayan
5E	Jonah, Martha, Inayah, Alfie, Casper
6M	Aarya, Arthur, Hattie, Land, Leo P
6B	Otto, Ellis, Grace, Su, Kaizer

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**Super Achievers**

Nursery	Aoife and Jake
Rec C	Rafael
Rec YK	Aster

**HT Award Certificates**

1H	Amelia, Bella, Eesa, Eva, Phoebe
1S	Frankie, Casper, Felix, Khaleem, Alexander,
2C	Georgina, Poppy, Nisa, Mason, Suhayb
2L	Frida, Zaynah, Aster, Isabelle, Evan
3IC	Galla, Matiu, Shaneeya, Lily, Theo H
3L	Josiah, Elizabeth, Nyren, Amaiyah, Lochie
4C	Sadie, Enrico, Sunny, Lukas, Arlo
4M	Melissa, August, Barin, Sawyer, Mercer
5C	Kimarla, Stella, Penelope, Jayden, Zayan
5E	Flossy, Marla, Casper, Bruno, Jonah
6M	Ibrahim, Vita, Anna, Chloe, Leo L
6B	Aydin, Musa, Ed, Marnie, Charlie

**Attendance Chart**

Maya's class are at the top of the attendance chart this time with a score of **96.6%**. Well done **6M!**

RCharlotte	93.2%	RYeter/Maria	95.6%
Y1 Helen	94.8%	Y1 Sofia	95.3%
Y2 Christine	95.8%	Y2 Laura	95.3%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.2%	Y3 Luke	95.9%
Y4 Craig	95%	Y4 Marion	95.1%
Y5 Claire	95.1%	Y5 Eric	95.9%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	<b>Y6 Maya</b>	<b>96.6%</b>

**Charity collection**

Year 5 children on the School Council did a great job, shaking buckets on the gates at drop-off and pick up. The children decided that this month for charities would be the Fairtrade Foundation and Save the Children. Over £200 was raised! Thank you 😊



**JUNE DIARY DATES:**

15 <sup>th</sup>	Class photographs
16 <sup>th</sup>	LSO visiting Year 5 (am)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Refugee Week 6B clay workshop with Sian 3IC and Y5 group (15 children from each class) to the Barbican
20 <sup>th</sup>	6M clay workshop with Sian
21 <sup>st</sup>	Hispanic Day
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 5 visiting Tower Bridge (workshop)
26 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Sports Day * please note change of date KS2 hip hop/dance club event at the Round Chapel (pm)
27 <sup>th</sup>	6M Fencing workshop (Gladiator Arena and Combat training) Instrumental event at the Round Chapel 3L to Hackney Museum
28 <sup>th</sup>	6B Fencing workshop (Gladiator Arena and Combat training) KS2 choir to the Round Chapel (pm) 3IC to Hackney Museum
30 <sup>th</sup>	Reception classes singing at the Round Chapel KS2 Sports Day * please note change of date

**★ HAPPY BIRTHDAY! ★**

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Jonah, Max, Mabel Blue, Melissa, Caspar, Vilma, Coco, Rozh, Blake, Phoebe, Lucas, Bobby, Leul, Taklit, Henry, Noah, Alexander, Bella, Arya, Remi, Elizabeth, Sebastian, Tommy, Olivia, Joseph, Mason, Abdul, Iris, Mehmet and Leo. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!