

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

What a busy fortnight we have had, particularly this week! We have had our second music concert, the Reading Leaders have achieved gold at the awards ceremony at Hackney Town Hall, we have enjoyed learning about Refugee Week, had a fun filled Hispanic day and we also learnt about Windrush day. So much was packed into Hispanic day, with the mariachi band proving to be very popular in the morning and with the classes in the workshops. We enjoyed video calls with our partner school in Madrid and ate a very lovely lunch with paella de pollo, tortilla de patata and churros! Ali and his team were very busy on that day as we had so many children choosing to have a school dinner and a very delicious dinner it was too. It was lovely to welcome parents in the afternoon who came to read stories in Spanish to different classes, so a big thank you to Angela, Christina, Fredrik, Stacy and Trinidad. We even had a recorded stories from other family members (who were not able to come on the day). A very big thank you to Helen, our Modern Foreign Languages subject leader, who organised such a brilliant day and made sure that the children learnt a lot, but also had lots of fun. Helen, thank you for all your hard work in the lead up to and on the big day (we know how much hard work goes on behind the scenes to organise events like this!) – you are a star. Thank you ☺

Each year group has been learning about refugees and for the older children, they have also learnt about the terms migrant and asylum seeker, as the terminology is often in the news. As part of the work on Refugee Week, EYFS learnt about Montserrat, Year 1 learnt about Ireland, Year 2 about the Huguenots, Year 3 about Ugandan Asians, Year 4 about Turkish Cypriots, Year 5 about Kindertransport and Year 6 about Syria. A very big thank you to Marion, as always, for her creativity and imagination in preparing these wonderful projects for our children to enjoy, but which also provide them with such an understanding and awareness of quite complex issues. It is wonderful that she's able to share her passion with us in this way. Marion, you are a star ☺. Thank you!

We celebrated Windrush day yesterday. The arrival of the ship HMT Empire Windrush at Tilbury docks 22nd June 1948, brought hundreds of passengers mainly from the Caribbean to England.

On 22nd June 2023 we marked the 75th anniversary of

the arrival of the Windrush generation, who together with their descendants, have had such an important and significant social and cultural impact on British society, hugely enriching the cultural landscape of the UK.

For events happening across London and beyond visit <https://www.windrush75.org/events>

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

On their way to a ceremony at Hackney Town Hall, our reading leaders stopped to admire the statues outside the Town Hall, erected to represent the legacy of the Windrush generation in today's Hackney. Rudy (6M) said: "It's great to finally see respect and celebration of the Windrush generation. My family came from Trinidad and Jamaica so it's especially important to me."



Refugee Week

Refugee Week is a UK-wide celebration that recognises the contribution of refugees to the UK and promotes better understanding of why people seek safety in this country. It is celebrated every year in June and we plan to make this an annual event at William Patten. As well as assemblies where the children learned of reasons why people have had to leave their country of birth, each year focussed on refugee groups that historically have sought refuge in the UK.

EYFS learned about a volcanic eruption on the island of Montserrat that forced people to seek safe haven in the UK - many of whom built a new life in Stoke Newington.

Year 1 learned about the emigration of over a million Irish people during the Great Famine in the nineteenth century. Liverpool and London were gateways or final destinations for many of those people. The children learned a song in Irish that considers the joys of returning home.

Year 2 delved into the past to explore the Huguenots: French Protestants that fled persecution in the sixteenth century. They brought skills such as weaving and silk-making with them and settled in Spitalfields in Hackney. Many of their houses still exist and we hope to visit one next year.

Re-enforcing their knowledge of Uganda, **Year 3** listened to a story of a young boy and his family who were expelled from Uganda in the 1970s. They considered what possessions they could bring with them and made a favourite toy.

Year 4 explored Stoke Newington's connections with Turkey and learned about Turkish Cypriot people that sought refuge here during the 1970s because of conflict in Cyprus. The children went on an observational walk to take note of Turkish businesses in our neighbourhood. A huge thank you to Leyla (Asya's mum) for hosting us in Café Z Bar. When redecorating the outside of the café recently, the sign underneath revealed the café to have been a venue for Turkish refugee workers in the 1990s! It felt very special to be there.

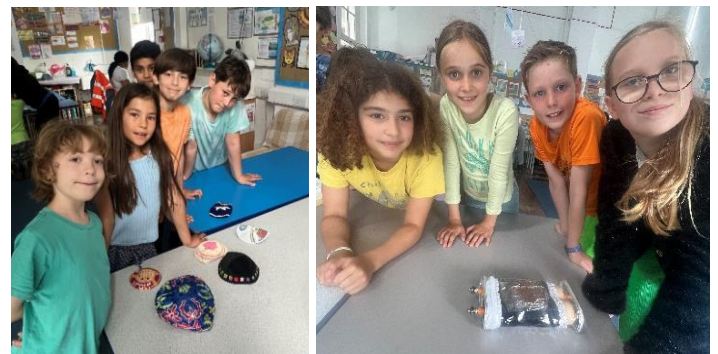
Year 5 learned about the Kindertransport that delivered children safely to the UK from Nazi Germany. They heard the story of Blanca who left her home with only a few possessions. Blanca is a great grandmother and still lives in the house she visited when she first arrived in Stoke Newington. We also suspect that she attended William Patten for a time after the war. The children explored religious items loaned to us from the Jewish Museum.

Finally, **Year 6** examined the reasons why people from Syria had to leave their homes. They demonstrated the theme of this year's refugee week - compassion - by raising awareness and money for the British Cross who help refugees all around the world. Thank you so much to all the teachers who fitted these lessons into what was a very busy week!

Year 4 ending their observational walk at Café Z:



Thank you to the Jewish Museum for loaning items from their collection for Year 5 to explore:



Hispanic Day

On Wednesday this week, William Patten celebrated our Hispanic Day as a part of Hackney's Hispanic celebrations in June 2023. There was much excitement as the mariachi band, 'Mariachi Loco', performed in the playground and welcomed the children to the sounds of traditional Mexican music as they began their day. As the day went on, the mariachi band continued to play throughout the morning for all classes in small sessions. The children watched as the band performed traditional Mexican mariachi songs and they even learnt about the history of mariachi music, Mexico and practised Spanish vocabulary. Next, each class had a video call with our link school in Madrid, CEIP Josep Taradellas. These are classes whom we had already received letters from and written our pen pal letters to a few weeks ago so it was wonderful for the children to see their pen pals on screen! During the calls, William Patten classes performed a Spanish song they had learnt and children demonstrated Spanish conversational dialogue they had learnt this year. CEIP Josep Taradellas classes also performed songs and demonstrated their English language skills. Overall the calls were a highlight of the day! Later in the day, each class had a Spanish story read to them in Spanish by parent volunteers or watched a pre-recorded Spanish story. Many thanks to; Tommaso's aunt (1H), Frankie's godmother (1S), Eloise's mum (2L), Sawyer's mum (4M), Ocean's mum (4M), Lukas' dad (4C) and Alba's mum (6B). The children loved listening to the stories in Spanish and were able to follow along using their Spanish language knowledge. Another highlight of the day was the delicious Hispanic lunch of paella, tortilla, patatas bravas, churros and more which the children loved eating and some of them might have even had a go at eating an Hispanic dish they haven't tried before! In the afternoon, Years 1 - Year 6 met in the playground where the older year groups shared their Spanish books with the younger year groups. This gave them the opportunity to showcase their fantastic Spanish work in their books from their Spanish lessons this year and it also meant the younger year groups had an insight into what they will be learning in Spanish in the next academic year. And last but not least, the Reception and Nursery classes made and ate 'pan con 'tomate' using tomatoes, olive oil, garlic and bread - how adventurous and delicious! Overall, it was a wonderful day of Spanish language and Hispanic culture enrichment activities enjoyed by the children, staff and parents. Gracias!

Scenes from WP playground on Wednesday morning with the fabulous, fantastic mariachi band who came to launch our Hispanic Day!



A very big thank you to the parents – Fredrik, Christina, Stacy, Angela and Trinidad - who came in to read stories in Spanish to classes across the school as part of Hispanic Day. It was so lovely to see you and to listen to you reading in Spanish. You were amazing! We would love you to come back again, if you would like to!



Sharing our work with different year groups and meeting our Spanish friends in Madrid:



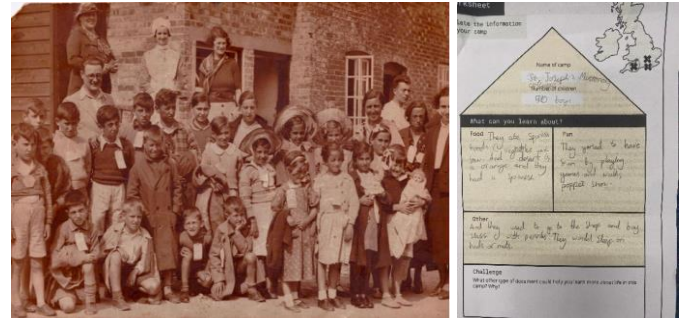
In Nursery, we celebrated Hispanic Day by making a tasty Spanish snack, Pam con tomate. We had great fun using the garlic press as well as grating juicy tomatoes. We then ate our Spanish tapas dish at snack time.



A delicious lunch enjoyed by many as part of our Hispanic Day celebrations! Chicken paella, vegetable tortilla, patatas bravas and churros all proved popular! A big thank you to Ali and his team for preparing such lovely food for so many adults and children on a very warm day! You are fabulous!



Linking Hispanic Day and Refugee Week, Year 3 joined the National Archive for a virtual session to learn about the experiences of Basque refugee children displaced to Britain during the Spanish civil war in 1937. They learned about refugee camps in Berkshire, Southampton and Devon that accommodated children who were far away from home. Year 3 learned that some camps employed a Spanish cook to make the children feel more at home. Official documents from the time also described what sleeping and play conditions looked like.



Little Outdoor Library Sheds

This week I had the unparalleled pleasure of launching the first of our Little Outdoor Library Sheds, in the KS2 playground.

Thanks to the donations of books and blankets from families, the dedicated organising of the Reading Leaders, David's carpentry and the kind children who helped me with the painting, we have been able to create a beautiful, calm space for the playground which really reflects and promotes the love of reading that we have here at William Patten. From the moment we opened the doors, the joy spreading through the gathered crowd was audible. Between recommending books, conversations with grateful children and a well-earned read and rest in the sun, one of our Reading Leaders, Nana, commented: "Not everyone wants to run around and be loud every lunch time. Some children want to be calm, some children want to read, and now we have the perfect place for that."

Seeing so many children reading, smiling, discussing literature and getting excited to discover a new book in their lunch break was incredibly touching, and was made even more so by the number that expressed their thanks. I cannot wait to bring the magic of the LOLS (Little Outdoor Library Shed) to the KS1 playground next week. We are very fortunate to be able to make every day a book picnic.

Maya
WP English Lead



Year 5 performed with the LSO at the Barbican

Over the academic year, Year 5 has had the privilege to have been given such an incredible opportunity to work with one of the most famous orchestras in the world, The London Symphony Orchestra. Over the past few weeks, we've been working collaboratively as a group to compose a piece of music that creates a feeling of moving through water. To finalise the project, Year 5 were invited to perform their piece on the iconic Barbican stage, to support the London Symphony Orchestra in retelling the story of Bartholomew and the Bug. To make this even more special, Year 5 got to perform their marvellous piece in front of children from all over London, including 3IC. Well done to 3IC for their fabulous audience participation and beautiful singing. A big thank you to all the children and volunteers that supported us throughout the academic year. It truly has been a magical year of music.



End of year music concert

We had our second music concert of the year on Tuesday. The children in the orchestra and choir and those children who are learning keyboards violins or djembe drums performed for the siblings and families. The performances were very polished and professional and they made it look very easy! I am very aware of how hard they have worked and the commitment they have shown in their lessons. I was very proud of them. I know that families were too. I would like to say a big thank you to the children for being so wonderful for showing such focus and concentration and performing with such confidence. I would like to thank Rebekah for the wonderful work that she has done with her children, learning violins and keyboards. She has worked at WP for a long time and even when she moved to Gloucester she said she would come back and teach music at WP. How lucky we are to have her! I would like to thank Alan. He has also worked with WP for a long time. He teaches children saxophone clarinet and this year he has been supporting with the orchestra. We are very fortunate to benefit from his musical expertise and the orchestra has come a long way in very short time. Thank you Alan. I would also like to thank Justin our djembe drum tutor for sharing his passion for drumming with our children. I would also like to extend my sincere thanks to Ellara, parent of Una and Ruairi, who supports with the orchestra. Thank you for your time, patience and kindness and of course your musical expertise! We very much appreciate your contribution to the orchestra and support of the school. Thank you Jon, our Assistant Site Manager / Musical maestro! Supporting our band and the Year 6 Talent Show, but also the WP roadie! We couldn't do it without you ☺ Finally, a very big thank you to Elaine, our wonderful music teacher for sharing her joy of music with us and her commitment to WP. Thank you for organising the concerts and sharing the joy with our families!



Well done to our Reading Leaders!

On Wednesday, our Year 6 Reading Leaders attended a ceremony at Hackney Town Hall. All Reading Leaders in schools across the borough had been set the challenge of completing 12 activities to promote reading. We did quite a few more than 12 and received a gold certificate in recognition of the amazing work done. What a fabulous achievement! The children were presented with their certificates by the Deputy Mayor, Anntoinette Bramble.



Nursery made amazing flags



This week and last week, we have been looking at flags of the countries we have been learning about in class. Last week, we looked at countries in Europe and this week, we are looking at countries in the Caribbean. We have looked at the colours and shapes in the flags and then tried hard to choose the right colours and shapes to represent what we can see in the flags. Well done, Nursery, for making such amazing flags!



Cycling team event

Last Friday, the Year 5 and 6 members of the William Patten cycling team attended our penultimate race of the year at Hackney Downs. The team competed in 3 different types of races on an outdoor track the size of a velodrome. The sun beat down all day, but the team made sure they were in full voice supporting all their teammates in every race! Ollie was blown away by the maturity shown by the children when cycling on busy roads to and from Hackney Downs. The whole school would have been very proud of the confidence and experience they displayed. A big well done to Tino, Alex, Flossy, Martha, Arya and Jack - and special congratulations to Leo who brought home a gold medal and will also be representing Hackney in the London Youth Games in July – what an achievement! Thank you to all the parents that joined us, looking forward to the next one!



★HAPPY★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Leo, Ebi, Juliet, Alicja, Khush, Alba, Arlo, Kiran, Ada, Tais, Lake, Lysander, Eli, Arlo, Taisiia, Thierry, Elise, Mia and Mason. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

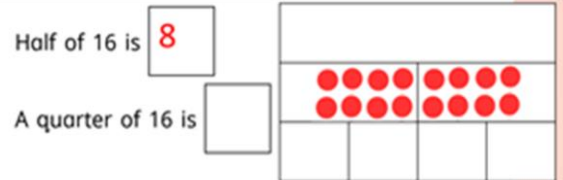
Making sun catchers

Children in Year 1 made their own sun catchers. The children cut out the middle of the circle and filled it with yellow, orange and red tissue paper, so that the light would shine through. They coloured in their suncatcher and cut out the rays on the sun. It may not have been sunny outside, but the sun was definitely shining in Year 1 on Tuesday! A lovely way to spend the afternoon.



Visitors Observe a Y1 Maths Lesson

Year 1 was the focus of the most recent teaching form mastery in maths workgroup at William Patten. Visiting teachers from across the London North East Maths Hub region, observed a Y1 maths lesson on Fractions and stayed throughout the morning as part of a programme for professional development.



"A quarter is a _____ of a _____."

The visitors were once again very impressed with the work ethic and behaviour of the children, as well as what they were able to achieve in the lesson as a result.

Comments from participants included the following –

- I learnt how to really think about planning before teaching a lesson.
- (I learnt...) how to introduce fractions to Y1. (It) was great!

Participants were also able to say identify how they would use what they had seen at William Patten in their own setting. The children were also very proud of their hard work and once again proved themselves to be mathematicians in the making.

Headteacher's tea parties

Congratulations to the children who have recently received the magic five Headteacher Award nominations. You should be very proud of yourselves. Thank you for being so determined to do your best in school and working hard. You make the right choices and are thoughtful and supportive friends. Well done. We hope you enjoyed your special Headteacher's tea party.



Salad leaves

3L harvested lettuce leaves from the raised bed on the roof for the lunchtime salad.



As part of our work for International Women's Day in March, we submitted a number of entries for the competition organised by the The Matchgirls' Memorial.

The Matchgirls' Memorial is a charitable organisation, founded in March 2019, which aims to raise the awareness of the victorious Matchgirls' Strike of 1888.

We are delighted to announce that we have been very successful, with prizes in a number of categories.

Many, many congratulations to our poets!

Year 4 JOINT THIRD PRIZE:

Striking a Match by **Sota Washitani, Barin Ahmad, Yusuf Tunc and Sadie Thorne**

Year 4 JOINT THIRD PRIZE:

The Match Girls by **Morgan Appleton, Enrico Meucci, Destiny Ackason and Sunny Bullock**

Year 5 FIRST PRIZE:

A Change in Fate by **Aris Pezeshkpour and Zia Isrolia**

Year 6 FIRST PRIZE:

An Ode to the Empty Benches by **Aras Bektas, Edith Whitehead, Daniel Massimi and Marnie Bryant**

First prize winners receive a £10 book voucher and the third prize winners receive a £5 book voucher. All the poems will feature on The Matchgirls' Memorial website and the first prize winners also have the opportunity to read out the winning entry at the [Striking Sparks Concert](#)

We are mightily impressed, well done everyone!

Pneumatic Monsters

Year 3 made pneumatic monsters this week. Complete with a pneumatic system, the children input the air and had great amusement observing the output motion of the monster's mouth opening!



Stay and Play Fridays

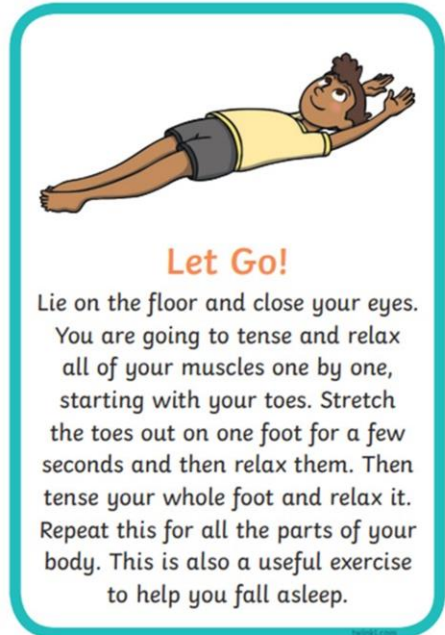
Everyone enjoyed the first 'stay and play' of the summer. What better way to end the week than with an ice lolly, ice cream or candy floss! The PTFA will be in the playground every Friday from 3.30pm for the rest of the term. Families are very welcome to stay till 4.30pm but need to leave then as JAG use the playground from this time.



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 are the latest:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 12.6.23



Let Go!

Lie on the floor and close your eyes. You are going to tense and relax all of your muscles one by one, starting with your toes. Stretch the toes out on one foot for a few seconds and then relax them. Then tense your whole foot and relax it. Repeat this for all the parts of your body. This is also a useful exercise to help you fall asleep.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK WEEK 19.6.23



Child's pose is a forward bend pose. It's meant to relax your body and allow you to focus on your breathing.

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

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 16th June

Super Achievers

Nursery	Oscar and Sebastian
Rec C	Elia
Rec YM	Alice

HT Award Certificates

1H	Iris, Leul, Margot, Marlow, Sebastian
1S	Eden, Sophia, Coco, Maya, Dolly
2C	Jack Q, Jamie, Alicja, Honor, Huxley
2L	Zaynah, Lorcan, Eugene, Frida, Kiaan
3IC	Keon, Kerim, Klara, Millie, Rafi
3L	Amaiyah, Ellora, Josiah, Arlo, Feadan
4C	Ares, Caspar, Olivia, Thierry
4M	Valentine, Freddie, Sadie, Orhan
5C	Aurelien, Elise, Max, Neelam, Theo
5E	Amber, Enzo, Jonathan, Leyla, Zia
6M	Aykut, Pelle, Tiarah, Clement, Hattie
6B	Kaizer, Ellis, Aydin, Jack C, Otto

Friday 23rd June

Super Achievers

Nursery	Kit and Romilly
Rec C	Hana
Rec YM	Teddy

HT Award Certificates

1H	Ezgi, Kiran, Lily, Nahom, Tommaso
1S	Dalia, Martha, Noah, Eesa, Ronnie
2C	Elijah, Elise, Suki, Henry, Amos
2L	Dante, Ciro-Mael, Ellen, Eddy, Khush
3IC	Daisy, Eli, David, Matilda, Ronan
3L	Arya, Amaiyah, Matilda, Ebi, Nisa
4C	Ares, Betty, Calum, Zep,
4M	Yusuf, Asya, Barin, Emir, Ali
6M	Tiarah, Rudy, Shahnaz, Leo, Land
6B	Juan Pablo, Musa, Nana, Zack, Alba

Attendance Chart

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

RCharlotte	93.5%	RYeter/Maria	95.7%
Y1 Helen	95.1%	Y1 Sofia	95.5%
Y2 Christine	96%	Y2 Laura	95.3%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.5%	Y3 Luke	96.1%
Y4 Craig	95.2%	Y4 Marion	95.4%
Y5 Claire	95.3%	Y5 Eric	96.8%
Y6 Ben	96.1%	Y6 Maya	95.7%

Beautiful leaf bunting

In Nature Club last week, the children identified and sorted different leaves from sycamore, oak, horse chestnut and elder trees, and then decorated their leaves to hang from some ribbon to make leaf bunting. Thank you [@hackney_outdoors](https://www.facebook.com/hackneyoutdoors) for doing such wonderful activities with our children!



UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

26 th	KS1 Sports Day KS2 hip hop/dance club - Round Chapel (pm)
27 th	6M Fencing workshop Instrumental event - Round Chapel 3L to Hackney Museum
28 th	6B Fencing workshop KS2 choir to the Round Chapel (pm) 3IC to Hackney Museum
30 th	Reception classes singing at the Round Chapel KS2 Sports Day

JULY

1 st	Summer Fair
3 rd	2C trip to the Garden Classroom
4 th	Parents' Evening 2L trip to the Garden Classroom 6B trip to Springfield boat club
5 th	6M trip to Springfield boat club
6 th	Parents' Evening PTFA coffee and donuts morning TBC Secondary transfer transition day
10 th	Last week of clubs
11 th	Parents' Evening Gymnastics/cheerleading performance
12 th	6M trip to Hackney School of Food
13 th	6B trip to Hackney School of Food
14 th	Cycling event at Lee Valley (Years 3&4)
17 th	Year 6 show for parents 6.15pm
18 th	Year 6 pizza party 6.15pm
19 th	Graduation for Year 6 11am Children break up for summer 1.30pm