

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Friday 6th October 2023

Dear parents,

We have certainly had a lot going on in the last fortnight!

We welcomed our new Reception parents to the Teddy Bears' Picnic, the RIBA workshops started for Years 1, 3 and 4, 6B went off to Kench Hill for the week, Year 4 enjoyed their trip to the Guildhall Art gallery (with the bubble blowing bus driver!) and we had football matches against Betty Layward and a cricket taster festival organised by Young Hackney. 20 Year 5 and 6 girls played in a football tournament at Mabley Green. We also announced the successful candidates who will represent Year 2 on the Eco Team. The children were so thrilled to have been selected and were very proud to receive their certificates in assembly.

It was lovely to see so many parents at the TB picnic, it was literally standing room only in the hall. I am so proud of the way that the children have settled into the new routines of school and made new friends. I spent a joyful morning in Reception last week and the children made me feel very welcome, inviting me to play their games and chatting away and very keen to share their learning and what they think of school so far. Our Year 6 Peer Supporters are doing a fabulous job supporting our youngest children at lunchtimes too, as always take their responsibility very seriously. The happiness and buzz of a busy school with lots of super learning going on was tinged with sadness on Friday when we said goodbye to Wendy, who has retired after 22 years at WP. She is retiring and will be spending time looking after her granddaughter (so not necessarily putting her feet up!) Wendy worked at the school for 22 years and has given so much to the children, staff and families of WP. Renowned for her kindness, gentleness and care for everyone, she will be hugely missed. Incredibly hard working, patient, modest, not one to make a fuss, considerate, thoughtful, flexible, adaptable, and all round lovely and gorgeous, she has been an exemplary role model for children and adults alike. WP will feel very strange without her, but we hope she comes to visit soon.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen



We had a quick visit from the author Margaret Rooke recently, who interviewed two of our children Alisa and Olivia in Year 5 for her new book. Afterwards we received a lovely email, complimenting our children and of course WP in general! How lovely.

Dear Karen and Jane,

Thanks so much for organising the interviews with the children yesterday. They were both such strong, perceptive and empathetic young people. It will be such a pleasure to include them in the book. It was lovely to meet you too, Karen, and so interesting to hear what you had to say.

I was so impressed with the school. Such a wonderful atmosphere.

All good wishes,

Margaret

The Children of London

Ellora & Rai have been chosen to feature in *The Children Of London* publication for 2023.

The Children of London is an arts project that creates an archive of images of children from all across the city of London during one year. Each child chosen to appear is photographed at a significant London location and the images are published in a signed, limited-edition book. Hundreds of parents apply from every borough of London and they choose only a lucky few children to represent the diversity of the city. The project also helps to raise much-needed funds for Great Ormond Street Hospital.

What an amazing opportunity for Ellora and Rai!

Welcome from the PTFA

Mission

The PTFA is a group of parents, carers, friends and school staff that volunteer their time to make our school a better environment for our children. Our goal is to create a school community for the whole family through a wide range of fun and creative initiatives, events, and fairs. These events bring the school and community closer together with a primary focus to raise funds for our children's benefit. We all know that schools have had a tough time financially for some years now, so the funds raised by the PTFA will go towards ensuring that our children can continue to enjoy music lessons, educational school trips and themed events throughout the year, such as arts, international and science days, a Christmas tree and decorations. We are also in discussions about having a longer-term fundraising initiative to update the Early Years playground, details on this are being drafted as we speak. We will provide more specific details around funds allocation in time.

Who we are

A bit of history about the PTFA at WP, it used to be very active until covid hit. Since then, it has lost most of its volunteers and the momentum, and has been operating at a much more limited capacity. Last year, three parents took it over and sought to ensure that we had a series of great events, and they have now roped in a few more volunteers. We are still a very small group so we are hoping to grow.

How you can help

In order to achieve our goals we are asking for as much support as possible; from helping with donations for events, giving time to support the running of events, but most importantly by attending and supporting our events to make them worthwhile for the school and the community. See the dates for your diary section which lists our upcoming events. We are 100% volunteer-led, and all our current volunteers have full-time jobs too. So we are looking for some additional help by gathering extra volunteers. All help is welcome; from taking an active ongoing role to donating a few hours of your time occasionally. We are currently looking for:

Role	What's involved	Time commitment
Social Media Coordinator	We need someone to maintain the PTFA's social media (Instagram) and keep our presence on the school website up to date.	<1 hour per month. It requires minimal time as we simply need someone to help publicise events periodically.

Fundraising Coordinator	We need one or more people who are willing to seek donations and gifts in kind from local businesses as well as explore opportunities for corporate sponsorship for bigger projects (e.g. playground refresh).	1-2 hours per month (can be shared)
Happy-to-Helpers	We are looking for a list of people who are happy to help at PTA events, by <ul style="list-style-type: none">• setting up for events• running the bar and serving refreshments at events• selling raffle tickets etc• clearing up after events And to go on, a list of helpers who we can reach out to with requests for other help as needed	On-going but event specific

And of course, we are always looking for parents who have a specialist skill/job that may be useful to the school for learning or fundraising purposes – you could be an art expert or a professional comedian for example or be able to give a raffle prize or attend as special guests at our fund raising events. Please get in touch!

Dates for your diary:

The PTFA is currently organising a series of events for the school year. You will see these dates appear in the Patten Pages and we will start to utilise the Arbor app to post PTFA information. Please bear with us while we get this up and running.

9th October 2023 – Coffee Morning catch up.

The PTFA will host an informal coffee morning at the school immediately after drop-off at 9:00am. Please join us to talk about upcoming activities and ideas and enjoy the free croissants!

7th November 2023 – PTFA Annual General

Meeting at 8:00pm (probably on Zoom - TBC).

9th November 2023 – PTFA Social gathering at the Red Lion from 7:30pm. An informal catch up for anyone interested in meeting newly appointed PTFA members and discuss upcoming activities and ideas.

16th November 2023 – Quiz Night Doors open at 6:30pm and quiz starts at 7:00pm. A fun evening of trivia with food and drinks available for purchase. Individual and whole table tickets will be available for purchase on Arbor.

9th December 2023 – Winter Fair at school.

More details coming soon.

2024 events will be announced soon!

PTFA Volunteers:

When you see us please stop and say hi!



Jason Coulloupas
Child in Year 2



Rob Ryan
Children in Year 2 and
Nursery



Laura Lotinga
Children in Year 2 and
Nursery



Jen Yang
Children in Year 2 and
Nursery



Roger Waite
Children in Year 2 and
Year 4



Jonathan Parr
Treasurer
Child in Year 1

Neurodiversity News



William Patten will be celebrating Dyslexia Awareness Week in the week beginning 9th October.

The theme this year is '**uniquely you**', focusing on the fundamental understanding that each person's journey with dyslexia is individual and unique. This is represented by a fingerprint character, because no two people have the same fingerprint. Everyone is different, and being different is a good thing.

Everyone thinks, learns, and processes information differently. Neurodiversity is about recognising that everyone's brain works differently. Differences in the way that our brains work means that you may find some things challenging that others find easy. You may also find things easy that other people find challenging.

Dyslexia affects how the brain handles information it sees and hears. Dyslexic may find it difficult to match letters to sounds and to remember spellings. Dyslexic people can often be creative thinkers who are good at problem-solving and verbal communication.

The British Dyslexia Association (BDA) has shared lots of stories of inspiring and successful people with dyslexia, and lots of information and resources to facilitate conversations about dyslexia and increase awareness of neurodiversity that can be found here: <https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/its-dyslexia-awareness-week-2023>



It's Dyslexia Awareness Week 2023 - British Dyslexia Association
At the BDA we encourage celebrating diversity, it is essential that we recognise and appreciate the unique experiences of every individual. From October...
www.bdadyslexia.org.uk

Growth Mindset and Autumn in Reception!

This week children in Reception have enjoyed learning about the importance of developing a growth mindset. Children thought about all of the wonderful things they can already do such as jump, ride a scooter, draw, paint, count, make friends and line up quietly. They then thought about things they couldn't do YET such as ride a bike, climb, swim and read. They also made marvellous 'oops paintings' turning splodges, spills and tears into art! Awesome work! We also discussed the many changes that can be seen during this season of autumn and loved looking at conkers, acorns, leaves, squashes and pumpkins. Children washed squashes, made autumn leaves and leaf people! Thank you to all of the parents that collected and donated these resources - it made such a difference to our work this week.



Black History Month

The bottom hall has been transformed into an exhibition space for the month of October. For the next four weeks, classes will be exploring this year's Black History Month's theme - 'Saluting Our Sisters.' The children can read about some exceptional black female role models in the areas of business, arts, activism and STEM subjects.



Year 4 – The Romans

Year 4 have had a pretty eventful two weeks. Battling Boudicca in Colchester (aka the KS1 playground), feasting on Roman food, learning Latin and how to convert Roman numerals. They also visited a real Roman stadium in Londinium where they really impressed the archaeologist with their knowledge of Roman times.



Year 4 RIBA Workshops

After meeting architects from Robert Stirk Harbour and Partners (RSH) as part of our ongoing project with the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA), Y4 considered their individual ideas to prompts based on the following questions -

Who is the building for?

What is its purpose?

Where is it?

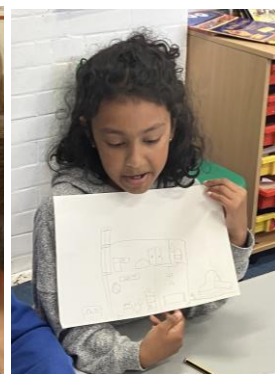
The children produced their own drawings which they then shared within their group, before incorporating each other's ideas into their original design. This prepared them for the follow up session in which they made a model of the building that met the brief from the previous day. The children developed their teamwork skills, as well their design and modelling skills. They also found out about the job of an architect and familiar buildings designed by RSH. These included the O2 centre and The Leadenhall Building, also known as 'the cheese grater'.



In the second of their workshops with RIBA, children in Y4 worked collaboratively to realise their architectural drawings as models. Outcomes included:

- A pet shop in the shape of a pet!
- Portable schools
- Sea based public buildings and accommodation
- Group and individual living quarters
- Public service buildings (many complete with leisure facilities and crèches!)

Well done Year 4, it was great to see you so engaged and also taking an interest in architecture as a career.



Year 3 enjoyed their second RIBA workshop

In the second of their RIBA workshops, Year 3 children made models which they put together to make a cityscape. They considered how landscapes change over time, and how the aesthetics and purpose of the individual buildings in a town or city are things that architects consider in their work.



Teddy Bears' Picnic

Reception children, their teddies and parents had their annual Teddy Bears' Picnic last Friday to welcome them and their families to William Patten. Parents brought delicious food to share and everyone had a great time playing together in the playground. We hope you found the meeting useful and that you enjoyed the picnic.



Walk around the local area

Year 1 went on their first trip of the year - Geography: Our Local Area. The children went on an observational walk around Stoke Newington and ticked off the human features they could see. The children were brilliant at spotting features like houses, lampposts, traffic lights, bus stops, post boxes and many more. Thank you to the parents that accompanied us on our walk.



Visiting London Zoo

Year 6 had a wonderful time at London Zoo on Thursday 28th September. They visited as part of their Science topic. A very big thank you to the parents who were able to come with us on the trip. Your time and support is very much appreciated!



Our hard working Nursery children!

This week in Nursery, we have been working hard on counting and recognising and writing numbers in our daily maths sessions. We have also counted out our group of objects, found the Numicon piece to represent that number and then worked hard to write the corresponding number. Well done Nursery for working hard on your number work!



Year 6 residential trip to Kench Hill

We have been visiting Kench Hill for a number of years and Year 6 children always come back after spending the week there talking about the wonderful time they have had. The memories of the trip are very special. 6B visited this week and 6M will go on 16th October.



Year 2 - exercise experiment

2C and 2L have been learning all about animals, including humans, and got to take part in a fun experiment outdoors to see which exercise rocketed their heart rate the most! The children were taught to locate their pulse on their necks or wrists and got to count the beats for a resting heart rate inside, before heading outside to get moving! They found that star jumps and squats increased their heart rate the most with more stationary exercises like the plank having less beats per minute. Throughout, the children discussed the immediate effects that exercise has on the body, some of the examples were; heavy breathing, heart beating faster, thirsty, hot and excited. We then spoke about what long term impact regular movement has on humans, like building muscle, increased core strength, flexibility, more energy, better sleep, endorphins being released to help with good mental health. All the children had a wonderful time and said how much they loved exercise!



London Fire Brigade workshops

On Monday, Sandra from the LFB came to visit the Year 2 children to share some important information about fire safety. The children learnt a lot of fire safety tips and rhyming riddles to remember what to do in case of a fire, and they also heard what a smoke alarm sounds like. A fire safety plan with some homework for the parents (compliments of LFB) has been sent home via Google Classroom for everyone.





WP School Council 2023-24



Our School Council got off to a great start at our first meeting. They made lots of suggestions to help improve the school experience for the pupils of William Patten. Here are their suggestions and actions from last week.

Can we have more vegan options for lunch?

Maybe – we might be able to change some options so there are different choices but we need a balance of options to meet everyone's dietary needs and preferences. Sian and Elmara will liaise with the kitchen team.

Can we start a lightsaber class? Fencing club already use them! See the great photo below from this week.



Can more children go to the Rainbow Room? No – The timetable is already full and we need to ensure that the children who need to use our sensory space are prioritised. All children in school have access to their classroom 'Regulation Station' and others will

also use the new Sensory Circuit equipment that Caitlin has set up in each hall.

Can we have a dairy-free mac and cheese? We are going to trial this to see if everyone prefers it to the tomato-sauce based, gluten free option on that day.

Can we get WP backpacks? We have a WP book bag for your RWI and other books. Unfortunately, we don't have the space to hang over 400 backpacks on your pegs (and no space for lockers as one School Councillor suggested).

Can year 5 children walk home alone?

Karen is currently considering this request.

Can we have jelly back on the menu? No – it has zero nutritional value. Our fruit selection is much healthier and delicious!

Can we have a charity day? Yes, we'll have many! You'll be planning the charity collections soon and all School Council members will have a turn shaking their buckets at the gates.



There's a little gap in the photo above because two Council members were at a sports tournament - but we look forward to hearing from them at next week's meeting.



Congratulations to the new winner of our attendance chart this week - Maria and Asima's class with 98.9% - well done RMA!

RCharlotte	94.8%	RMaria/Asima	98.9%
Y1 Helen	95.1%	Y1 Sofia	97.9%
Y2 Christine	98.1%	Y2 Laura	97.4%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	95.2%	Y3 Luke	97.7%
Y4 Craig	97%	Y4 Marion	96.5%
Y5 Claire	97.6%	Y5 Sally	97.1%
Y6 Ben	96.9%	Y6 Maya	98.5%

Junior Road Safety Officers

This week our two new Junior Road Safety Officers - Aminah and Zep - travelled to Queensbridge school to their JRSO training, where they learned all about how to be safe on the roads. They learned important tips about how to be bright and stay seen as the nights get longer, how to give an effective and interesting presentation, the best ways to make engaging posters, and even how to do a quick safety check on a bike before riding! We are all looking forward hearing all about road safety from them soon.



PTFA Lottery

The William Patten PTFA Lottery is a monthly lottery scheme which is open to all parents, carers, staff and friends of the school. This is a great way to help raise funds and support valuable school projects and resources which enrich your child's curriculum. At the same time, you have the chance to win a cash prize in the monthly draw. There is no minimum amount and it is easy to join up. If you are interested in finding out more about the lottery please contact Selwyn (Year 3 mum): arcandsa@hotmail.com

Congratulations to the winners of the latest draw for the William Patten Lottery! Please collect your prize money from the school office.

August 2023

1st – Philip Contos
2nd – Jane Worfolk Smith
3rd – Laura Clement

Football news

On Wednesday 25th September we took a mixed team of Y6 boys and girls to play an 8-a-side match against Betty Layward. We had 3 players making their debuts for the school - Kimarla, Isabella and Evie. It was a great match for us, we played really well and won the match convincingly 7-1. Everyone played so well, a really good team performance! Luc opened the scoring and ended up getting a hatrick. Our other goals came from Rex, Kimarla and Orrin. Football is also about moments and I have to mention a brilliant save by Louis, Betty Layward's coach stopped the match to recognise this fine effort!

On Friday it was the turn for our Y5 team. We had a few players making their debuts - Emmy, Sunny, Serafina, Romy and Bram. We performed really well, the game was close until the final section of the match. They scored 1st, we got back to 1-1 but missed a penalty. Everyone put so much into the game, it was great to see, but the turning point was Zep getting injured in the last quarter of the match trying really hard to do his best for the team, but was unable to continue. BL in the end won 5-2. These were really good experiences for everyone and we all had a lot of fun. We have more matches coming up so lots to look forward to ⚽

(Amber and Isabella are missing from the Y6 photo as they left early to go to Hackney trials. **Brian WP coach**



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

Friday 29th September

Super Achievers

Nursery	Amen and Sebastian
Rec C	Leo
Rec MA	Belen

HT Award Certificates

1H	Zamari, Iris, Zoe, Gurleen, Callum
1S	Hana, Olivia, Aster, Buray, Sienna
2C	Phoebe, Elliott, Bella, Kiran, Odhran
2L	Dalia, Ronnie, Hunter, Rafe, Alexander
3IC	Aroz, Blake, Ellen, Taha, Lorcan
4C	Shaneeya, Kerim, Vilma, Lily, Nevaeh
4M	Ada, Tommy, Elizabeth, Ebi, Beatrix
5C	Barin, Tazio, Munira, Ellie
5S	Destiny, Bay, Dusty, Bram, Betty
6B	Ihsan, Luc, Audrey, Tino, Jayden

Friday 6th October

Super Achievers

Nursery	Chloe and Max
Rec C	Shanelle
Rec MA	Louis

HT Award Certificates

1H	Rozh, Noah, Elia, Mabel Blue, Alice
1S	Mimi, Rocky, Teddy, Victoria, Misher
2C	Jeremiah, Simay, Wilfred, Hector, Sebastian
2L	Dolly, Poppy, Luqman, Teo,
3IC	Leni, Lili-Marie, Max, Aster, Dante
3L	Elijah, Georgina, Freddie S, Freddie L, Jack D
4C	Eli, Matilda, Areal, Sufyan, Bella
4M	Grace, Nyren, Ollie, Anas, Matilda
5C	Orhan, Rosie, Asya, Valentine, Sota
5S	Sumayyah, Tais, Thierry, Esha, Arlo
6M	Inayah, Jonathan, Zia, Orrin, Amelie

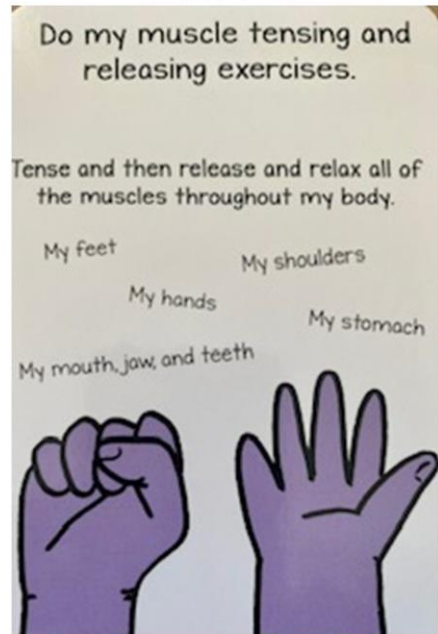
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Romilly, Marty, Teddy, Nathan, Milla, Barin, Amaiyah, Orrin, Joseph, Owen, Ali, Ran, Noah, Poppy, Fatima, Elijah, Martha and Freddie. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you had a wonderful day!

Tool of the Week

Each week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Classes practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. Here are the latest:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
25.9.23



The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
2.10.23



The **ZONES** of Regulation®