

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. A busy start with Halloween and Bonfire Night! There was lots of excitement on the first Tuesday back, particularly with many children dressing up in their Halloween costumes for school. Diwali will be celebrated this weekend and the Diwali workshops this week have been led by West End in Schools and included lots of drama and dancing. All sessions were carefully tailored to match the age range of the children and were very popular.

We have already started rehearsals for the Christmas performances and the children are very excited with the new format. The singing is sounding amazing already, and I have been serenaded in my office, many times this week! It is wonderful to see the engagement of the children and their focus and determination to sing as beautifully as they can. They are also enjoying the actions and acting.

Some scripts have been sent home already. The others are being sent this week, once parts have been allocated the songs will be on Google classroom, so the children can serenade you too at home 😊 We would be very grateful if parents could us support with the costume preparation, when you know what part your child will have. If you are stuck with any items or you need anything, then please let us know and we will do our best to help.

The PTFA held their AGM this week and it was great to see so many people attending via Zoom. The new committee was voted in and we are looking forward to another super year of events and activities.

As he is now a Parent Governor, Evan has resigned his position as Chair and I would like to express my sincere thanks to him for the fabulous job he has done running the PTFA since 2021. A particularly difficult time post COVID, but his enthusiasm and determination to raise money for the school and continue to foster the WP sense of community was infectious! Galvanising into action the Winter Fair with the Elf Village was a particular highlight. Despite the atrocious weather, everyone had such a fantastic time. The elf houses made by the children were lovely and the Polar Express a sight to behold! The pub quizzes have also been enjoyed by many and have raised significant amounts of money for the school. Thank you Evan, for your kindness, positivity, energy, and commitment to WP.

Your hard work has been very much appreciated and together with your PTFA team has ensured that our children have continued to enjoy and benefit from a wide range of enrichment opportunities. You are a star!

Wishing everyone a happy weekend and if you are celebrating Diwali, we hope you have a lovely time with family and friends.

Best wishes

Karen



Hi everyone,

A quick update from the PTFA, we held the Annual AGM on Tuesday and a great turnout was had with nearly 20 in attendance including Karen. We conducted the election of the newly appointment committee members and would like to introduce and congratulate the following:

Jason Coulloupas - Chair

Rob Ryan – Secretary

Jonathan Parr – Treasurer

Committee officer - Laura Lotinga

Committee member - Jen Yang

We also discussed the exciting developments regarding the PTFA and was also great to hear from Karen and what our kids are up to. The PTFA also had their social catch up last night which was also well attended. So thank you to everyone who attended both events. Great to see so many parents and carers engaged and offering to help. We also discussed the excitement around Santa's imminent visit at William Patten for the Xmas fair which is being held on the 09/12 at the school.

Correspondence will be sent out shortly, so keep an eye out for that!

We will be conducting another Coffee and Croissant session on the 04/12 just after drop off.

A big thank you to the Social media helpers Helen and Erica. The @william_patten_school_ptfa instagram page looks fantastic.

Hope to see you at the upcoming events!

You can email us anytime

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PTFA Team

Happy Diwali

All classes from reception to Year 6 took part in a Diwali-themed workshop this week, where children recreated the Hindu story of Rama and Sita through either drama or dance. On Tuesday, Jo, a professional actor from West End in Schools led drama workshops for the Year 4, 5 and 6 classes who had taken part in the dance workshops last year. The children realised some really impressive performances throughout each session and Jo was also very impressed:

'I had such a lovely day working with the children in Year 4, 5 and 6, exploring the story of The Ramayana. The children were incredibly engaged and enthusiastic, responding thoughtfully and imaginatively to the story and creating some wonderfully expressive final performances.'

On Wednesday, we welcomed Jess, a professional dancer, who continued this work with dance workshops for reception, Y1, Y2 and Y3. Again the children excelled, producing some really good collaborative performances to recreate the story through dance. In classes and assemblies this week, children also learnt that Diwali is an annual festival celebrated by millions of Hindus, Sikhs and Jains around the world. This year Diwali falls on Sunday 12th November, with celebrations taking place from Friday 10th November to Tuesday 14th November.

We wish all our families who are celebrating, a very happy Diwali 2023.



Y2 Land Art - inspired by Andy Goldsworthy

Dressed top to toe in their Halloween finest, Year 2 had a wonderful art trip to Clissold Park, where they made land art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy. They collected natural materials that the park had to offer, which included autumnal leaves, twigs, feathers and the shiniest conkers! The children then worked in pairs to create something meaningful and special to them. We left the land art to be admired by people using the park before it was blown away by the wind! Art which is only there for a short time is called ephemeral and the children were thrilled with the fact they were leaving a beautiful sculpture for others to enjoy.



Printing in Year 3

Year 3 have been creating various different prints this week and have loved it! We have explored a range of techniques and evaluated different local artists. On top of all of this, we have also put a great effort into keeping our classrooms nice and clean! Well done everyone!



Great Fire of London topic

Year 2 have made fabulous models as part of their history topic, The Great Fire of London. We love the uniqueness of each design and the creativity shown in all the models. If you come into school, they're on the window ledges on the green staircase and in the dining hall.



Abney Park Trip

Both Reception classes enjoyed a woodland walk in Abney Park on Thursday, as part of our Fantasy and Adventure topic. Children observed the woodland environment and used their senses to describe what they could see, hear and feel as they walked along the paths. They described the mud, the colour of the leaves and heard bird song. Parent helpers on the trip collected this wonderful vocabulary and we will use this during some of our literacy lessons next week. This was our first trip; children behaved brilliantly and had a great time. Thank you to all of our parent helpers, the trip would not have been possible without your assistance.





WP School Council 2023-24

School Councillors have been busy this term! Here are the latest ideas and updates from most recent meetings.

WET PLAY EQUIPMENT & GAMES

Lots of our wet play cupboards are running low on good-quality resources for children to use when they can't play outside. The councillors asked their classes for a 'Top 5 Wish List' as they want to ask our families to donate any pre-loved items that are no longer use at home.

WP WISHLIST: Uno, snakes & ladders, Monopoly, Playdough, dominoes, Lego, Guess Who, Jenga, Top Trumps, Taco Cat Goat Cheese Pizza, noughts and crosses, card games, toy cars, mini-pool, figurines, chess and Cluedo. Children should take donations to Inclusion over the next 2 weeks, where there is a box outside Sian's office. School Councillors will organise and deliver resources, once they have all been sorted and shared out. Please don't donate items that are not on the list.

Can we have fold-down ping pong tables?

This was discussed and decided that it would be a waste of money to replace the existing equipment. There was also an idea to move them to a different area but after voting, it was agreed to leave them next to the football pitch.

Could the class who gets the most star lines over the whole year get more free play? Yes - great idea!

The water fountains, soap dispensers, locks and taps need to be checked - some are temperamental. Thank you for letting us know, David, John and Dee will check for us.

Can we have orange segments in the fruit selection at lunchtime? Yes, satsumas will soon be available.

Can we calm down the calm corner?

Children are using it in their chasing games.

The library shed hasn't been open due to wet and cold weather, which has left the space free. We will think about a different area for quieter activities during the winter months.

Can we have a Year 5 & 6 chess, cooking, sewing and origami clubs? We will look at this and let you know if it's possible later in the school year.

Can we have bigger football goals?

No – the goals are a good size for the pitch and replacing them would be expensive.

THE  PROJECT



Year 4 School Councillors were shaking their buckets on the gates last week and raised a very impressive **£210.13** for their chosen local charity, 'The Bike Project'. The organisation provides refurbished bikes for refugee adults and children, as well as cycling lessons for refugee women.

Language of the Month - Punjabi

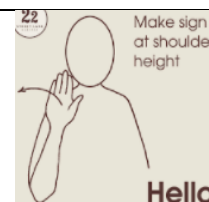
To celebrate the upcoming Diwali celebration, our new Language of the Month is Punjabi! On Monday the 6th of November, Helen introduced Punjabi as the new Language of the Month in a whole school assembly and we were very lucky to have Gurleen (1H), Khush (3IC), Esha (5S) and Harleen (6B) who are some of our Punjabi speaking pupils at William Patten. This year Diwali is going to be celebrated on Sunday the 12th of November. Diwali is celebrated by different religions: Hindu, Sikh and Jain. People who follow the Hindu, Sikh and Jain religions might speak Punjabi which is our new Language of the Month. For some religions, Diwali also coincides with new year celebrations, is a festival of new beginnings and the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. When Hindu people celebrate Diwali they light lamps called diyas on the night of the new moon to invite the presence of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth. When Sikh people celebrate Diwali they are celebrating the return of Guru Hargobind to Amritsar. When Jain people celebrate Diwali they are commemorating the enlightenment and liberation of Mahavira, their spiritual guide. When Diwali is celebrated it is an extremely colourful festival with many rangoli patterns being created in homes, many many lights lit in homes and temples, fireworks are also sometimes used to celebrate as it is also known as the Festival of Light. Many families come together to celebrate to share a special meal and visit their temple. Punjabi is spoken in Pakistan and India. Most of the people who speak Punjabi live in the Punjab region of Pakistan and states in India. It is spoken by the majority of the population of Pakistan. It is also widely spoken in Haryana and Delhi, and other Indian states as well. The Punjabi language is the tenth most widely spoken language in the world. It has around 113 million native speakers. There are very large communities of Punjabi speakers in the United Kingdom and Canada. It is the third-most spoken language in the United Kingdom and the fourth most spoken language in Canada. When it comes to religion and the Punjabi language: There are people who are Muslim who speak punjabi and there are people who are Sikh who speak Punjabi. There are three ways to write Punjabi: Gurmukhī, Shahmukhī, and Devanāgarī. In the Punjab province of Pakistan, the script that is most used is Shahmukhī. The Majhi dialect is the written standard for Punjabi in both parts of Punjab. Punjabi has many dialects. The dialects are similar enough to each other that speakers can understand most of the dialects that are related to theirs. In India, the main dialects of Punjabi are: Majhi, Doabi, Malwi and Pwadhi. Punjabi is a tonal language and words that otherwise sound similar can have different meanings depending on the tone

used to say the word. The Punjabi language also has a large number of words in it, especially the names of ancient places and the nouns and adjectives used. Why don't you have a go at learning the Punjabi words and phrases alongside the Makaton signs we will be using in class and around the school?

Punjabi words and phrases

Have a go at saying some of these words or phrases

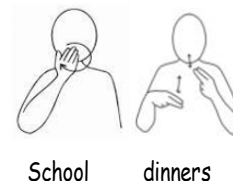
Hello –
Sat sri akaal
ਸਤ ਸ੍ਰੀ ਅਕਾਲ



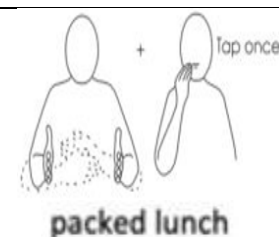
Goodbye –
Alavidā ਅਲਵਿਦਾ



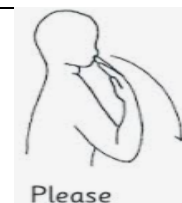
School dinners –
Sakūla dupahira dā
khāṇā
ਘਰੇਲੂ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ ਦਾ
ਖਾਣਾ



Packed lunch –
Gharēlū dupahira
dā khāṇā
ਸਕੂਲ ਦੁਪਹਿਰ
ਦਾ ਖਾਣਾ



Please –
Kripā
ਕ੍ਰਿਪਾ

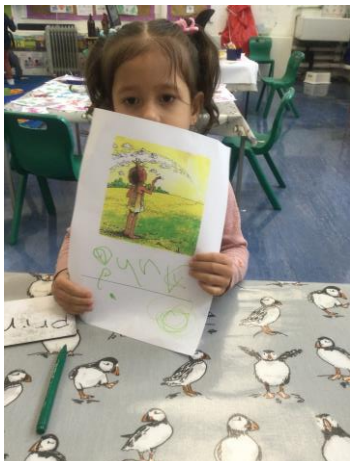


Thank you –
Tuhādā
dhanavāda
ਤੁਹਾਡਾ ਧੰਨਵਾਦ



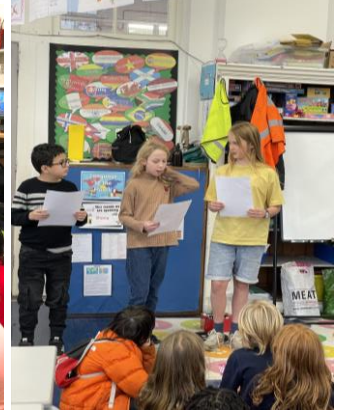
The Paper Bag Princess

In Nursery, this week, we have enjoyed the story "The Paper Bag Princess." We have been busy making our own paper bag princess and then used these to retell the story. We have also been writing about the story, trying super hard to form letters. Well done, Nursery, lots of creative work and great story telling this week!



Bonfire safety

Year 6 designed and made bonfire night safety posters, which they then shared with Nursery, Reception and KS1 and Year 3 classes. Super designs, but more importantly, very clear messages about keeping safe and very well presented to our younger children.



Each week we introduce a new **Tool of the Week**. Posters go up around school and each class practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include each new tool in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home. These are the latest:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK

30.10.23



The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK

6.11.23



The **ZONES** of Regulation®

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

Friday 3rd November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Tibet and Grace
Rec C	Lua
Rec MA	Ali

HT Award Certificates

1H	Soan, Joey, Martha, Musa, Arlo
1S	Ryan, Willow, Stella, Buray, Leo S
2C	Mayus, Leul, Hector, Sara, Odhran
2L	Federico, Luqman, Frankie, Martha, Coco
3IC	Flora, Anna, Eugene, Mya, Khush
3L	Jack D, Alfie, Alicja, Suhayb, Huxley
4C	Theo C, Margot, Ronan, Theo H
4M	Lea, Ollie, Nisa, Ellora, Arden
5C	Aalish, Orhan, Asya, Ellie, Ollie
5S	Morgan, Dusty, Dylan, Olivia, Lukas
6M	Max, Aurelien, Elise, Neelam
6B	Juno, Isabella, Ishaq, Yusuf, Enzo

Friday 10th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Jagraj and Hannah Sarah
Rec C	Kimya-Amour
Rec MA	Sequoia

HT Award Certificates

1H	Zoe, Eren, Alice, Callum, Taklit
1S	Finlay, Ruben, Rai, Rocky, Marty
2C	Lily, Hector, Eva, Kiran, Leul,
2L	Khaleem, Aylin, Ronnie, Matilda, Felix
3IC	Ada, Eddy, Zaynah, Isabelle, Ida,
3L	Jack Q, Kimora, Clara, Lucas, Arzu
4C	Eli, Klara, Rafael, Gene
4M	Hamza, Amaiyah, Juliet, Beatrice, Ava
5C	Orhan, Asya, Corin, Lysander, August
5S	Destiny, Sadie, Bram, Emmy, Aidan
6M	Mehmet, Martha, Alex, Mohinder, Marla
6B	Ihsan, Rex, Sammy, Harleen, Leia

Our **Eco Team** are up and raring to go. The first meeting including the Year 2 new recruits. Lots of discussion about priorities for this year and what the team would like to focus on. I have plans for the playground and have met with Nina from [@hackney_outdoors](#) and Claudia from Growing Green about making our playground more wildlife and nature friendly and more suitable for outdoor learning. We will need your help!



★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Adam, Nisa, Matiu, Klara, Max, Wilfred, Simay, Hunter, Frida, Maizie Belle, Calum, Stella, Pippa, Dylan, Winston, Leo, Luqman, Rai, Callum, Mohinder, Jagraj, Rafe, Aya, Arlo, Hannah Sarah, Toprak, Taedon, Musa and Hafsa.** Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

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.

September 2023

1st Dimi Alexopoulos

2nd Caroline Northam

3rd Laura Clement



Please buy a gift for a child in poverty this Christmas

Each year the Winter Toy Appeal, run by a William Patten family, collects new toys for children in extreme poverty in London. The toys are distributed via schools, councils, social workers, refuges and more to children in most need. Please donate a new gift if you can. You can order via the online wish lists, pop into Stoke Newington Toys and Books (mention Toy Appeal to receive 20% off - please leave toys in store for organisers to collect) or make a donation to the Go Fund Me page. Or you can drop new toys in person at Location Location Estate Agency (opposite William Patten). Last year's appeal, run by the Local Buyers Club, reached more than 5,000 children across Hackney, Haringey, Islington and Tower Hamlets. This year, with the cost-of-living crisis hitting people hard, things are tougher than ever. To support the appeal, visit www.wintertoyappeal.com



Congratulations to the new winner of our attendance chart this week - Luke's class with **98.4%** - well done **3L**.

RCharlotte	96.7%	RMaria/Asima	98.1%
Y1 Helen	96.4%	Y1 Sofia	97.9%
Y2 Christine	98.3%	Y2 Laura	96.9%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96%	Y3 Luke	98.4%
Y4 Craig	97.3%	Y4 Marion	97.3%
Y5 Claire	98.2%	Y5 Sally	96.1%
Y6 Ben	97%	Y6 Maya	98.1%

Our brand new Reading Leaders have begun reading books from the Hackney Reading Champion collection. Their reviews will be in shortly - we can't wait to hear what they think!



Hackney Foodbank is urging residents to support its annual Reverse Advent Calendar. Instead of counting down to Christmas with a more traditional advent calendar, participants are encouraged to have an advent box and donate an item of long-life food every day for 24 days for people experiencing poverty. They've put together a calendar of most-needed items and are asking residents to also donate non-perishable festive treats. The cost-of-living crisis is having a huge impact locally – demand for Hackney Foodbank increased by 66% between January and October this year (compared with the same period last year) and food donations have dropped. For more information, visit <https://www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk/news/run-your-own-reverse-advent-calendar-this-winter>

The Art Imaginarium Christmas Holiday Camp

Theme: Ice Age

Bespoke Art & Circus Holiday camp for children aged 5 - 11 years old in Hackney. Bringing more creativity, confidence and play to your child.

2nd - 5th January
9am - 3.30pm
 (early drop off & late pick up available)
William Patten Primary School
 Stoke Newington Church Street
 London N16 0NX

BOOK NOW
www.theartimaginarium.co.uk
hello@theartimaginarium.co.uk

Come Dine with Us

Year 1 parents are invited to come to lunch with their children on Wednesday 22nd November for our 'Y1 Come Dine with Us' event. Please remember to book a place through your child's Arbor account by next Friday 17th to enable the kitchen to order enough food in advance. Each year group will have their 'Come Dine with Us' on the following dates (letters will be sent nearer the time):

Year 2:	Wednesday 17th January
Year 3:	Wednesday 6th March
Year 4:	Wednesday 24th April
Year 5:	Wednesday 22nd May
EYFS:	Wednesday 12th June
Year 6:	Wednesday 3rd July

Reminder - NO nuts in school



Please remember that nuts are not allowed in school. We have children with severe allergies and need everyone's help to ensure that we remain a nut-free school.