

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Thank you so much for your emails, messages and words of congratulations following our recent OFSTED inspection.

From the moment the report was published, my inbox was on fire! I have shared the many, many lovely message (emails and cards well past three digits!) with the staff team, who really enjoyed reading them. They have asked me to pass on their thanks to you for your very kind words and continued support.

I will always remember the three assemblies when we told the children in EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The palpable sense of joy and happiness that our wonderful school, which we know is outstanding, was recognised. The children were so proud that the school was judged brilliant and marvellous, fabulous and fantastic, wonderful and outstanding. They also thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the adults receive their very special Headteacher's Awards ☺ Such a joyful morning, which will remain a very special memory for us all.

However, it is also been back to business as we have lots to learn and lots to do!

We had so many entries for the National Anti Bullying Week poster competition "Make A Noise About Bullying" and the children in School Council had a very difficult job selecting the winners. All the entries are on display in the top hall and we would like to thank all the children who entered. The quality of the work was excellent.

Performance rehearsals have also been continuing and I am lucky with the placement of my office, because at this time of year, I am serenaded every day with beautiful singing. The shows are looking very good already and we cannot wait to share them with you!

The Children's Commissioner has launched [The Big Ambition survey](https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) to understand what children want ahead of the next General Election. Please share this link or QR code with your children so they can have their say: <https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>.



Have a lovely weekend and once again thank you!
Best wishes
Karen





Hi everyone,
 A quick up date from the PTFA. There is a lot of work being put in behind the scenes for the school's upcoming Winter Fair. We're all very excited and looking forward to getting our photo with Santa on 9/12! Flyers went out in the children's bookbags this week so please take a look if you haven't already. We will be formally congratulating the school and Karen for the tremendous result in maintaining the school's **OUTSTANDING OFSTED RATING** so please get along to the Winter Fair to help in congratulating the school and Karen.

We have had a great response from parents/carers in terms of volunteering for the Fair, so thank you to all those that have already signed up. We could always do with more volunteers, as it stands of the approx. 700 parents/carers less than 4% have signed up. Please follow the link: <https://volunteersignup.org/FH9JFthere>, there are plenty of spots available. **Particularly, we need help with Santa's Grotto, if anyone has experience in Stage Props or costumes to help with the preparation for the day.** Please email the PTFA williampattenptfa@gmail.com or sign up via the link.

The school will hold their inaugural **Festive Jumper day which will be next Friday 1st December**. On this day can we please ask for donations of wrapped bottles of alcoholic/non alcoholic drink or wrapped candy for the Tombola event at the Winter Fair.

The raffle will also be running this year and drawn at the Fair, with raffle ticket books going out in bookbags next week. The major prize will be an **Apple ipad as well as lots of prizes from the local community**. Keep your eyes out for that too! Please sell as many as you can!

William Patten Merchandise has had a small revamp, the new merchandise has been ordered and will be available for sale at the Fair... very exciting. Thank you to Jen for sorting this.

The brown envelopes that went out recently are for the Wishing Tree stall at the Fair. Please return these with coins, notes or chocolate coins as you will be able to purchase wishes from the Wishing Tree at the Fair. Finally, the PTFA had an exciting call with the **HACKNEY OUTDOORS** organisation this week and we discussed Outdoor Learning and building biodiverse environments at the WP playgrounds. More on this later.

Thank you everyone!!
 PTFA



Come Dine with Us

How lovely to have so many families join us for the Year 1 Come Dine With Us lunch on Wednesday! The children were so excited to see their special VIP guests! Thank you for coming, we loved having you. A huge thank you to Ali, Tilda, Althea, Firoza and Sally for a delicious lunch.



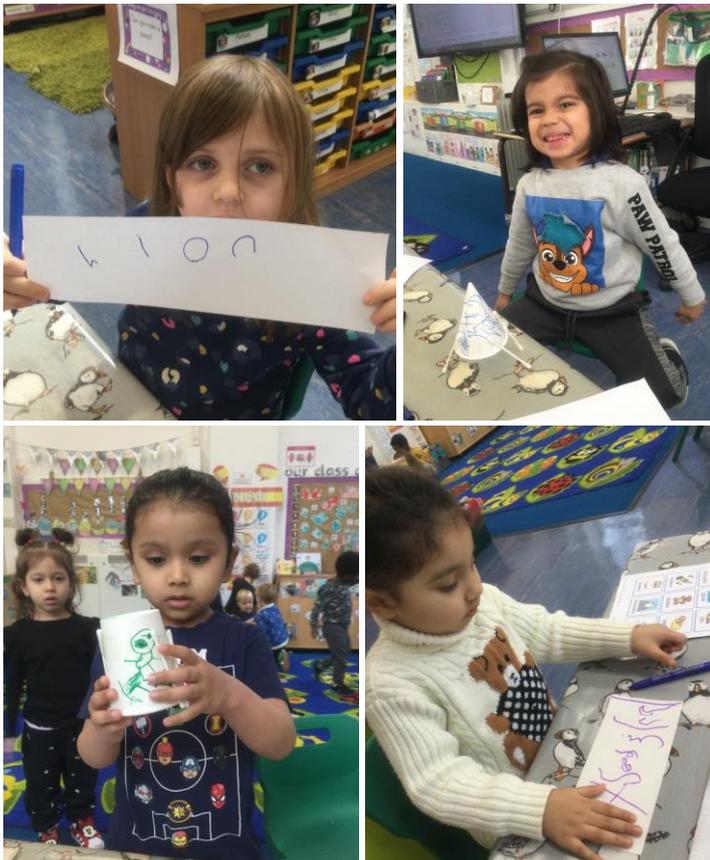


Y1 visit to Stoke Newington Library

1S and 1H went on a school trip to Stoke Newington library! The purpose of the trip was to enjoy what is available to us in our local community and it was wonderful to hear that so many of the Year 1 children regularly visit the library and have their own library card. Once we were in the library we were lucky enough to have a librarian read us a story and show the children where they could find different genres of books. The children then had an opportunity to explore the library and enjoy the books which they loved - they all found cosy spots and read a book with friends, an adult or independently. The librarian gave the children a form for their parents to complete if they would like to get a library card to borrow books – how wonderful! Hopefully lots of the children at William Patten are members of Hackney libraries or will become one! Also, a big thank you to all of our parent helpers that came on the trip – your help is always greatly appreciated.

Fantasy and Adventure

This week in Nursery, we have been looking at the story "Eliot the midnight superhero" by Anne Cottringer as part of our work on Fantasy and Adventure. We have enjoyed making rockets to fly up into space for our own stories about going on an adventure like Eliot as well as trying super hard at writing words linked to the story. Well done, Nursery!



Road Safety Week 2023

During Road Safety Week, EYFS children took part in a workshop where they learnt about road safety and how to stay safe when crossing roads. Stacey and Molly, from the Hackney Road Safety team, explained how to walk safely on pavements – holding an adult’s hand, walking (never running) and staying far away from the kerb. Children then learnt that they should ‘stop, look, listen and think’ when crossing a road and that they should always cross a road holding their adult’s hand. Finally, they made ‘safe hands’ using highlighters and bright colours to help remember that it is important to wear clothes that can be seen at night. Children were able to ask and answer so many questions, they listened perfectly and were complimented on their behaviour. Well done, Nursery and Reception children.





Anti-Bullying Week 2023

School Councillors had a tricky time judging the National Anti-Bullying Week Poster Competition at the meeting last week. The standard of entries was VERY high! Thank you to everyone who submitted a poster and CONGRATULATIONS to the Highly Commended and Winners from each key stage. Posters will be displayed on the blue staircase near Inclusion.

EYFS

Highly Commended: Ben RC

Winner: Darcey RC

KS1

Highly Commended: Misher 1S, Zamari 1H & Callum 1H

Winner: Margot 2C

KS2

Highly Commended: Sunny 5S, Ellie 5C, Eloise 3I & Leia 6B

Winner: Inayah 6M



Knowing Me Knowing You

...a show by musical theatre group 'Chain Reaction' was watched by children in years 4, 5 & 6 for Anti-Bullying Week 2023. The show focused on tackling bullying and respecting difference. Everyone enjoyed the amazing show and took away lots of important messages and strategies to help each other if bullying happens, either in or out of school.



EYFS Superheroes!

Fantasy and Adventure Dressing-up day was spectacular! Everyone dressed-up as a superhero or an adventure character. Children were Paper Bag Princesses, Mary Poppins, witches, pirates, dragons, Harry Potter, Super Cats, tickling unicorns and astronauts to name but a few! We held a Superhero Assembly, where children explained to other EYFS children their character and the superpower they had. Children also enjoyed taking part in superhero themed activities throughout the day. Well done!



Mastering Number at William Patten

In the second of the two Maths Hub training sessions hosted at William Patten over the last two weeks, representatives from 29 schools came to observe a 'Mastering Number' session being taught to 4M. Mastering number is a new national programme from NCETM which is designed to improve children's number fluency. Throughout the programme, children will develop a quicker recall of number facts, as well as a deeper conceptual understanding of numbers and number facts.

William Patten is one amongst the first schools nationally to be using Mastering Number, which we are using in the target year groups to provide additional fluency practice before the main White Rose Maths lesson. As well as having the opportunity to observe a mastering number session at William Patten, the participants (from schools across the London North East region) stayed for the morning for associated training from the Maths Hub.

Daniella Hutchinson, who led the training aspect of the morning from the Maths Hub, reported that participants' feedback had been really positive, sharing the following as example:

'The lesson in the hall was particularly useful - and the practice - spot on !'

Well done 4M, your focus and hard work really shone throughout the session.



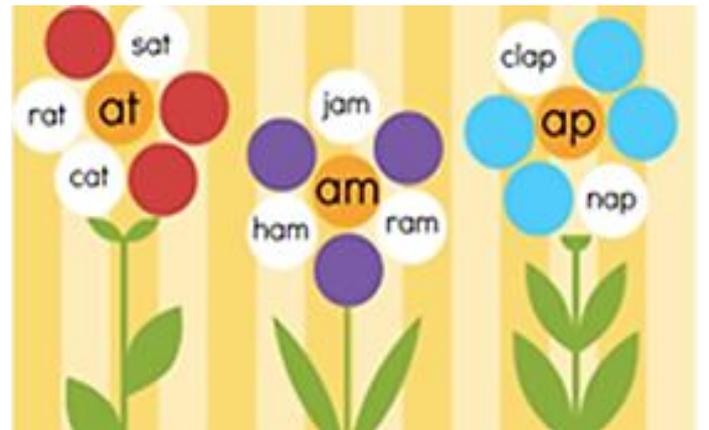
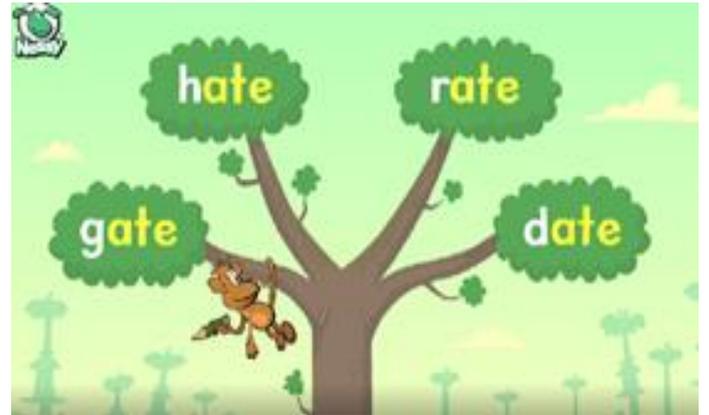
★ **HAPPY** ★
BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Martha, Aras, Margot, Robbie, Leo, Leni, Ruben, Marley, Dante, Honor, Ciro-Mael, Georgina, Rosie, Elise and Alfie.** Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

Neurodiversity News

Everybody's brain works differently, and different strategies work for different people to learn, hold on to and remember spellings.

This is one nice strategy that might work: lots of words fit into 'word families' with endings that rhyme or are similar. Words like 'back, tack, snack, lack' are all in the same family. They often share spellings, and this can support learners to learn whole groups of words. Some ways to collect these words together can be to make them into branches on a tree, or petals on a flower.



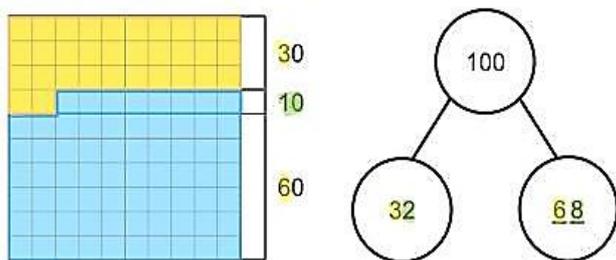
If you make a word family flower please take a picture and send it in to us as Billy would love to make a display!

Teaching For Mastery Workgroup at William Patten

Participants from 8 local schools took part in a recent workgroup at William Patten. Through the national Maths Hubs programme, William Patten is supporting other schools in how they use White Rose Maths in their settings as part of a 'teaching for mastery' approach. The participants observed a Year 3 lesson, where the children developed their understanding and mental calculations for finding complements to 100. All participants were able to identify an aspect of the teaching and learning of maths that they found useful to inform teaching in their own settings and were very complimentary about the children's engagement with their learning. We look forward to future workgroups in the spring and summer term, and also to the school continuing to benefit from central training from the National Centre for Excellence in the Teaching of Mathematics (NCETM) through our ongoing involvement in the Maths Hubs programme.

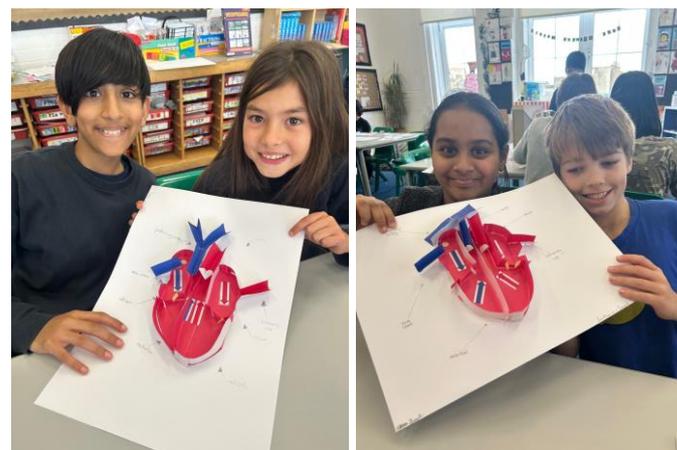
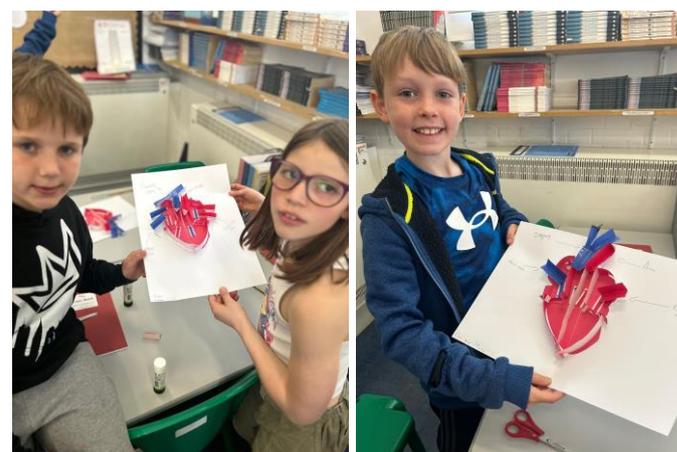
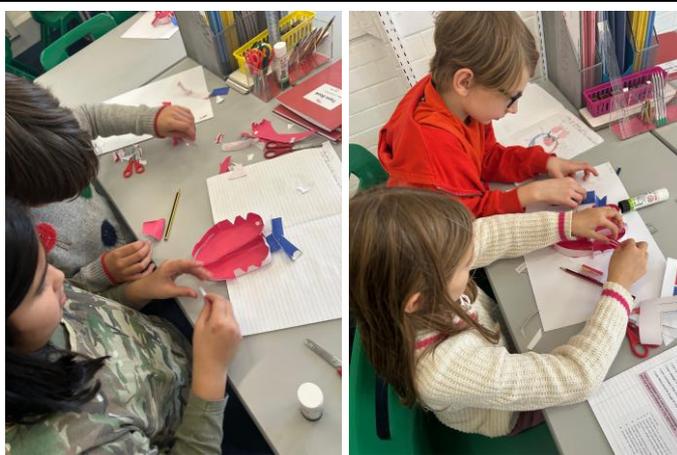
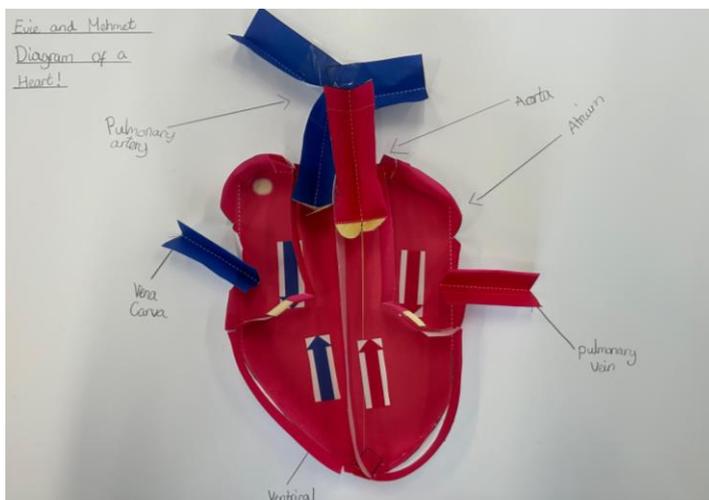
$$100 = 32 + 68$$

"When two 2-digit numbers are complements to 100, the tens add up to 90 and the ones add up to 10."

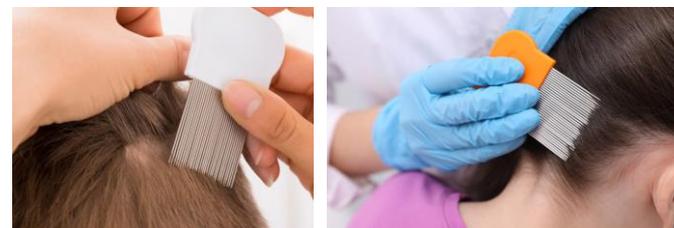


Year 6 made models of the heart

We learnt the structure of the heart by creating it out of paper! Children constructed and labelled both atriums, both ventricles and the 4 main blood vessels: the aorta, vena cava, pulmonary artery and pulmonary vein.



Headlice in school



Unfortunately we have a number of recurring cases of headlice in school. We need to respond to this or the problem will get worse. Please can you check your child's hair this weekend. For information about headlice and nits see the NHS page:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/> which offers advice about how to get rid of them using either medicated lotions/sprays or the 'wet combing' method. Please remember to check your child's hair on a regular basis and tie up long hair for the school day.

Fencing club champions



The Y5 & Y6 morning fencing club and then the Y3 & Y4 lunchtime fencing club participated in a mini tournament amongst their groups. The tournament consisted of rounds lasting a minute and the winner of the round was the one who reached five points first or scored the most body hits in that minute. Congratulations to the following children:

Year 3 & 4 fencing

Dante - Gold
Evan - Silver
Ciro-Mael - Bronze

Year 5 & 6 fencing

Alex - Gold
Benny - Silver
Bruno - Bronze

WET PLAY EQUIPMENT & GAMES

Thank you to everyone who has donated so far but we still need... **More donations please!**



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 Cludo. Children should take donations to the box outside Sian's office. School Councillors will organise and deliver resources. Please don't donate items that are not on the list.

Christmas Lunch

Wednesday 13.12.23



Choose from:

Roast Turkey with gravy (GF)

Allergen: None

Vegan sausages (VG)

Allergen: Cereals, wheat

Quorn roast (GF)

Allergen: Milk, egg

Served with:

Roast potatoes
Brussels sprouts
Honey-roast Parsnips & Carrots

Selection of Desserts:

Chocolate yule log

Allergen: Wheat, cereals, Eggs/egg products, Soybean, Milk

Chocolate yule log (GF)

Allergen: Eggs, Soya

Mince Pies

Allergen: Wheat, cereals, Barley, Sulphite



...and pull a cracker with a friend!



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. These are the latest:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
13.11.23

Count forwards and then backwards from a chosen number.

50 51 52 53
54 55 56...

... 44 45 46
47 48 49 50

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
17.11.23

Travel to my imaginary safe place/my emotional safe haven.

- What is it called?
- What is my reminder cue word?
- When I am in my safe place how do I feel?
- What can I see, hear, smell, and touch?

The **ZONES** of Regulation®

Football news



Everyone had such a good time at the latest school league matches. There was a lot of rain, but it couldn't dampen our spirits ☔️⚽️☔️. Our Year 5 and 6 boys have so far maintained the form that won the Hackney Schools' tournament by winning all three matches in the style of a team really enjoying the moment. As Hackney champions they will be representing Hackney in the London Schools' Borough competition in January, this promises to be an exciting moment for WP 🙌🙌 The Year 5 and 6 girls are yet to win in the league, but they are progressing well and everyone is having a lot of fun. Keep going everyone!

DabbaDrop

DabbaDrop is a food delivery subscription service working out of their East London kitchen. They have kindly donated a raffle prize for the Winter Fair and would also like to offer all William Patten parents and staff 50% off their first DabbaDrop order by using the code – WILLIAMPATTEN50. They come highly recommended from one of our parents so if interested visit their website: <https://dabbadrop.co.uk/>

"We deliver our South Asian menus in reusable stainless steel tiffins (which are called dabbas in Hindi) by bike to customers all over London. These dabbas are then swapped out the next time our cyclist delivers thus creating a closed loop. Sustainability is at the core of what we do - because of the pre-order model, we always know how many people we are cooking for, thus eliminating food waste which is so important. Since we started in 2018, we've saved over 135,000 plastic containers from being used and we're now feeding around 1000 customers each week."

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

Friday 17th November

Super Achievers

Nursery	Nimrit and Toprak
Rec C	Corinne
Rec MA	Maizie-Belle

HT Award Certificates

1H	Gurleen, Mabel Blue, Zamari, Arthur, Tommaso
1S	Hana, Nova, Aster, Sienna, Paloma
2C	Ezra, Simay, Mayus, Hector, Margot
2L	Martha, Eden, Teo, Alexander, Ronnie
3IC	Aroz, Blake, Lorcan, Mason, Taha
3L	Milla, Henry, Jack D, Poppy, Freddie S
4C	Keon, Vilma, Joseph, Arabella
4M	Aalia, Ada, Nyren, Beatrix, Fatima
5C	Yusuf, Sota, Ben, Freddie, Emir
5S	Bay, Tais, Thierry, Sadie, Nathan
6M	Denzel, Kacey, Leyla, Amelie
6B	Una, Stella, Olive, Audrey, Tino

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Super Achievers

Nursery	Daria and Remi
Rec C	Joey
Rec MA	Evelyn

HT Award Certificates

1H	Rozh, Noah, Sophia, Iris, Elia
1S	Malachi, Zakia, Mimi, Marty, Mahroz
2C	Phoebe, Isabelle, Wilfred, Deniz, Kiran
2L	Khaleem, Ronnie, Hunter, Teo, Owen
3IC	Lili-Marie, Leni, Max, Ellen, Dante
3L	Henry, Elijah, Honor, Marcelo, Dante
4C	Matiu, Belle, Lily, Galla
4M	Arlo, Tommy, Arya, Matilda, Baran
5C	August, Falcon, Barin, Romy, Ben
5S	Emmy, Olivia, Esha, Aras, Destiny
6M	Aya, Kacey, Isabella, Orrin, Casper
6B	Tiggy, Bethel, Louie, Zayan, Ezra

Lost property

Thank you to Sandra who does a marvellous job with lost property. She did mention that that multiple parents are claiming the same items (particularly hats) which makes it difficult to know who to return to. If more than one parent emails her, Sandra will leave the item in the school office for parents to come and check if it belongs to their child. Please remember labelling your child's clothing helps enormously.

Attendance chart

Well done to **Maya's class** who are at the top of the attendance chart this time with an excellent score of **98.6%**.

RCharlotte	96.7%	RMaria/Asima	98%
Y1 Helen	96.9%	Y1 Sofia	97.4%
Y2 Christine	98.1%	Y2 Laura	96.7%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	96.4%	Y3 Luke	98%
Y4 Craig	97.5%	Y4 Marion	96.4%
Y5 Claire	97.9%	Y5 Sally	96.4%
Y6 Ben	96.4%	Y6 Maya	98.6%

KS2 fruit



Just a reminder that KS2 children are allowed to bring a piece of fruit for morning break if they would like to (KS1 are given fruit every day as part of the Government free fruit scheme).



November

- 28th Flu vaccination catch up session (am)
- 29th Y1 to the Science Museum
- 6B to Hackney Museum (BHM)
- 30th 6M to Hackney Museum (BHM)

December

- 1st Festive jumper day
- 4th PTFA coffee & croissants morning 9.15am
- EYFS show (Snowmen at Sunset) 2pm
- Y5 air pollution workshop
- 5th Y1 & 2 show (Manger Mouse) 2pm
- 6th Y5 & 6 show (Bah Humbug) 2pm
- 7th Y3 & 4 show (Bethlehem Bandits) 2pm
- Young Shakespeare workshops for Y6
- 9th Winter Fair 12-3pm
- 11th Last week of clubs
- 13th Christmas lunch
- 18th Reception and Y6 health checks (school nurse)
- 20th Class party day
- 21st Toy day / Break up for holidays at 1.30pm