

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

I hope you enjoyed the performances this week. The crowds were huge (761 visitor stickers were given out over the four days!), so it was a good job the siblings watched the dress rehearsals otherwise we would not have had enough room to fit everyone in!

The singing as ever was beautiful, but I was particularly impressed with the confidence of the children performing to such a large audience, when the majority have not done so in that format before. I know the children had worked very hard with the support of school and home to learn their lines (and those of others!) and remember when they had to speak and where and when they had to go on stage. They worked incredibly well collaboratively to make sure that their own class performance and therefore the overall performance was professional and polished. I was mightily impressed with all year groups and very proud! The bar has been set very high for next year!

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the staff team for all their amazing work and to Elaine for being such a fabulous Music teacher and subject lead. All the performances were so good, that it is easy to forget how much has gone on behind the scenes to ensure that the performances were of such an excellent quality. Thank you to our families for your support with costumes too. A triumph all round! We are looking forward to the Winter Fair tomorrow. The PTFA have been working incredibly hard to ensure there are lots of super activities for everyone to enjoy and we have had very generous donations from parents and local businesses for the raffle. The children very much enjoyed wearing their Christmas jumpers and bringing in a prize for the Tombola stall. I don't think I have ever seen so many Christmas jumpers in one place before! I do hope you will be able to join us, but if not, we will be sharing lots of pictures of the day on the school Instagram account.

Have lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen



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 with young people so they can have their say:

<https://childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition>. The closing date has been extended to Friday 19th January 2024 to allow even more children the chance to share their views.

Joy to the World



JOIN US AT WILLIAM PATTEN'S

WINTER FAIR

9TH DECEMBER 12 – 3PM

* FACE PAINTING	* TOMBOLA
* PHOTOS WITH SANTA	* BBQ (HALAL)
* WISHING TREE	* BAKE SALE
* CAROLS	* JUMBLE SALE
* ROASTING	* GINGERBREAD
* MARSHMALLOWS	* DECORATING

Please come along to the Winter Fair tomorrow from 12-3pm if you can. The PTFA are looking forward to welcoming everyone for a fun packed afternoon.

Christmas shows 2023

Each year group took part in an amazing Christmas performance for their families this week. A big thank you to the staff for all their hard work, to Elaine, our wonderful Music teacher and of course our families for all their support.

EYFS show:

We were extra proud of Nursery and Reception on Monday. A super Christmas performance in front of a very large audience! Lovely singing, you remembered the actions, you used big voices all the way back to the hall and you knew when to get off and on the stage. You were magnificent!



Year 1 and 2 show:

A marvellous performance from Year 1 and 2 of "Manger Mouse" on Tuesday! Super singing, lovely coordinated actions, confident delivery of lines we all heard and great stage presence. A joy to watch. Thank you KS1 for bringing such delight to a very grey day. The audience thoroughly enjoyed watching you and I'm not surprised! Well done.





Year 5 and 6 show:

The West End? Broadway? No, the Year 5 and 6 performance of "Bah Humbug" on Wednesday. What a triumph. At over an hour long, fantastic singing, superb acting, great timing, patience, teamwork and fabulous collaboration. A joy to see such confident performers enthrall their audience.





Year 3 and 4 show:

The final triumph of the WP Christmas performance season! Year 3 and 4 entranced their audience with their rendition of "Bethlehem Bandits" this afternoon. 120 children + super singing + amazing acting + great teamwork + professionalism = polished performance. A lot of lines to learn, many stage directions to remember, much patience required, but you did it all and did it brilliantly! Well done everyone!





It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Nursery were very excited to decorate our Christmas tree in the home corner. We all added decorations, carefully placing them onto the tree and also looking for spaces where we didn't have decorations.



Festive Jumper Day

The first WP Festive Jumper Day was a huge success. So many reindeers, puddings, elves and sparkle all round the school. A very big thank you for your donations for the tombola at the Winter Fair tomorrow. The day was a brilliant idea and I think it might be the start of a new WP tradition!



Science Museum trip

Year 1 went on the biggest adventure! Travelling to the Science Museum they went to support their science topic: Materials. They explored the secret life of the home to look at what materials are used around the home and why. They also looked at the Explore Space section in preparation of their upcoming History topic about the moon landing. They also had lots of sensory fun in the garden and the pattern pod. A huge thank you to the army of parents who came with us today. We are very grateful for your support because we would not have been able to go on such a big trip without you.😊😊😊 A very big thank you also to the Year 1 team for planning and organising such a brilliant trip.



Year 2 - local area field trip

Year 2 had a field trip last Friday around our local area. We enjoyed following our route on a map, while checking which direction we were walking in with our compass. Along the way, we stopped to observe the 'land use' in the area and record this on our tally chart; we also plotted exactly where we were on the map.



Neurodiversity News

In this issue of the Patten Pages, the Neurodiversity News team would like to recommend a book. Sometimes, when people are told they are dyslexic, they can wonder "but what does that really **mean**?". 'Today you got a diagnosis of Dyslexia!' is a lovely book written and illustrated by dyslexic adults for children who may be asking this question. It talks about what dyslexia is, how it affects learning in school and everyday life, and contains ideas and strategies that can help children take ownership of their diagnosis, think about dyslexia in a positive way, and find their own individual strengths.

Today you got a diagnosis of
DYSLEXIA!



Written by Jo Rees and illustrated by Meg L Hewison

Coding games in Nursery

This week in Nursery, we looked at and played a coding game. We had to work to solve 3 problems to collect treasure that had been stolen. The children worked together to follow instructions, use directions, and solve problems. Great work Nursery, we were able to get all our treasure back.



Year 6 Shakespeare workshops

Thank you to [@youngshakeco](#) for a mesmerising performance of Macbeth yesterday, which Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed. Interactive and great fun! The Young Shakespeare Company's team of professional actors and storytellers bring Shakespeare's plays to life for young people in schools and theatres across the country. Every year they work with 60,000 children in over 500 schools!



Making bread based items

This week, Year 3 made bread based products. Whether it was a wrap, pitta or sandwich, all of them contained a balanced diet and were put through rigorous taste tests! Lots of fun was had!



Mastering Number in Year 5

Representatives from 29 schools once again visited William Patten for training from the London North East Maths Hub. This time, as part of their visit, the teachers observed a 'Mastering Number' session in Y5. As there were so many visitors, the session took place in the top hall and the children once again demonstrated their excellent work ethic, engagement and mathematical thinking. Mastering Number is a national approach to developing children's number fluency, alongside a deeper conceptual understanding of number. In the year 5 session, children practised their recall of times tables and then applied these to mathematical problems, understanding the structure of the multiplication within each scenario. The participants were very complementary about their morning at William Patten, and were grateful to have had the chance to observe teaching and learning as part of their professional development. Children in Y4 and 5 will continue to use the approach, at the start of every maths lesson. A similar approach based on Mastering Number in KS1 is also in place for Y1 and 2.

Write two maths stories about sweets in packets using the expression 3×12

Think about the unit size and the number of units

12 12 12

'There are ____ sweets in a packet and there are ____ packets.'

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Mastering Number at Key Stage 2: 2023/24 ncfm.org.uk

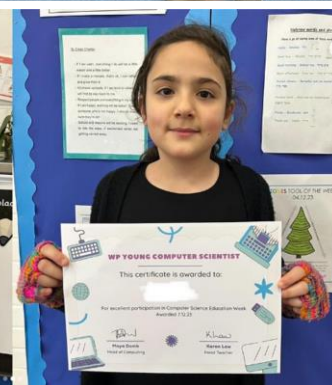
Ancient Greece – Olympic Games

A busy week for Year 6, as they also starred in their own re-enactment of the first Olympic Games, as part of their History topic on Ancient Greece. Many facts were learnt and remembered, including the first couple of games only had one event - the 200m and women were not allowed to compete 😊 They also learnt that later events included the javelin and wrestling. In keeping with the times, the victors were presented with olive leaf crowns!



William Patten's own Computer Scientists

Awards have been distributed to some of our young computer scientists, who were particularly keen participants in CSed week this week. They were quick off the mark, enthusiastic, creative and some even completed more than one Hour of Code! Well done all of you!





Congratulations to the children who received an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT Award certificate on 1st December. Well done everyone 😊.

Super Achievers

Nursery	Cody and Nadine
Rec C	Marina
Rec MA	Billie

HT Award Certificates

1H	Filip, Nori, Rafael, Remi, Winston
1S	Noah, Aela, Victoria, Teddy, Arlo
2C	Fraser, Jeremiah, Ezgi, Joseph, Sebastian
2L	Khaleem, Ronnie, Hunter, Teo, Owen
3IC	Jae, Ada, Eloise, Ciro-Mael, Aster
3L	Kimora, Nisa, Alfie, Hafsa, Amos
4C	Patrick, Nevaeh, Daisy, Matilda
4M	Theodore, Feadan, Tobi, Huxley, Ellora
5C	Valentine, Serafina, Imogen, Lysander, Sawyer
5S	Betty, Ares, Lukas, Enrico, Violet
6M	Leo, Mohinder, Orrin, Inayah, Juno
6B	Luc, Venla, Bethel, Harleen, Neelam

Football news!



These are the smiling faces of a triumphant team. This season we have been fortunate to have lots of football competitions and everyone is really enjoying the experiences. Yesterday we were competing in the annual Queensbridge 5 a side competition and it was our chance to back up our recent good form which we did in style. Amber scored 5, Isabella 2 overall. There were strong performances from Amelie, Martha, Juno, Aya, Asia, Serafina and Emmy. Having won this heat we qualify for the grand final in February which is great news!



On Tuesday 5th December we played our final league games before the Christmas break. It was another good morning for us, especially for the boys as they continued their good league form beating Millfields 3-1 and getting a point against one of our main rivals Gayhurst. We performed really well in both matches and Zep managed to score 3 goals for us. Mehmet also made an impressive debut. Our girls have been making steady progress over the past few weeks, creating lots of chances but finally we scored our first overdue goal by Amber and we were slightly unfortunate to lose 2-1 to Millfields. We performed with credit, the improvement is clear and promises a lot more in the New Year. **Brian Bramble, football coach**

WINTER COLLECTION

COLLECTION POINT HERE

SHOPPING LIST MOST NEEDED

- Herbal Tea
- Jars of Pasta Sauce
- Tinned Custard
- Tinned Rice Pudding
- Washing up Liquid
- Cereal
- Sanitary Pads
- Biscuits
- Shower Gel
- Deodorant

DONATE NOW!

Help by donating an item or two from the list to support people facing hardship.

You can also donate money to help to cover the costs of storing and distributing emergency food as well as delivering additional support and advice.

OR TEXT WPGIVE to 70085
to donate £5 to Hackney Foodbank

Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message.

www.hackney.foodbank.org.uk

Registered Charity in England & Wales (1149896)

Demand for Hackney Foodbank increased by 66% between January and October this year and food donations dropped. The charity has distribution centres open Monday to Saturday and provides emergency food parcels for hundreds of people each week. Demand from single parent families and those aged over 65 has risen sharply and more donations are urgently needed to ensure people don't go hungry. This winter, William Patten is supporting the food bank – please bring in donations of non-perishable food (tins, packets and jars) to the school office or you can text WPGIVE to 70085 to donate £5 (texts cost £5 plus one standard network rate message). Thank you for your support.

★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Lili-Marie, Maya, Finn, Ivy, Valentine, Matilda, Sunny, Tobi, Rex, Umar and Sophia**. Happy birthday to you all. We hope you all had a wonderful day!

NEW YEAR

JOIN US AS YOU GET TO LEARN, GROW AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, HAVE FUN EVERY SINGLE DAY YOU SPEND WITH US AT CAMP!

- ✳ Arts & Crafts
- ✳ Sports Activities
- ✳ Creative Free Play
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CAMP DETAILS:

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Decorating the Christmas tree

Thank you to our wonderful craft club children who decorated the christmas tree in the lower hall. The hall looks very festive now. Pop in to see what a great job they did!

