

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,  
Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year to you all! This is the first edition of the newsletter for this term (and year) and yet again we have had an action packed two weeks with lots of trips out and the excitement of the scaffolding being erected with cranes and cherry pickers causing much awe and wonder! I am very grateful for your patience as to which gates to use and how to come in and leave. The arrangements should settle within a few weeks as the scaffolding is put up completely around the building. Fingers crossed!

We enjoyed the Year 2 Come Dine With Us on Wednesday and we have also had a number of super trips out since the return to school. A particular highlight was the KS2 Choir performing at the Young Voices 2024 concert at the O2 on Tuesday evening. The children have been practising and rehearsing for a number of months and the culmination of their hard work and dedication was being part of the biggest children's choir in the world! Over 9027 children from hundreds of different schools joined forces to perform for their families, together with a number of special guest performances in a jaw dropping and truly uplifting concert.



I was mightily impressed and incredibly proud of their behaviour throughout the whole trip. It was a very long day, leaving school at 11.30am and not leaving the O2 and getting home until 11am. As with all performances there was a lot of rehearsal time (and there was not a great deal of space!) and the children managed this very well, with impeccable manners towards each other and the other schools nearby. During the rehearsal, they listened attentively to the conductor, followed all instructions and sang beautifully. During the actual concert itself, they demonstrated such respect for the special guest performers, appreciating and acknowledging their talent and contribution to the evening. Their own singing was sublime and I will hold the memory of the evening with me for a very, very long time! Well done KS2 Choir! You were AMAZING and BRILLIANT! A very special evening indeed.



I would like to thank all the parents who came with us, as we could not have done it without you and thank you to all those who were able to join us for the event. A special thank you to Elaine for ensuring we were involved in the project and for her hard work leading the choir and getting them ready to performance standard. What a triumph! Thank you also to Angelina who came with us. It was a long day, thank you very much for your time and kindness. Have a lovely weekend. Best wishes. Karen



## **Come Dine With Us (CDWU) – Year 2**

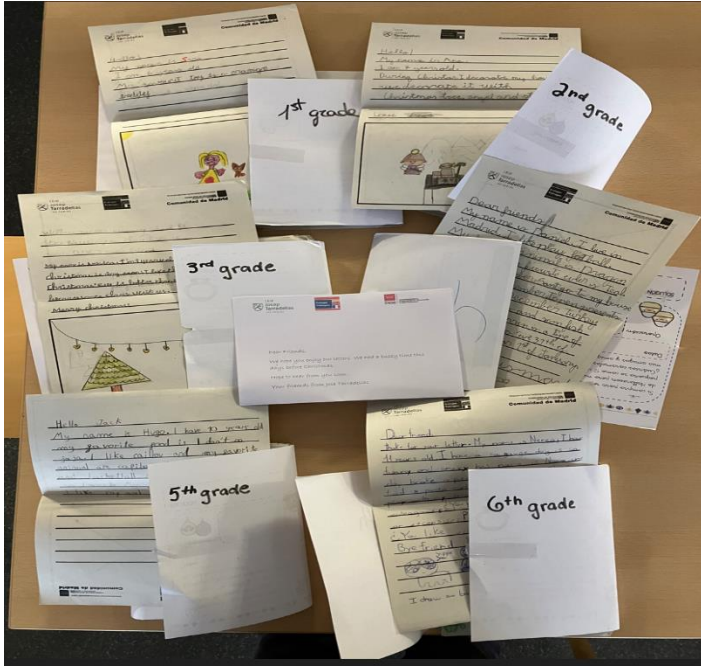
It was lovely to welcome so many parents to the Year 2 Come Dine With Us lunch on Wednesday. This was an event that we used to run regularly before COVID and I am so happy that we have been able to restart it. We have dates for every year group over the course of the year and they are on the website. The children really look forward to you coming to share a lunch with them and it is a great opportunity for you to see the quality of the meals that the kitchen team produce every day. Younger children, including babies are welcome at this event, as are grandparents, and it has been lovely to see this cross generational support!





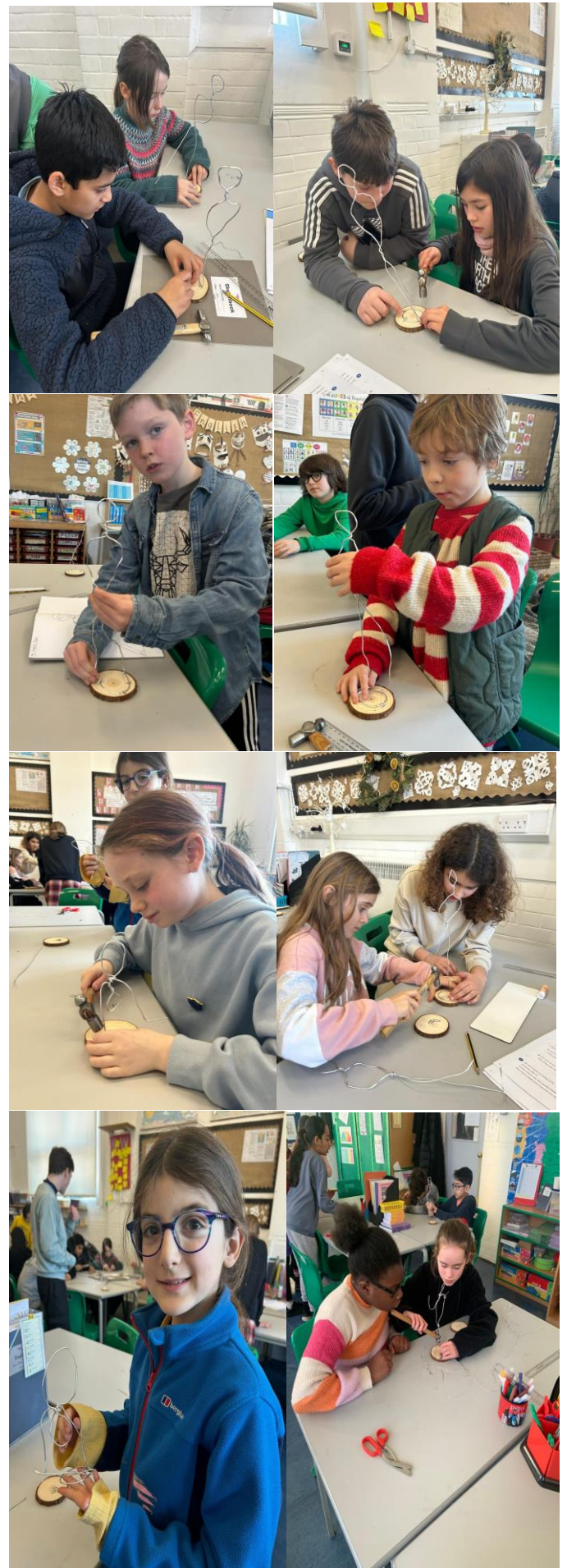
## Letters from Madrid

The school received a large package from our friends at Josep Tarradellas school in Madrid this week. There is at least one letter from every child in Y1 – Y6 to read, and we will soon be writing our replies in Spanish and sending before the end of term. The letters are beautifully written and illustrated and we are very grateful to be continuing the link we have with our Spanish partner school. Feliz año Nuevo to our friends in Madrid who also read the Patten Pages.



## Year 6 on fire

Armature for Myron-inspired sculptures began to take shape in Year 6. This combines English, History, Hackney Loves Reading and D&T.





### Year 3 Science

Year 3 have had an amazing first week back. Learning about, and investigating magnets and forces. We have been incredibly organised and professional scientists whilst having great fun!



### Year 5 to Hackney School of Food

Year 5 rated this as the best trip ever! The children went to support their D&T topic of baking bread. Focaccia and soda bread were on the menu and was delicious!



### Year 1 Geography

Year 1 have exploring atlases, globes and maps in their Geography topic this term. A journey around the world and then arriving back in the UK after their adventure.

The children demonstrated super concentration and focus as they looked at different places in the world, with many recognising places they had been on holiday. But they all knew we lived in London! They also worked very well collaboratively, taking turns and showing very good listening. Well done Year 1!





## Early Years

On Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January, Nursery were very excited to start their gymnastic sessions with their Gymnastics teacher, Berry. The children listened to Berry's instructions throughout the session as they learnt some of the basic shapes in gymnastics including the straddle position, tuck position, pike position and present position as well as learning how to do bunny hops. The children said they enjoyed learning to balance on one leg as part of the "tick, tock, stop the clock" and they also enjoyed learning all the gymnastic positions. They can't wait for next week!



Reception children have also started gymnastic lessons this term and they have had two wonderful lessons where children have learnt parts of warm-up routine, how to balance on a bench, how to land safely and how to make a variety of shapes (star, stretch and pencil) with their bodies. Reception children have engaged wholeheartedly with these lessons, trying their hardest to make quite challenging shapes and to follow the sequence of movements that they have been shown. Berry, our lovely gymnastics teacher, has been amazed by their behaviour and attitude to learning. Awesome!



Reception children made bread rolls last week, as part of their exploration of the Little Red Hen, a familiar traditional text. Children mixed the ingredients, learnt about leaving the dough to rise, and then kneaded the dough before making rolls to bake. They had such an enjoyable time and the bread was delicious! Well done everyone.







## WP School Council 2023-24

Here are the latest ideas and updates from our meeting this week.

**Can we have a table tennis club?** This was discussed and decided that it would be better to have a table tennis tournament as there are only two tables (it wouldn't be a very big club).

**Can we organise a crazy dress up day?** In theory yes. However, we need to have a focus and purpose, just as we do on Red Nose Day and World Book Day. The School Council are going to have another think and bring ideas to a meeting later in the term.

**Is there going to be an Easter Egg Hunt this year?** Yes! Karen has already talked about this with the leadership team (because she LOVES it too) and plans are being made.

**Can we have ketchup on macaroni cheese day?** No, it's just for chips.

**KS2 children would like a book club.** This is a good idea and perhaps it's something the Reading Leaders could consider. Sian will talk to Maya.

**Can we have a year 5 & 6 cricket club?** We will look at this and let you know if it's possible later in the year.

**At the moment, the macaroni cheese is made with penne pasta not real macaroni. Can we have real macaroni?** Yes – Sian will ask Elmara to order it.

**Can the teachers put on a talent show for the children?** We'd love to do this but school staff are super-busy - planning, teaching and supporting the pupils.

**How about a day when the children take over the school?** We talked about a special day in Turkey when the children do exactly that! Maybe in the future...

**Will the Halloween Disco be coming back?** We'll check with the PTFA.

**Can we have salad dressing?**

Yes, we'll get the dressings back.

**Why don't we have a Y3/4 and a 5/6 Ace Square?**

**It's a very popular game and the queues are getting very long.** Yes! There's also been a great suggestion that we have a girls' day, just like we do for football.

**There should be a maximum of 22 players on the AstroTurf football pitch at any time, to avoid overcrowding.** Excellent idea!

## Headteacher's Awards

We asked the School Council, as representatives of the pupils at WP, to review the current arrangements for Headteacher awards and tea parties. They discussed if it should change to 3 x weekly HT awards from each class, rather than 5? You'd also only need 3 x HT awards for the tea party invitation.

Yes - Assemblies would be shorter.

No – more tea parties would mean too much money spent on biscuits.

No – children feel sad if they're not chosen and there'd be less awards so they'd feel even sadder.

No – too much time at tea parties for Karen and she won't have time to run the school.

Sian suggested that we could have a tea party after 3 awards, but it could be with someone other than Karen and everyone looked horrified! It must be with Karen (best biscuit JENGA)!

**There was a vote at the end of our discussion and the School Council voted unanimously to stay with five.**

## Art Club – Abstract Art

Last week art club studied the abstract work of London-based artist Rachel Jones. She works in oil pastels and talks about using the whole rainbow of colours to paint emotions, and how we interpret artworks differently. Here are just a few of the children's paintings in the style of Rachel Jones. So talented!



## Football news!

After our Christmas holidays we were back in action with matches against Betty Layward, Shacklewell and Gainsborough. Our Year 5 and 6 girls kicked off against Betty Layward and it was a thrilling match with us winning 3-2, this set the tone for rest of the session. Our Year 5 and 6 boys came away with four points and were also involved in exciting games drawing 3-3 with both Betty Layward and Shacklewell after leading in the games until the final seconds. Our teams put on very good performances once again. As you can see from the smiling faces we are all enjoying these experiences!

**Brian Bramble WP football coach**



Congratulations to the new winners of our attendance chart this fortnight. A brilliant 98% attendance for 5E! Whoop whoop! Who will it be next time?

RCharlotte	92%	RMaria/Asima	91%
Y1 Helen	97%	Y1 Sofia	96%
Y2 Christine	95%	Y2 Laura	97%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	97%	Y3 Luke	94%
Y4 Craig	94%	Y4 Marion	97%
Y5 Claire	94%	<b>Y5 Eva</b>	<b>98%</b>
Y6 Ben	95%	Y6 Maya	93%

**Congratulations to the first children of 2024 to receive an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT Award certificate. Well done to everyone 😊.**

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

### Super Achievers

Nursery	Federico and Gus
Rec C	Maya
Rec MA	Opi

### HT Award Certificates

1H	Rozh, Iris, Zoe, Eren, Callum
1S	Malachi, Ryan, Rai, Victoria
2C	Fraser, Margot, Bella, Nahom, Robbie
2L	Ronnie, Thiago, Aarav, Casper, Dalia
3IC	Ida, Anna, Eddy, Zaynah, Isabelle
3L	Nisa, Marcelo, Jamie, Kimora, Kaan
4C	Shaneeya, Belle, Vilma, Ozzy, Gene
4M	Hamza, Ollie, Ebi, Nisa, Ava
5C	Orhan, Asya, Ocean, Sawyer, Lysander,
5E	Ares, Amy, Arlo, Aras
6M	Denzel, Martha, Bruno, Amber, Amelie
6B	Una, Stella, Sammy, Evie, Penelope

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### Super Achievers

Nursery	Tibet and Joe
Rec C	Finlay
Rec MA	Cherry

### HT Award Certificates

1H	Noah, Mabel Blue, Gurleen, Tommaso, Zamari
1S	Mimi, Nova, Finlay, Aela
2C	Isabelle, Ezgi, Sara, Ezra
2L	Sophia, Ran, Maya, Luqman, Noah
3IC	Aroz, Blake, Lorcan, Mason, Ellen,
3L	Poppy, Freddie, Audrey, Amos, Alfie
4C	Joseph, Millie, Oscar, Gallah
4M	Ada, Tommy, Fatima, Juliet
5C	Corine, Ali, Munira, Ellie, Sota
5E	Callum, Alisa, Bram, Thierry
6M	Mehmet, Jonah, Alfie, Ishaq,
6B	Leon, Aurelien, Penelope, Louie, Ezra



## Leavers return to WP



We had some VIP guests visit WP this week. It was so lovely to welcome back Innes, Matilda and Tristan. They left WP in 2022 and are now in Year 8! Their school had an INSET day and they asked if they could spend some time with us. The answer was of course yes, as once part of WP, always part of WP. Thank you for your time, hard work, patience and good humour today. So good to see you and remember you're always welcome to come back anytime. Loved the coordinating outfits too!



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages:  
**Bay, Huxley, Frankie, Imogen, Yousra, Alex, Leia, Enzo, Dash, Kimora, Mya, Willow, Ronan, Ruairi, Cherry, Sumayyah, Aela, Jack, Lea, Theo, Evie, Zadie, Alfie, Joey, Yaqub, Kacey, Evan, Joe, Aarav, Ellen, Ozzy, Misher, Enrico and Betty.**

We hope you all enjoyed your special day!

## Tool of the Week

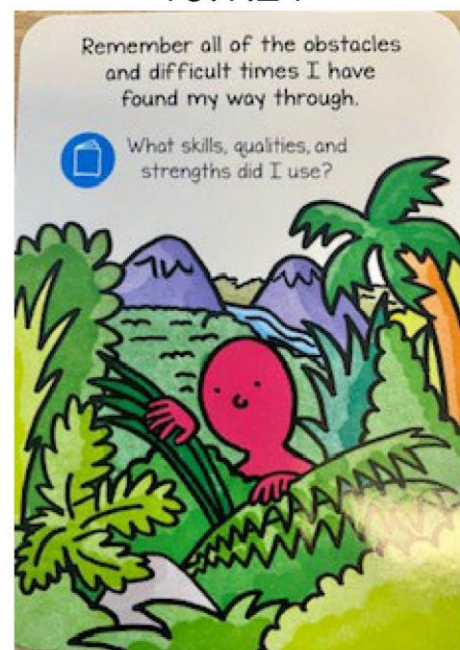
Each week we introduce a new 'Tool of the Week'. Posters go up around school and each class practises the new tool and discusses which zone it would be useful for. We include the tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home.

### ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 8.1.24



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### ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 15.1.24



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## William Patten goes wild!



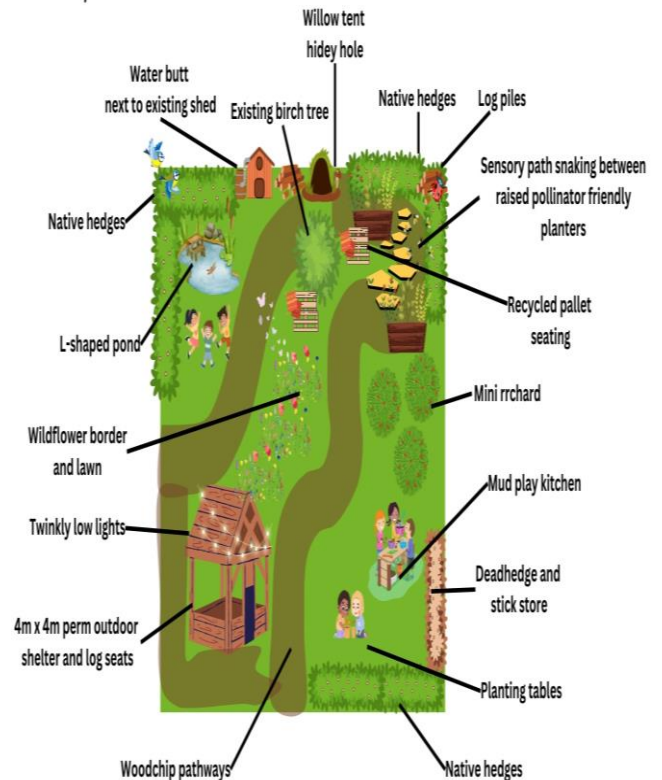
We have a very exciting project happening this year and we need your help!

We are working closely with Nina Lovelace, who is the Director of Hackney Outdoors and we are looking forward to going wild! It will be a true WP community endeavour to benefit our children, our families and hopefully the wider community too. Please see the introduction below from Nina and if you think you can help, please contact her on the details below.

*Announcing the big PTFA project for 2024... William Patten wants to re-wild its playgrounds in 2024! We're planning to give our outdoor spaces a wild makeover, where our kids can bond with buzzing bees, fluttery birds, and all sorts of minibeasts. We'll also be building a new outdoor learning space for rain and shine fun, health and wellness! To make it happen however, we need a 'squad' of helpers. We're looking for*

- fundraising wizards,
- crowdfunding geniuses,
- freebie hunters,
- astroturf rippers,
- gardening gurus,
- habitat crafters,
- woodworking wizards,
- marketing and media masterminds,
- art and design experts,
- SEN specialists
- and anyone else who can join the fun!

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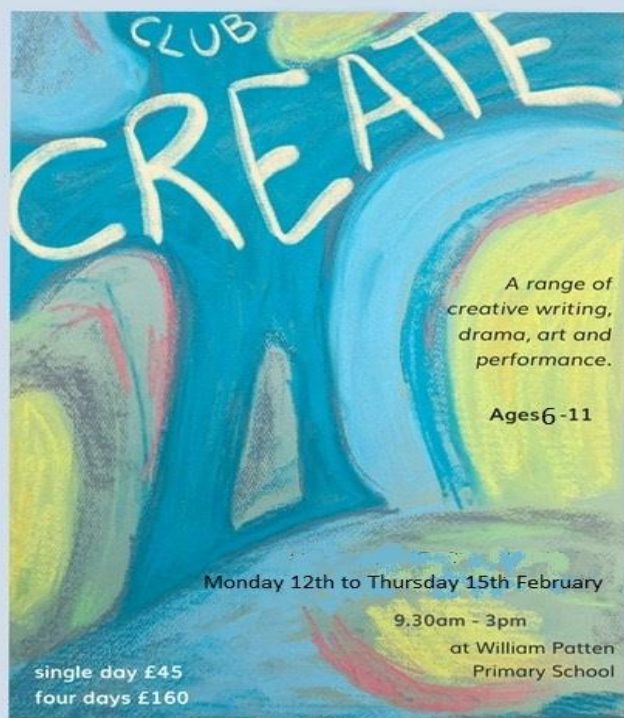


*If you're interested in getting involved please mail the project lead, Nina at [nina@hackneyoutdoors.co.uk](mailto:nina@hackneyoutdoors.co.uk). She will add you to planning sessions in January. You can find attached the initial plans for the replacement of the main astroturf square in the small playground!*

*Thanks, Nina*



## February half term holiday clubs at WP



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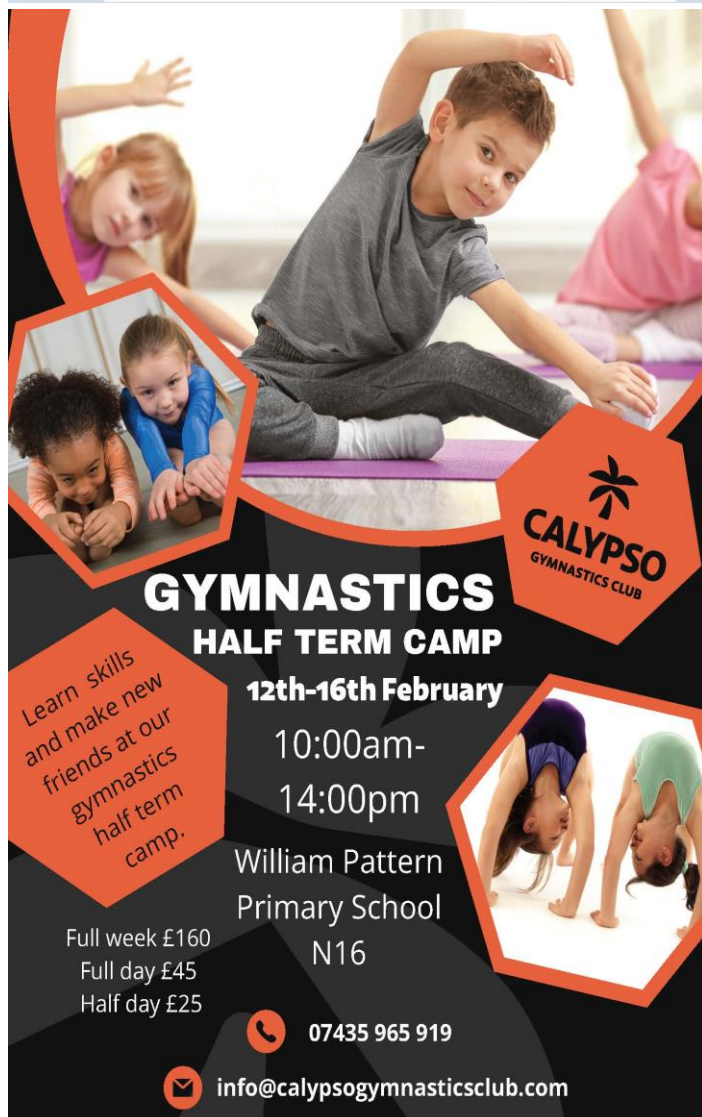
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