

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear parents,

Yet again we have had another incredibly busy fortnight, with World Book Day, International Women's Day, Year 3 Come Dine With Us and many trips out. It was wonderful to see the children (and staff!) in their fabulous WBD costumes yesterday. I am always amazed at the creativity and individuality of the costumes made and worn. They are so clever and we always have great fun trying to recognise the less well known characters! The children had a super day of activities including the favourite reading picnic, when our older children and younger children shared books together and we were delighted to officially open the Benjamin Zephaniah Poetry Garden. A huge thank you to the parents who were able to donate their creativity, ideas, resources and time to make the garden even more special. Thank you to Anna, Connor, Cymone, Freddie, Jess and Vicki for the wonderful artwork that is now adorning the space. It is incredibly beautiful, vibrant and touching. We have let Benjamin Zephaniah's family know about what we have done and have invited them to visit, so we have fingers crossed and let's watch this space! I would like to express my sincere thanks to Maya who organised WBD, as I know you will appreciate that a huge amount of hard work goes on behind the scenes to plan and implement such events as these. Thank you also to the staff team for dressing up and supporting the event so brilliantly and to Jon and David's support with making the giant books

IWD has been celebrated throughout the month with a launch assembly last week and visits to Abney Cemetery throughout March. Thank you to Marion who inspires us all with her creative approach to Humanities!

It was lovely to welcome so many parents to our Year 3 Come Dine With Us dinner on Wednesday. Everyone enjoyed a delicious lunch of either macaroni cheese or tomato fusilli with a choice of vegetables, salad, fresh fruit or flapjacks. I think we might have had our youngest ever guest too with Frida's sister Astrid joining us at two months old ☺

It is such a joyful event, with the children thoroughly enjoying having their families come to share lunch,

but it is great for parents and grandparents to see the delicious menu the children have for lunch as well as seeing how the lunch is organised. It is quite a feat getting 400 children through the hall and fed in a short space of time! Ali and his team work so hard catering for the extra numbers on these days and also deserves a special mention. The team really appreciated the words of thanks as families left. We still have the Reception, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 CDWU events to come so we hope you will be able to join us. Then dates are in the calendar on the website.

The Project ReWild online auction launched last week to help raise money to renature William Patten's playgrounds - for our children, and nature's improved health and wellness. The auction will run throughout March. There are some AMAZING lots for you to bid online for at our Jumblebee site!

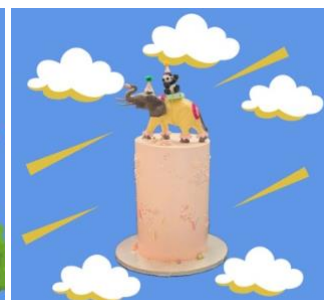
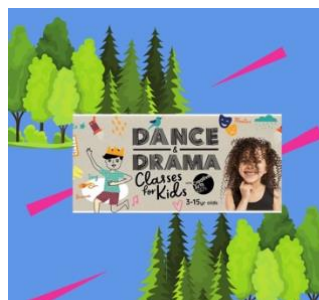
To bid for these lovely items or experiences, go to <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/willampattenprimary>

To place a bid, click on the item, enter your bid and press Bid Now. If you are not already signed in, you will be prompted to register (with your email, mobile number and password), or to sign in if you already have a Jumblebee account. A huge thank you to everyone who has contributed an item or experience to the auction. We are hugely appreciative of your contribution and support. If anyone would like to offer a last minute gift to include in the auction, please email Alastair [amclellan89@gmail.com](mailto:amclellan89@gmail.com). Once again sincere thanks are in order, with Alastair and Nina working very hard behind the scenes to get the auction up and running.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes

Karen



# Big Art Day

## 2024

Children across the school enjoyed learning about different LGBT+ 🏳️🌈 artists for this year's Big Art Day. Each year group looked at examples of artworks before working in the style of their artist.

**Nursery** children studied the work of Cedric Morris who loved animals and discovering new flower species - which he often named after favourite pets. We painted flowers from observation and learned new painting skills too! 🏳️🌈



**Reception** classes studied the life and work of Ellsworth Kelly. They looked carefully at shapes, mixed their own paint colours and worked together to create compositions for final artworks 🏳️🌈



**Year 1** studied the life and work of Andy Warhol 🏳️🌈 and created fabulous word art for WP! I think there may be a new logo coming soon...



**Year 2** studied the life and work of Marlow Moss. They designed their own artwork using the same style, shapes and colours - fabulous compositions! 🏳️🌈



**Year 3** studied the life and work of David Hockney before creating an artwork using the iPad and another using pastels - all in Hockney's style. 🏳️🌈





**Year 4** studied the life and work of Doris Hatt before working in pastels to create observational still life studies of objects. 🚩🎨



**Year 5** studied the life and work of Keith Haring. They looked at examples of his artwork and inspiration that came from Walt Disney - before designing their own characters in the same style. 🚩🎨



**Year 6** studied the life and work of Jean-Michel Basquiat who was first inspired by books on anatomy as a child. They worked in his style using oil pastels with crowns and skulls featuring a lot in the artwork! 🚩🎨



Hi everyone,

Just a quick note from the PTFA. We had a great turn out last night for the Quiz night with 9 tables and over £1k raised. Thank you so much to Joe, Bella and all who attended, it was a lot of fun! We also drew the latest WP lottery and results are posted at the end of this Patten Pages. Thank you Sel. In 2 weeks we're going to run 'Peter Rabbit' Family Movie night at school (22/3/24). Please feel free to dress the children up with Peter Rabbit theme, there will be plenty of popcorn, food and fun to be had. **Please ensure all children are supervised by their Parents/Carers please.** Entry fee is £3 for each child and adults are free. Doors open strictly at 6pm, not before, with the movie starting at 7pm.

Looking ahead we have our 2 major events, Bingo/Auction night on the 7<sup>th</sup> June and the famous Summer Fair on the 13<sup>th</sup> July... please put them in your calendar as these are big contributors to the schools overall yearly funding.

Thank you  
PTFA





# WORLD BOOK DAY



## POETRY | PICNICS | PHOTO FUN

Yesterday was World Book Day and the whole school had so much fun! People dressed up as their favourite characters and looked fabulous. KS1 and EYFS really enjoyed having books read to them at the reading picnic, KS2 adored being the storytellers and a great many more activities were loved by all.

This year, instead of a parade, we hired a photo booth so people could take photos of themselves as their characters on their own or with a friend or friends! This meant we could keep our World Book Day memories forever!



## BENJAMIN ZEPHANIAH



Sadly, Benjamin Zephaniah passed away last year. But at WP, we still know him as a significant figure, poet, author, eco-warrior, campaigner and more.

The reading leaders and poets from all over the school launched 'The Benjamin Zephaniah Poetry Garden' in honour of him and his life. In our live assembly we shared art, plants and poems on our rooftop to everyone in the school!



Another highlight of the day was the Big Book Contest. This is where all of the classes entered to make the best book cover of a book they've read as a class. They were all amazing! The Reading Leader's will judge the books and decide a winner.











## World Book Day photos cont:





## Come Dine with Us

So lovely to welcome Year 3 families today for Come Dine With Us. A full house in the dining hall for macaroni cheese or tomato fusilli with vegetables, salad, fruit and flapjack. A huge thank you to Ali and his team for all of their hard work catering for today. Everybody loved your food.





### 3IC trip to the Bank of England Museum

As part of our International Women's Day celebrations for IWD next week, 3IC went to the Bank of England Museum, where they engaged in an insightful "Women at the Bank" storytelling session. A very big thank you to the parents who were able to come with us. We appreciate your support and time very much. 😊 Thank you [@boemuseum](https://www.boemuseum.org) for having us! 3L visited today and we look forward to hearing about it in the next Patten Pages.



### Bank of England Museum trip

Following 3I's trip to the Bank of England Museum, Felix's dad came in to talk about his 11 years of experience at the bank. The children found out more about different careers at the bank, as well as why the bank is such an important institution. The children found out about the role of women at the Bank of England throughout history, during their visit, as part of their learning around International Women's Day. The children found out about more about equality in the workplace and were able to ask lots of very good questions about the work of the Bank of England, and what it is like to work there, which Alex was able to answer from his direct experience. The children were fascinated to learn more about the Bank of England's gold vaults and relate curriculum subjects to some of the specific roles carried out by people who work there. Thank you very much for joining us Alex and we look forward to your return for 3L, who also have a visit to the Bank of England Museum scheduled. If you have a specialist skill or career, linked to a curriculum topic, please do let us know!





## EYFS Train Workshop

We had a wonderful start to our new topic of **Transport** when Robin, Opi and Mahi's grandfather, visited Nursery and Reception to talk about trains and how train transport has changed from steam engines to electric trains. Children compared the efficiency and environmental impact of different modes of transport. Children also had the opportunity to role play activities linked to train transport. Thank you to Robin, for his time, energy and knowledge.





### Meeting Florence Nightingale!

On Monday both Year 2 classes enjoyed their visit by Florence Nightingale. She told us all about her upbringing and how much she loved reading. The children also learnt that she had a pet owl that she named Athena! When she told her parents and sister that she wanted to be a nurse, they were all quite shocked! After she had trained, she worked in London. She later went to the Scutari Hospital to help in the Crimean War. Excellent listening Year 2, super engagement and brilliant bandaging!



### Visit from Sav Akyüz

A huge thank you to Sav [@splitwigs](#) for coming in today to work with our Year 3s, 4s, Turkish Club and Reading Leaders! The session was inspiring, exciting and full of energy - so many budding authors and illustrators are now raring to create.



3rd March

Dyscalculia  
Awareness  
Day



### Dyscalculia Awareness Day

Dyscalculia Awareness day was Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, aiming to raise awareness of a sometimes misunderstood learning difficulty. It is a lifelong hidden condition that is fundamentally to do with how individuals understand and process numbers. Research into dyscalculia is relatively new and rapidly progressing – there are several definitions which can cause confusion with identification. The British Dyslexia Association has produced some information sheets for children (found [here](#)) and adults (found [here](#)).



### Streetdance workshops

Thank you [@urbanstrides](#) for fabulous KS2 workshops last week. Luke, the dance teacher, was amazing. Inspiring, patient, kind and encouraging. The children thoroughly enjoyed their sessions and the staff did too! We saw Urban Strides at the O2 when the KS2 Choir performed as part of the Young Voices concert. So glad they could visit William Patten!





## **Football news**

Over the past few months our boys and girls have played regularly in the Hackney schools league, it has been a great experience for all of us. Our girls improved throughout the season and finished a respectable 5th from twelve schools. Our boys picked up medals for finishing 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have no complaints as we acquitted ourselves so well, only losing one game (that to the league winners) and only a point or two separated the top three. After the awards we played a girls and a boys tournament. It was another great outing for us! The girls didn't quite get out of the group stages but performed well. Our boys got knocked out at the quarter final stage, it was tight affair but I was very pleased how well we conducted ourselves and maintained a very good standard. I have noticed that all our opponents take us very seriously as one of the teams to beat and I am glad we have created this reputation 😊. One more update - our Y5 and 6 girls took part in the Association Schools finals at Queensbridge Leisure Centre, this is one of the oldest competitions in the calendar and although we were not able to win it we still represented William Patten very well.

**Brian Bramble – WP football coach**



## **Football news continued!**

Games have been coming thick and fast. This Wednesday was another successful day for William Patten. It was the turn for our Y4 and 5 girls to take part in an event. The first part of the schedule we did lots of different games which gave them lots of practice focusing on various aspects of the game. We had a lot of fun doing this. The second half of the schedule was the football tournament and we were served a treat. For most of our squad it was their 1st competitive action and we did so well to reach the semi final! Along the way we had to win a penalty shootout and our goalkeeper Shaneeya put on a show saving 4 out of 5 penalties, this led to her winning Golden Gloves and was well deserved 😊. Our last match was for third place, this was a tough



match with both teams striving hard to take something home and in the end it took a fantastic free kick (one of the best I've seen at Mabley) by Morgan to win the game and collect our 3rd place medals. We are so pleased with the work from all our players, Shaneeya, Morgan, Arabella, Margot, Ellora, Serafina, Destiny, Romy, Asya, Sunny and Emmy. Lots to look forward to. **Brian – WP football coach**



**Congratulations to the latest children to receive an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT Award certificate from their teacher or Karen. Well done everyone!**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March**

**Super Achievers**

Nursery	Amen and Hannah Sarah
Rec C	Hirokaï
Rec MA	Finn

**HT Award Certificates**

1H	Rozh, Martha, Gurleen, Zamari, Violet
1S	Malachi, Finlay, Rai, Sienna, Rocky
2C	Sebastian, Iris, Margot, Bella, Ezra
2M	Casper, Poppy, Sophia, Eden, Dalia
3IC	Aroz, Kiaan, Mason, Ellen, Blake
3L	Alfie, Kimora, Jack Q, Huxley, Freddie
4C	Gene, Theo H, Joseph, Arabella, Belle
4M	Theodore, Arya, Eloora, Ava, Beatrix
5C	August, Eliana, Melissa, Emir, Rosie
5E	Morgan, Lukas, Amy, Arlo, Olivia
6M	Inayah, Isabella, Amber, Aris
6B	Leon, Rex, Sammy, Penelope, Audrey

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

**Super Achievers**

Nursery	Jagraj and Gus
Rec C	Aoife
Rec MA	Yousra

**HT Award Certificates**

1H	Iris, Noah, Winston, Arthur, Rafael
1S	Misher, Mimi, Finlay, Zakia, Isla
2C	Fraser, Ezgi, Khloe, Sebastian, Odhran
2M	Hunter, Sumayyah, Rafe, Nancy, Eesa
3IC	Leni, Lili-Marie, Rafe, Khush, Dante
3L	Audrey, Nia, Jamie, Amos, Clara
4C	Matiu, Areal, David, Millie, Galla
4M	Arlo, Arden, Nyren, Huxley, Juliet
5C	Alba, Valentine, Ocean, Freddie, Ali
5E	Betty, Enrico, Leo, Zora, Dylan
6M	Orrin, Mohinder, Flossy, Ishaq, Denzel
6B	Tiggy, Venla, Louie, Ilakya, Ezra



## 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

## 26.2.24



The **ZONES** of Regulation®

# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Many happy returns to those children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Sumayyah, Yusuf, Filip, Corinne, Theo, David, Juno, Arabella, Felix, Lua, Violet, Oscar, Wilder, Una, Amber and Patrick.** We hope you all enjoyed your special 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:

[williampattenptfa@gmail.com](mailto:williampattenptfa@gmail.com)

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

The lottery winners are:

### Oct 23 –

- 1st – Nancy Perrin
- 2nd – Kevin Ward
- 3rd – Katie Hoare

### Nov 23 –

- 1st – Sian Davies
- 2nd – Katie Hoare
- 3rd – Alistair McLellan

### Dec 23 –

- 1st – Julian Winship
- 2nd – Marion Kelly
- 3rd – Jenna Fansa

### Jan 24 -

- 1st – Katie Hoare
- 2nd – Jane Worfolk-Smith
- 3rd – Caroline Northam

### Feb 24 -

- 1st – Annabelle Marshall
- 2nd – Carter & McNulty
- 3rd – Siena Pakington



Congratulations to the new winners of our attendance chart this fortnight. A brilliant 99.1% attendance for 6M! Who will it be next time?

RCharlotte	98.4%	RMaria/Asima	98.2%
Y1 Helen	97.5%	Y1 Sofia	97.3%
Y2 Christine	96.4%	Y2 Molly	97.5%
Y3 Ihssan/Craig	97.8%	Y3 Luke	96.9%
Y4 Craig	96.8%	Y4 Marion	97.2%
Y5 Claire	96.2%	Y5 Eva	98.3%
Y6 Ben	97.6%	<b>Y6 Maya</b>	<b>99.1%</b>