

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

What a busy and exciting two weeks we've had! From Hispanic Week celebrations to the Hackney Music and Dance Festival at the Round Chapel, two fantastic Sports Days, Year 6's Come Dine With Us, the EYFS Bake Sale, and the Year 6 end-of-year show — there's been so much happening in our school community!

Hispanic Week was a real highlight with the mariachi band being a big hit, serenading everyone in the playground before performing for each phase group — EYFS, Years 1 & 2, 3 & 4, and 5 & 6. Year 5 and 6 pupils also practised their Spanish by leading number bingo games with younger classes. We were delighted to welcome Spanish-speaking parents into classrooms to read stories in Spanish. The children very much enjoyed listening to the stories and seeing how many Spanish words they recognised. A very big thank you to Helen for organising Hispanic Week and for all her preparation behind the scenes. From coordinating activities to helping create a special Spanish-themed lunch, none of it would have been possible without her hard work. We are also proud that Helen presented her work at the Hackney Languages Conference — a fantastic opportunity to share her expertise with a wider audience.

A number of our clubs performed at the Round Chapel as part of the Hackney Music and Dance festival. Steel pans, KS2 Choir, KS2 Hip Hop and both Reception classes took part and all were amazing! The children performed with confidence and joy as part of an incredibly large ensemble alongside many other Hackney primary schools — what a wonderful achievement! Thank you to Elaine for her ongoing commitment to music across the school. The children are earning so many different skills by taking part in this type of event, as well as developing their confidence and understanding of collective responsibility.

A special thank you to Luke for planning and organising both of our Sports Days. The children had a fantastic time and really enjoyed all the activities.

It looked like the parents did too — especially during the parent-and-child three-legged races!

It was lovely to welcome our Year 6 parents to the Year 6 CDWU on Wednesday. We do not often get to see them, as the children are so independent coming to school and going home alone! The children then performed a fabulous end of year show in the evening, which was so impressive, it felt we were in the West End. The children had worked incredibly hard and I was so proud of their performances. Thank you to the Year 6 staff Ben, Sofia, Elaine, Ady and Luisa for supporting the children and their hard work too. What a team!

Finally, a very big thank you to all our parents and carers who attended the above events— your support is very much appreciated.

Have a lovely weekend

Best wishes

Karen



**SATURDAY, JULY 12<sup>TH</sup>**  
**1PM - 4PM**

JOIN US AT WILLIAM PATTEN'S

# Summer Fair

**FOOD, BOUNCY CASTLE, BAKE SALE, FACE PAINT, JUMBLE SALE & MORE!**

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RUNNING STANDS, SETUP &  
DONATIONS





A busy day for **Year 6** on Wednesday, with CDWU and their **end of year show**. What a triumph! A perfectly polished and professional performance, thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Smart, funny and definitely pulling at the heartstrings! A very big well done Year 6 for all your hard work, you were absolutely brilliant! A very big thank you to the Year 6 team, Ben, Sofia, Elaine, Ady and Luisa for all their hard work supporting the children in the lead up to the show. A very big thank you to all of our wonderful families for joining us on the night.





Over the last couple of weeks we have all enjoyed our **Hispanic Week** activities as a part of Hackney's annual Hispanic celebrations!

To kick off Hispanic Week, there was huge excitement as the well-loved mariachi band, Mariachi Loco, performed in the playground and welcomed the children into school to the sounds of traditional Mexican music as they began their day on Tuesday! The mariachi band continued to play short performances for each class throughout the morning, the children watched as Mariachi Loco performed traditional Mexican mariachi songs; the children learnt about the history of mariachi music, Mexican culture and practised Spanish vocabulary.



Over four afternoons, the **Year 5 and Year 6** classes ran a **Spanish activity fair**! Each class from Nursery to Year 4 visited the fair and took part in a range of fun and engaging activities linked to their Spanish learning throughout this year. They had a chance to play 'Bingo Numérico', 'Me gusta - No me gusta', 'Mi Familia', 'Cabeza, hombros, rodillas, pies' and many more. This gave the different year groups an opportunity to interact with each other and have fun while practising their Spanish. A very big thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 children! They were so welcoming, friendly and encouraging to all the visiting classes. ¡Gracias!







Some lucky classes had a story read to them in **Spanish by parent volunteers!** Many thanks to the parents who have come in to read a Spanish story to their child's class! The children have loved listening to the stories in Spanish and were able to follow along using their Spanish language knowledge.



Another highlight of the week was the **delicious Hispanic lunch** cooked by Caterlink! The menu consisted of chicken paella, albondigas, patatas bravas, roasted vegetables followed by fruit and a chocolate and Spanish orange cake. Lots of the children might have had a go at eating a Hispanic dish they haven't tried before, excelente!



Alongside the whole school celebrations, there were also **Hispanic Week lessons** taking place in the classrooms. All classes enjoyed an Art, P.E, DT or Geography lesson taught in Spanish (CLIL - Content Language Integrated Learning) - all instructions and key vocabulary were given in Spanish and wonderful creations were made while listening to and speaking Spanish! Each class also took part in a lesson to research a Spanish speaking country to find out about the culture, food, music, geography, history and popular figures. The classes then went to visit a class in the year group below to present their research findings! Lots of interesting information was shared through exciting and interesting peer to peer teaching.

For Hispanic Week, **Year 4** created posters all about the country of Colombia. They were full of interesting facts, such as 'In Colombia you will find some amazing but endangered animals like pink dolphins!' The Year 4's then presented their posters to Year 3 and some were so interested that they said they now want to go to visit Colombia!



**A big thank you to the teachers and classes for taking part in Hispanic Week 2025 with such enthusiasm and enjoyment!**



The KS1, KS2, and Girls' **Fencing** clubs put on a **fantastic display** last week, showcasing excellent hand-eye coordination and impressive footwork. It was so good for our younger fencers to see what can be achieved through hard work and regular practice. They were in awe of the older children's fencing skills! A huge well done to all the children involved, and a very big thank you to Mark, our fabulous fencing coach!





Both our KS1 and KS2 **gymnastics** clubs delivered stylish and **impressive performances** last week, thoroughly enjoyed by parents and children alike. The hard work, dedication, and skills the children have developed were clear for all to see. It was especially inspiring for our younger gymnasts to watch the older children in action – a wonderful glimpse into what they could achieve with continued practice and perseverance. A huge well done to all the children involved, and a huge thank you to Berry, our amazing gymnastics coach, for making it all possible! Thank you to our families for coming to the show. Your support is very much appreciated.



Team WP at the **CSC Chess Tournament!** Everyone played extremely well and Arden even walked away with a bronze medal! Congratulations Arden.





Very proud of our **Hip Hop dance** group who performed at the **Round Chapel**, in front of a very large audience. Taking part in the Hackney Music Festival, they were amazing and looked so cool! Huge thanks to Jas their tutor, for all her hard work and magic. What a triumph!



Year 6 **Steel Pans** performing at the Round Chapel as part of [@hackneymusicservice](https://www.hackneymusicservice.org.uk/) Hackney Schools' Music and Dance Festival 2025. Such a fabulous event and a fabulous performance by Team WP. Huge thanks as always to HMS and of course to Kerry [@dchosen10](https://www.facebook.com/dchosen10) our amazing and brilliant steel pan tutor!



A very big well done to our **KS2 Choir** and both **Reception classes** for their **performances** at the Round Chapel last week. Super singing and your hard work paid off. There was a lot to learn and you were brilliant! Thank you for representing WP so well.



We also spotted **Oscar from Year 5** at the Hackney Music Festival performing with his band **Lift Off**. So cool!





**EYFS and KS1 Sports' Day.** Hot, hot, hot, but lots of fun! Thank you to Luke and all the staff for a lovely morning. Thank you very much to all the families who were able to join us. Your support is very much appreciated.



**Sports' Day for KS2.** Another hot, hot, hot day but still lots of fun! Thank you to Luke and all the staff and a big thank you to all the families who were able to join us.





A poignant **Come Dine with Us** yesterday as it was Year 6's turn to welcome their families to Come Dine With Us. So lovely to see everyone, as we don't get to see you so often, as Year 6 are so independent and come to school and go home on their own! A very big thank you to Ali and his team for yet another delicious lunch.









**2YN** had a fantastic trip to the **Garden Classroom**. We made dough from scratch, foraged for herbs and finely chopped the vegetables. End result - we got to eat the best pizzas in Hackney! Thanks very much to all the parents that joined us for the day.



In **Year 2 Science**, we are learning about **Plants**. Each day we were able to observe the germination and growth of our seeds and bulb. We each set up the following for observation: 1) placing 3 types of seed on wet cotton wool trays, and 2) planting one garlic clove in soil. Our teacher also set up a separate experiment to prove that plants need the following conditions to grow strong and healthy : light, water, temperature, soil. We also went to the playground to identify plants that are happy growing in the shade.



Children observing growth



Nice growth!



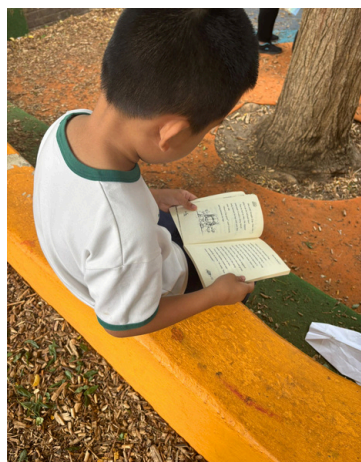
Class patiently waiting for bulbs



Experiment on good conditions



**2YN** have started a new unit in Literacy called the 'The Little Red Reading Hood' and for our **experience day** we went to KS1 playground to read our books.



**2C** had a wonderful day out at The **Garden Classroom** (King Henry's Walk). This trip was for our D&T topic on 'making a healthy savoury snack', but it also linked with our English - writing instructions, Maths - measuring, Science topics of Plants, and Animals and Including Humans; as well as PSHE - Healthy Me. The children had the opportunity to walk around the gardens and see what food was planted, they also got to water some of them. They made their own dough, measuring ingredients carefully. Then they had to put in a bit of muscle to knead the dough. While that was set aside to rise, they chopped up their own fresh vegetables for the pizza topping using sharp knives. We were most impressed with how carefully they worked and how good they were at cutting! Finally, we could roll out our dough, spread tomato sauce on, sprinkle some cheese and arrange our vegetables. Our pizzas were ready for the fire oven. What a delicious treat just before having our packed lunch.





**Sports' Day Practice Fun!** Classes 3L and 5I came together for a friendly Sports Day practice, showing great energy, teamwork, and plenty of smiles! Everyone gave their best and showed fantastic sportsmanship throughout. It was a fun and active lesson enjoyed by all.



3J also had great fun preparing and practising for Sports Day before the big day!





A glorious day at [@hackneyschooloffood](https://www.williampatten.hackney.sch.uk) for 6S. The children celebrated reaching the end of their time at WP by making pizza and seasonal fruit cake, with fruits and vegetables picked in the garden. Yummy! A very big thank you to [@william\\_patten\\_school\\_ptfa](https://www.williampatten.hackney.sch.uk) for supporting the traditional Year 6 rite of passage.





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

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June**

Nurs	Ethan and Oscar
1H	Ali, Marina, Joey, Pippa, Oscar
1M	Louis, Leo S, Zayn, Maizie Belle, Benjamin
2C	Soan, Misher, Arthur, Mira, Callum
2YN	Lara, Winston, Leo, Elia, Arlo
3L	Sumayyah, Coco, Julia, Hunter, Hulya
3J	Mayus, Simay, Eva, Isabelle, Wilfred
4A	Eddy, Max, Khush, Ellen, Aster
4C	Marcelo, Jack D, Audrey, Bobby, Freddie
5C	Fatima, David, Sufyan, Arya, Ellora
5I	Arlo, Masal, Elizabeth, Areal, Ronan
6S	Aalish, Isa, Orhan, Romy, Falcon

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**

Nurs	Callum and Zaida
1H	Jessa, Umar, Ruairi, Mia, Hugh
1M	Bruno, Pip, Ida, Shanelle, Navraj
2C	Malachi, Zoe, Cedric, Victoria, Noah
2YN	Aster, Leo L, Noah, Yaqub, Marty
3L	Dalia, Thiago, Maya, Teo, Rafe
3J	Deniz, Evan, Joseph, Lily, Fraser
4A	Aroz, Ciro-Mael, Dante, Amaya, Isabelle
4C	Suhayb, Lucas, Elijah, Georgina, Alfie
5C	Eli, Theo, Patrick, Nevaeh, Dash
5I	Keon, Nisa, Ollie, Baran, Oscar
6B	Arlo, Emmy, Bay, Morgan
6S	Asya, Aminah, Yusuf, Huseyin, Valentine

**Don't forget to sign up to help at the Summer Fair on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July.**

We will need a lot of volunteers this year to make the Summer Fair a success. Each stand will need someone to organise the group which will include ordering, logistics and rostering people for the stand on the day. Stalls include: bouncy castle, candy floss, dunking machine, BBQ including halal, drinks Bar, tombola, raffle (we're also taking donations if you not want to purchase raffle tickets), face painting, jumble sale, talent show, soccer shoot-out, ice cream stand to name a few... If you're able to volunteer on the day or more importantly are able to help coordinate a stand leading up to the day, it would be a tremendous help. Please click on the following web link to go to the signup sheet: [volunteersignup.org/PQY8C](https://volunteersignup.org/PQY8C)  
Thank you, PTFA

**Eddy (4A)** took part in the **Better Swim Gala** at Clissold Leisure Centre last weekend and came 3rd in the under 9 25m back stroke and 25m free style and first in 25m butterfly. Well done Eddy!



Congratulations to the new winner of our attendance chart this time – **2YN** who are at the top of the chart with **96.9%**. Well done **2YN**.

<b>RAsima</b>	<b>92.3%</b>	<b>RSian</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Y1 Helen</b>	<b>96.6%</b>	<b>Y1 Marion</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Y2 Christine</b>	<b>96.5%</b>	<b>Y2Yeter/Nancy</b>	<b>96.9%</b>
<b>Y3 Jamieson</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>Y3 Luke</b>	<b>96.3%</b>
<b>Y4 Amy</b>	<b>95.6%</b>	<b>Y4 Craig</b>	<b>95.8%</b>
<b>Y5 Claire</b>	<b>93%</b>	<b>Y5 Ihssan</b>	<b>95.5%</b>
<b>Y6 Ben</b>	<b>96%</b>	<b>Y6 Sofia</b>	<b>94.8%</b>



Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their birthday recently: Mia, Arlo, Billie, Iris, Sadie, Malachi, Jack, Niccolo, Lochie, Jae, Poppy, Ruojie, Zoe and Evelyn. We hope you enjoyed your special day.