

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the summer holidays. It was lovely to welcome the children back last week and to hear all about what they had been doing and what they enjoyed getting up to during the break.

A very warm welcome to all our Nursery and Reception families as they begin their school journey at WP, as well as to the children who have joined us in other year groups. We are very happy to have you with us and know that you will enjoy your time at WP.

It was also a pleasure to see so many of you at the Meet the Teacher meetings this week. We hope you found the sessions informative and that they gave you a clear picture of the year ahead.

We are very much looking forward to another exciting and rewarding school year. We are thrilled to be continuing our work with Nina in the outdoor classroom, which provides such rich learning experiences for the children. We are also delighted to welcome back Siemy, who ran the djembe drumming club last year. He will now be working additional hours with us, allowing more children across the school to take part in drumming sessions. In addition, Felix, who led the African dancing and drumming club with Kasper, will also be working across the school to teach African dance and drumming. This is fabulous news!

We are especially looking forward to celebrating World Afro Day on Monday 15th September. Parents will be leading assemblies for both KS1 and KS2, focusing on the importance of Black hair and how it relates to identity and culture.

As part of this celebration, a homework task has been created by the parents involved. Children are invited to answer three questions about their hair and can make a one-minute film to share their thoughts. The task will be set on Google Classroom. Where we have permission from parents, the films will be shared on the school's Instagram account. We are very much looking forward to seeing what the children share.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Karen

Well done Ava!

Ava in 6S worked incredibly hard every week for months at her art club and at home, hand stitching and using a sewing machine to create a beautiful quilt. Her inspiration was Ann Bancroft, the first female polar explorer. Ava's quilt has won 1st prize at The Festival of Quilts, a national competition. It will now be exhibited at Alexandra Palace as part of their Knit + Stitch shows. What a fantastic achievement Ava, we are delighted for you!



Message from the PTFA

Hi everyone,

A super warm welcome back to the school year and welcome to all the new families who have joined the WP community this year. It's great to see all the children back and excited to be at school.

For those who are new, WP has a very active PTFA (Parents, Teachers and Friends Association). We aim to bring the children and their parents together at a range of social events throughout the year, which not only aims to raise additional funds for school, but more importantly to come together with the aim of having as much fun as possible and provide an amazing experience to the children. Everything the PTFA does benefits every child at William Patten.

We are always looking for new members, it is volunteer based, so more hands on deck the better. We had our best year yet in terms of fundraising last year which was great, but the reality was that school also required an extra amount of additional funding to bring these experiences to our children.

Current PTFA members are: Jason Coulloupas, Jen Yang, Rob Ryan, Anne Hammant and Graeme Edie. Funds raised go towards a whole range of spending requirements for the school. These include:

International Evening, Science Week and associated workshops, supervision for all children at break time, end of school events including Yr 6 hoodies and yearbook, trip to Hackney School of Food, class sets of ipads, outdoor re-painting/lighting of the building.

As you can see, every child at the school benefits from the money the PTFA raises and Karen makes every £ go a long way.

We will conduct our AGM (as we are a registered charity) in Oct or Nov this year (details to come). We will be publishing the event calendar in the coming weeks here in Patten Pages, please keep an eye out for it.

For new families in Nursery and Reception, the PTFA will conduct a question and answer session in the coming weeks once every one has settled into WP.

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See you all at school.

William Patten PTFA.

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Welcome to William Patten!

We have had a wonderful week in EYFS, where Nursery and Reception children had their first few days in school. The EYFS Team have been so impressed by the way children have settled into their new routines, made so many new friends and were confident to explore their new classroom. They have loved playing in the home corner, in the outside area and elsewhere in the classroom. They have also demonstrated great confidence and independence to separate from their parents/carers at the start of the day, settling down and accepting reassurance if needed. We know we will all have an exciting and fun filled year ahead.

Well done, Nursery and Reception children, we are very proud of you all! Here are a few images that illustrate EYFS in action!

First week at Nursery.



Reception classes beginning their school journey.





4B have been busy this week researching and classifying the different counties in the UK.





WP's Inclusion team would like to wish everyone a warm welcome back to school after the summer holidays. We hope that our adults and children are settling back into their term-time routines well. We have lots of interesting things coming up this term, including Dyslexia Awareness Week and ADHD awareness month in October.

Once again, the BBC's 500 words competition is opening up this year for submissions from 23rd September. It is a writing competition for 5-7 and 8-11 year-olds to create and share original stories of under 500 words, open to children of all abilities. Our favourite part is that it is a celebration of creativity so grammar, punctuation and spelling are not marked! Last year we had some wonderful entries and the inclusion team were lucky enough to read them before they were submitted - we were super impressed. We encourage all children to give it a try; you can find out everything you need to know here:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/500-words/articles/zctk7v4#zytbqyc>



Neurodiversity includes everyone

Neurodiversity means that we are all different in how we think, feel, and learn, because our brains process information differently.

There is no "right" or "wrong" way to be.



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William Patten
Primary School

The Inclusion Team would like to invite you to our first...

COFFEE AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS AND CARERS



This will be an opportunity to:

- Meet members of the Inclusion Team
- Meet link external professionals (Specialist Teacher, Speech and Language therapists etc)
- Find out about SEND provision at William Patten
- Connect with other parents and carers of children with additional needs

Thursday 25th September 2:15-3:15pm

Please email admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk to book a place



WAMHS NEW PARENT WELCOME EVENT

Hosted by Lora Linhares-Marx, Child Psychotherapist

Tuesday 23rd September
9:15am - 10:15am

Opportunity to meet with other parents of new starters and hear about the wellbeing offers available and discuss some topics such as supporting your child with separation anxiety and transitioning to nursery or primary school.

Lora (our CAMHs worker) will be running an introduction to WAMHS for all EYFS parents (see poster above). If you would like to book a place, please email:

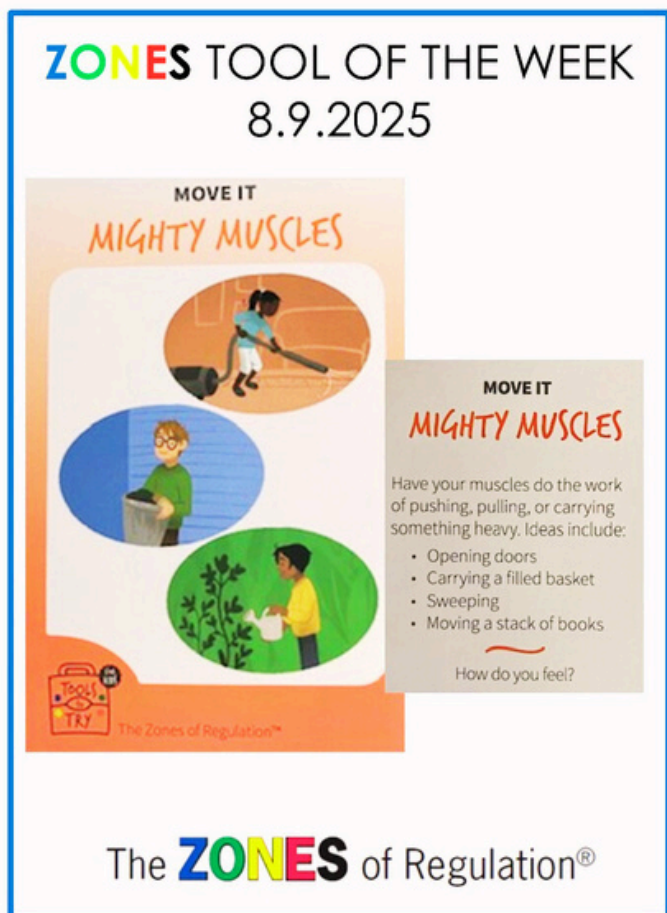
admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk.

Year 5 enjoyed a hands-on maths lesson this week. They discovered different ways to represent one tenth of a whole by weighing rice, measuring rolls of paper, and using maths manipulatives. The practical activities helped bring the concept to life and showed how one tenth can be found in many different contexts.



Tool of the Week

Each week we introduce a new Tool of the Week. Posters go up around school and classes practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include the new tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home. This is the latest one:



Happy birthday to the children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: **Nour, Rafe, Paul, Dante, Louis, Tommaso, Sebastian, Violet, Honey, Zayn, Hugh, Khaleem, Arthur, Rafael, Nahom, Kai, Hana, Joe, Ruoxin, Luca, Cody, Ethan, Bee, Casper, Gurleen, Zamari, Cedric, Elias, Thorsteinn, Hugh, Hope, Taliah, Sigrid, Wren, Cece, Callum, George, Cooper and Elijah.** We hope you enjoyed your special day!



Mon 15 th	World Afro Hair Day
Mon 15 th	4B swimming (every afternoon)
Fri 19 th	EDI Cultural Connect coffee and tea morning (9.15am)
Mon 22 nd	Recycle Week
Tue 23 rd	WAMHs meeting for EYFS parents 9.15am
Wed 24 th	Kench Hill meeting for parents 6pm
Thu 25 th	Rec Teddy Bears picnic 1.40pm
Thu 25 th	Inclusion coffee afternoon 2.15pm
Fri 26 th	Flu vaccinations (Rec-Y6)
Fri 26 th	Y1 trip to St Matthias Church

Congratulations to the first children of 2025-26 to receive a HT award certificate. Well done everyone!

1A	Aiden, Zayn, George, Honey, Felix
1M	Jack, Cece, Emil, Kai, Cody
2C	Maleek, Billie, Joey, Hugh, Ruairi
2YN	Corinne, El, Adam, Maizie Belle, Zadie
3B	Zamari, Mira, Rafael, Sienna, Ruben
3H	Remi, Gurleen, Arlo, Zakia, Nova
4A	Mayus, Evan, Sara, Eva, Joseph
4B	Hunter, Khaleem, Yahya, Maya, Sophia
5CG	Flora, Eugene, Max, Leni, Eddy
5CP	Jack Q, Arthur, Nisa, Zaina, Suhayb
6H	Nisa, Keon, Arlo, Elizabeth, Matiu
6S	Anas, Phoebe, David, Phuong, Theo C