The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents.

Welcome to the latest edition of the Patten Pages. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening this week, finding out how your children have settled into their new classes and year groups. I have had so many children visit me over the last few weeks showing me the wonderful work that they are doing.

The School Council has been elected, the Eco Warrior vacancies filled and the Year 6 Reading Champions appointed. Congratulations to Anas, Ellora, Margot, Matiu, Nevaeh and Patrick who will be working with Ben to promote reading at WP. We are looking forward to hearing their ideas, but they have an assembly to get ready to present first! We also found out the winners of the Afro Hair Day poster competition set by the EDI Committee as part of the homework project. The Year 4 and 5 School Council members had their first responsibility by deciding who had won for EYFS, KS1, and KS2. There were so many wonderful entries, and so they also selected some children to receive Highly Commended certificates. If you attended Parents' Evening in the middle hall, you will have seen the wonderful entries on display. Congratulations to Edward in Nursery and Sofia in Reception J, who are the winners of the EYFS Afro Hair Day competition; Elijah in KS1, who is the winner for KS1; and to Suki in 5CP and Mya in 5CG, winners of the KS2 competition. All winners received a book token for Stoke Newington Bookshop.

We have also had the first of our PTFA Bake Sales this week, with Year 2 getting off to a busy start. I had forgotten how long the queue is for large cake sales; they are always so popular!

Thank you for your support in relation to punctuality. Since the letter that went out last week

there have been far fewer children arriving at school late, and it has made a real difference at the start of the day for all children and teachers, as learning can begin promptly.

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Karen

The WP School Council for 2025 - 26

Congratulations to everybody who was elected in the class votes. Every class from Year 2 to 6 has two representatives on the School Council. They meet with Sian regularly and their thoughts and ideas are included in Patten Pages. We are looking forward to hearing their suggestions and ideas for change and their opinions on what we already do!



A Fun and Nurturing Start at Our Nursery!

Our Nursery is a happy, welcoming place where every child can grow in confidence and curiosity. We offer both full and part-time provision, providing lots of opportunities for children to play and learn in a caring, supportive, fun environment.

With a fantastic outdoor area, weekly music lessons, and a wonderful group of children, our Nursery is full of fun, friendship and discovery. It's the perfect foundation for a smooth and confident transition into Reception, be that at William Patten or another setting. Just take a look at some of the lovely activities Nursery children have enjoyed taking part in so far this year!

If you wish to apply or know of anyone who lives locally and has a child, born between 1st September 2021 and 31st August 2022, who is interested in nursery provision, please tell them to pop into our school office for an application form.

Come and see what makes our Nursery so special — we'd love to welcome you! Please contact us to arrange a visit.

Contact us via email

<u>admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk</u> or visit our school website for more information.













Dyslexia:
RAISING
THE VOLUME

This week at WP has been Dyslexia Awareness week. As part of our assembly on Monday we talked about how important it is to listen to each other's experiences and points of view. This year's theme is 'Raising the Volume', focusing on the voices of young people with dyslexia - their stories, challenges, and successes.

As part of our efforts to raise the volume, we would love to hear from dyslexic voices in the school community. We would really like to hear one challenge, one strength, and one success.

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Please let us know if you would like to lend your voice (adults and children!) and share your experiences of dyslexia, as we would love to share them on Instagram and on the school website.

Contact the school at

admin@williampatten.hackney.sch.uk for more details or to send in audio you record at home. You can also add your voice to the British Dyslexia Association's voice petition - the UK's first voice petition ever! Your voices can take part alongside Jamie Oliver, Davina McCall and more!

https://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk/news/hear-uslaunch-of-the-first-ever-voice-petition-for-dyslexiaawareness-week



Reception Teddy Bears' Picnic

A huge thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for the EYFS presentation, the introduction to the work of the fabulous EDI committee and for the picnic. It was lovely to welcome so many of you! Thank you also for your very generous donations of goodies!

A final thank you to our lovely Year 6 Peer Supporters for their help and kindness, playing with the Reception children and their teddies!





















This week in Nursery, we have been learning about the Jewish festival of Sukkot. As part of our work, we have been designing our own Sukkah. We learnt that a Sukkah is a temporary hut constructed for use during the week-long Jewish festival of Sukkot. It is topped with branches and often well decorated with autumnal, harvest or Judaic themes. We worked carefully to design our own Sukkah using different materials, well done Nursery!











Last week in Nursery, we worked hard to create our self-portraits. We looked in a mirror and talked about our features and then choose the correct colours to paint our hair, eyes, mouth and other features. We are very proud of our paintings!











Year 2 enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows by the campfire for their experience day in writing! We love using the Outdoor Classroom!













In RE, Year 2 are learning about why Jesus told stories and are learning from the parables 'The Parable of Lost Coin' and 'The Parable of the Lost Sheep' to understand Jesus' messages to his followers.









This term, Year 2 pupils have been developing key gymnastic skills to build strength, coordination and control. We have worked on performing forward rolls, bunny hops to improve balance and rhythm and begun learning the technique for a cartwheel. Each skill has supported children's flexibility and confidence in movement while also encouraging focus.









Year 3 have been fantastic historians learning all about life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages. Along with fact finding research, both classes created fantastic cave drawings and their own artefacts out of salt dough - animal bone jewellery, arrow heads and small pots. Not forgetting the cross-curricular link with our English text 'The Stone Age Boy' and the wonderful writing they have produced. Well done Year 3!





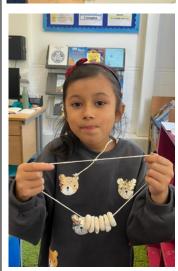


















This week in Year 4 we have been learning about calculation and conversion of measures in Maths. We spent the morning outside using a trundle wheel to measure the length of the playground. This helped us practice using different units of measure such as metres and kilometres.











Year 4 worked collaboratively during their Hackney Loves Reading sessions to summarise fables.



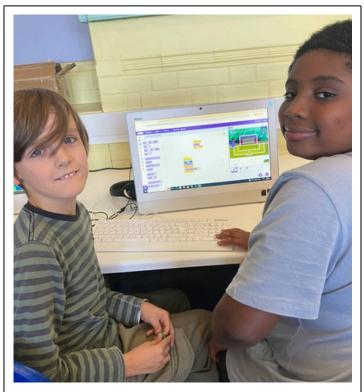


Year 5 have been having great fun in computing this week, using Scratch to design and develop their own impressive games. They have been developing their coding skills while also showing creativity, problemsolving, and imagination in bringing their ideas to life.













Well done to 4B for completing their intensive two week swimming course! We are very proud of you You also managed a WP world record for getting back to school on time!



Y6 children practising their patience, concentration and having a steady hand as part of an English experience day yesterday. They collected a range of vocabulary to use in their writing today!











Please add the following dates below to your diary: events and trips taking place at school over the next fortnight.

13th	Little Angel performance for Y5 & 6 - Reach for the Stars
14th	Y5 virtual workshop - Planets in the Solar System
14th	Y4 trip to London Zoo
15th	RWI Meeting for Reception parents 9.10am
15 th	Y6 Kids Choir performance to parents 2.30pm
15 th	KS2 choir & Y4 Turkish speakers to Celebration of Languages event
16 th	Reception trip to Abney Park
16 th	Year 5 visiting the National Gallery
17 th	Year 1 local walk
20 th	6S Residential trip: Kench Hill
21 st	Flu vaccination catch up session
22 nd	Y3 classes to the British Museum
24 th	Little Angel performance for Y3 & 4 - Reach for the Stars
24 th	Break up for half term

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

Friday 3rd October

Nurs	Zayn
RJ	Ela
RS	Ozzy
1A	Theo, Kaia, Walter, Max, Hope
1M	Ava, Mehmet, Etienne, Marley, Daria
2C	Ali, Zoe, Elias, Nelson, Maya
2YN	Romilly, Louis, Ida, Hugh, Saifa
3B	Mimi, Sophia, Callum, Taklit, Zamari
3H	Elia, Lara, Leo, Violeta, Marty
4A	Fraser, Ezgi, Lily, Ali, Kiran
4B	Coco, Casper, Hulya, Martha, Rafe
5CG	Jae, Lorcan, Frida, Ellen, Isabelle
5CP	Jack D, Clara, Huxley, Elijah, Jack Q
6H	Theo, Galla, Baran, Masal, Hamza, Keon, Grace
6S	Shaneeya, Patrick, Theo H, Amaiyah, Niccolo,
	Arya, Feadan

Friday 10th October

Nurs	Fenn	
RJ	Antonia	
RS	Amara	
1A	Mio, Miles, Heidi, Joe, Matteo	
1M	Alaia, Oscar, Raeheem, Amen, Arlo	
2C	Sequoia, Isla, Marina, Eki, Oscar	
2YN	Anna, Lua, Ren, Navraj, Aoife	
3B	Filip, Arthur, Martha, Callum, Victoria	
3H	Yaqub, Noah, Winston, Paloma, Stella	
4A	Ali, Isabelle, Wilfred M, Hector, Sebastian,	
	Odhran, Tommaso	
4B	Maya, Nancy, Julia, Luqman, Teo	
5CG	Blake, Felix, Ada, Zaynah, Eloise	
5CP	Audrey, Nisa, Bobby, Freddie, Jack D, Elise,	
	Marcelo	
6H	Ada, Tommy, Elizabeth, Oscar, Lily, Ronan, Daisy	
6S	Eli, Patrick, Arden, Fatima, Gene	

We welcomed back Alexander W today, an ex-pupil who came to visit us all the way from Switzerland (he emigrated with his family 8 years ago at the age of 11). It was lovely to see him again and he enjoyed visiting his old primary school. Once WP always WP!





Attendance chart for last week

Year group	Attendance last week
Year2	98.8%
Year3	98.7%
Year4	98.6%
Year5	96.8%
Year1	96.4%
Reception	95.3%
Nursery	94.6%
Year6	93.3%
	Average 96.8%

Attendance chart for this week

Year group	Attendance this week
Year3	98.5%
Reception	98.5%
Year5	98.1%
Year4	98.1%
Year1	97.2%
Year2	96.3%
Nursery	94.7%
Year6	93.9%
	Average 97.2%

The Family Coach Service have two group sessions starting after half term for parents to join. The first is 'Building a Wellbeing Toolbox'. This group is specifically designed to support your wellbeing as parents. The second is 'Creating a Sleep Routine for you and your family'. See all details below. If interested email familycoach@hackney.gov.uk







Happy birthday to the children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Owen, Joseph, Zara, Ali, Noah, Poppy, Fatima, Felix, Martha, Etienne, Elijah, David, Rudi, Sofia and Sara.

We hope you enjoyed your special day!

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. These are the latest ones:



