

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

I can't believe that we are at half term already!

After the break, we are looking forward to some updates to the school menu, as Caterlink introduces the new Autumn/Winter options. The menu was sent home via email this week, so please do take a look if you haven't already.

A huge thank you to Nina and her wonderful team of volunteers from Colt Technology Services, who have been working hard this week to tidy up the outdoor classroom. They also laid down a whole new layer of woodchip, which was backbreaking work and very much appreciated!

Year 2 got the bake sales off to a fabulous start with a wonderful array of cakes and traybakes for everyone to enjoy. Year 3 will have their turn on Friday 7th November, and the year group that raises the most money by the end of the year will win a prize! All money raised will go towards enrichment opportunities for the children. A big thank you to everyone who bakes the cakes and of course to everyone who buys them. Your support of the school is very much appreciated.

Despite the mixed weather, classes have been out and about in the last fortnight. Year 1 went on a local walk and were busy identifying features on a map and looking for evidence of the N16 postcode. We have also had lots of letters arriving at school recently and it is always such a joy to see the children's excitement when post arrives for them. Year 3 enjoyed a super trip to the British Museum, and Year 4 had a fantastic visit to London Zoo. Teachers have been busy booking more trips and enrichment activities for after half term, so there's lots to look forward to.

6S have had a fabulous time on their residential trip to Kench Hill, and 6H are eagerly looking forward to their turn after the holiday. A big thank you to the staff team who accompanied 6S -Sofia, Caitlin, Cem and James and to those heading off with 6H – Holly, Sian and Billy. We simply could not run these residential trips without the dedication, care and hard work of our staff. For many children, this is their first time away from home, and that transition can be challenging. But they are

always in incredibly kind, supportive and reassuring hands with Team WP.

Finally, we have said goodbye to Angelina, a Teaching Assistant in Year 4 today. Angelina has worked at WP for three years, but she has started a course in teaching English as a Second Language, marking an exciting new direction for her future. While we are delighted for her, we are also very sorry that she is leaving. Angelina has been an exemplary role model throughout her time with us, demonstrating outstanding professionalism, a deep commitment to WP, and a consistently positive presence. She will be greatly missed by colleagues and children alike. But once a part of WP, always a part of WP, so we hope she keeps in touch. Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half-term break.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 3rd November.

Best wishes

Karen

Exhausted, but exhilarated! Many, many congratulations to Freddie and Leo who completed their first 5K run last weekend. This is a huge achievement as 5K can be a challenge, even for adults. Both ran without stopping and finished in a very strong time. Well done - we are very proud of you!



6S hugely enjoyed their **residential trip** to Kench Hill in Kent this week, they had a fabulous time! A big thank you to the WP staff team and the staff at the centre for ensuring that the children had some amazing experiences. The children will have lovely memories of a very special week! After half term it is the turn of 6H. We know they will have lots of fun!





Year 1 mixed engineering skills with town planning in their geography lesson, turning a 3D map into a 2D map using OS symbols. Impressive work!



Year 4 enjoyed their trip to **London Zoo** last Tuesday to support their Science topic. Such wonderful sights to see! A very big thank you to all of the parents who were able to accompany the classes on the trip. Your time and support is very much appreciated and we couldn't do it without you.



Year 1 went on their first trip - a **field trip** to find human and physical features of their environment. They also posted a letter to the other class - making sure they included the postcode. The children were so sensible. Thank you to the parents for coming with us. Our next trip will be to St Matthias Church in December.



1M got some **letters in the post** today! Thank you **1A** - they got to us safely because you used our address and post code.



Year 5 had a fantastic trip to the **National Gallery** to see the Impressionist paintings they have been learning about in their art lessons. The visit gave them the chance to admire famous works up close and gather inspiration for their own Impressionism-inspired painting sessions back at school.



Year 3 took part in a virtual lesson on **Prehistoric Britain** with the British museum in preparation for their trip this week. The engaging and interesting hour long session included re-capping the timeline from pre-history to present day then focusing on the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. 3H and 3B were shown artefacts, video representations of Stone Age settlements and were quizzed on their own historical knowledge to identify artefacts - which they were very good at! The classes took their note taking very seriously and are well prepared for their visit to the British Museum on Wednesday!



This week both **Year 3** classes went on a trip to the **British Museum**! The visit was a lovely way to round off their History topic - Stone Age to Bronze age and their English writing topics - 'Stone Age Boy' and 'Skara Brae'. The classes were wonderfully behaved on the 73 bus journey and were excellent role models while exploring the museum. Using an activity booklet the classes completed a treasure hunt to locate particular Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age artefacts; drew patterns they saw on stone and metal objects; found and wrote facts about Bronze age jewellery and they even saw the types of objects they had made out of salt dough! After exploring the Pre-Historic Britain rooms they enjoyed their packed lunches in front of the museum in the sunshine - they were very fortunate with the weather! Thank you to both Year 3 classes for their fantastic behaviour and thank you to the parents who volunteered.



Y5 and 6 enjoying [@littleangeltheatre](https://www.littleangeltheatre.co.uk/) production of **Reach For The Stars**. The children joined Nat, as she overcomes her fears and strives to achieve her greatest ambition – to fly. Told through puppetry and inspired by the life of Mae Jemison, the first African American woman in space, this heart-warming story encourages everyone to aim high and chase their dreams.



This week in **Nursery**, we have been learning about **Diwali** which is celebrated for 5 days by Indian communities around the world. We have learnt about how people celebrate Diwali with fireworks, delicious food, new clothes and creating Rangoli patterns to welcome family and friends into their homes. We then used to clay to make our own diva's which we are looking forward to painting and decorating with sequins when the clay has hardened.



Last week the William Patten choir performed at the **Hackney Celebration of Languages** event at All Saints Catholic High School. During the event the children enjoyed musical performances in Spanish and Turkish and the William Patten children were fantastic audience members. When it came to their turn they performed 'This is Home' in English and Spanish. The choir sang beautifully and confidently in front of a large audience - very impressive! After the event they were treated to a delicious Turkish buffet while being serenaded by our school favourite - Mariachi Loco! What a wonderful evening. Thank you to Elaine for her excellent work with the choir and thank you to the parents who joined us on the trip for their support.



Three of our six Reading Champions attended the launch of the **Hackney Reading Champions 2025** at Hackney Town Hall. The children met other Reading Champions from primary schools across the borough and took a book to recommend.

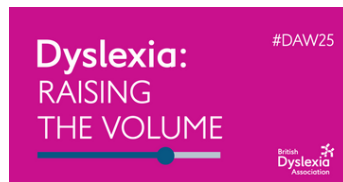


On Wednesday 15th October we went to Hackney Town Hall to do our first **Reading Leader** meet. We discussed what a reading leader's job is and its role within school. We discussed expectations for reading championships and challenges to set. Next we tried to sell our books to the other reading leaders in hopes of trying to get them to like and maybe even read our books. Lastly we had an author/rapper come in. His name was Christian Foley and he did some activities with us. He helped us do basic raps and Matiu helped us win the long jump game so we were able to take two of his books back to school with us! **By Matiu, Nevaeh and Patrick.**

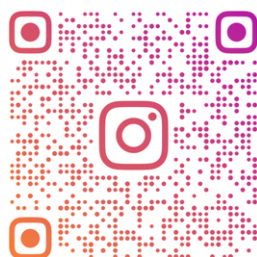
Hi my name is Matiu and this book report is on **RUNE**, a book where two children cross realms through magical ruins. As they travel through the ruins, they enter Pudim, a world ruled by magic and the evil Shadow King. I think this is a good book for fantasy, adventure and comic book lovers as it is very action packed and full of adventure. The characters are really good and if you enjoy this there is a second book as a follow on.

Hi my name is Nevaeh, I am a Reading Champion. My book review is **Scarlet and Ivy**. There are six books in the series and they are very dramatic. The characters are twin sisters, Scarlet is evil and Ivy is very kind. The stepmother is mean and scary and dad is busy so doesn't always know what is happening. They are such good books to read.

Hi my name is Patrick and I am a Hackney Reading Champion! My book review is about Nelson, hero of the seas. It is a really exciting book about Admiral Nelson who won some very dramatic battles like Trafalgar, battle of the Nile and Cape St Vincent.



Thank you to everybody for your interest and feedback on **Dyslexia Awareness Week** at William Patten. We have had some lovely conversations at school about dyslexia and neurodiversity, and about how important it is to make sure that every young person with dyslexia is heard, understood, and supported. Members of the William Patten community have recorded some of their experiences and stories about dyslexia, finding different things challenging to learn, and their strengths and successes. These will be posted on the WP Instagram.



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We are so proud and grateful to everyone who has taken part in this project and shared their experiences. The BDA's voice petition is also now live on Spotify; you can listen to almost 1,500 voices on the petition [here](#). Have a wonderful half term!



Communicating and understanding

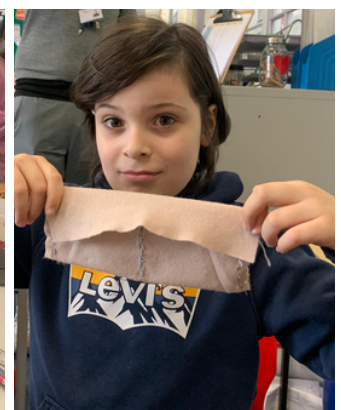


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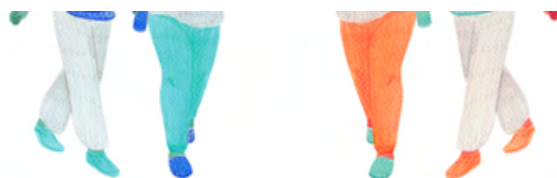


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This week **Year 4** have been **designing and creating** their own wallets in D.T. We have been tackling the tricky world of sewing, but the children have taken on the challenge with great enthusiasm and resilience! They have now stitched together their wallets and are looking forward to bringing them home.



The year group **bake sales** are a go! Year 2 got us off to a fabulous start on Friday with a delicious selection of tray bakes, cupcakes and big cakes to choose from. The children had been looking forward to this since they saw the signs go up and they were not disappointed. A very big thank you to everybody who made cakes, helped to serve or bought cakes. All money raised will go the [@william patten school ptfa](https://www.willampatten.hackney.sch.uk) to raise money for additional activities and resources for the children. The year group that raises the most money wins a prize! Will it be Year 2? We will have to wait and see! Thank you Year 2 !



Family Coach Service Winter Wellbeing Walks 2025

For parents of children with
special educational needs and disabilities.
No formal diagnosis or Educational Health Care Plan necessary.

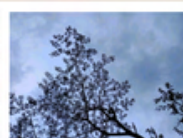
All walks will meet at [Hackney Service Center](https://www.hackney.gov.uk)



Friday 14th of
November 10-11am

A walk to notice

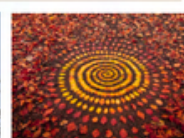
Bring attention to your
surroundings and
notice the little things.



Friday 28th of
November 10-11am

A walk to calm

Promote calmness
when walking in your
local community



Friday 12th of
December 10-11am

A walk to connect

Create something for
others to connect with
on their walks

To sign up please email: familycoach@hackney.gov.uk

Can't make the walks but still want to be part of the community?
Please email us to be sent the walks to complete in your own time.



Please add the following dates to your diary:
events and trips taking place at school
throughout November.

3rd	6H residential trip (Kench Hill)
4th	Y3 workshop - Rocks & Minerals
5th	Year 5 Come Dine with Us
7th	PTFA cake sale - Y3
11th	Anti-bullying Week
11th	Year 6 health check
13th	EDI meeting - Winter Fair prep
14th	6S class assembly 2.45pm
14th	PTFA Movie Night
17th	Road Safety Week
19th	Big Art Day
21st	Cultural Connect coffee morning
21st	5CP class assembly 2.45pm
24th	Y5 trip to the British Museum
27th	NSPCC Speak Out Stay Safe assemblies and workshops
28th	6H class assembly 2.45pm

The **Eco Committee** met for their first meeting this week. In the meeting we welcomed the newly elected members and thanked previously elected members who have returned for their second year. The children were shown the School's Climate Action Plan and then identified which 5 focusses, from the Eco Schools' framework and linked to the climate plan, they would like to focus their work on this year. The children carried out an audit of the school's current work in each of the focus areas [Ten topics - Eco Schools](#) and will meet again after the half term to devise their own Eco School's Action plan. The first task of the Eco Committee will be to run a 'switch off' campaign, in which children understand the benefits of reducing energy use and the environmental implications of generating electricity from fossil-fuels. The Eco Committee had lots of excellent ideas during their meeting and we are really looking forward to using these to carry out activities that raise awareness and promote greater sustainability. The Eco Committee members who have been at Kench Hill this week will also meet after the half term, when they will also be able to contribute their thoughts and ideas to inform future actions.



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

Friday 17th October

Nurs	Isaac
RJ	Theo
RS	Bart
1A	Kaio, Wynn, Chloe, Toprak, Jagraj, Grace
1M	Leo, Tibet, Shifa, Thor, Noah, Sebastian
2C	Umar, Nora, Wilder, Liyat, Opi
2YN	Zayn, Pip, Paul, Kimya, Ruojie
3B	Rozh, Soan, Iris, Finlay, Cedric
3H	Ryan, Taedon, Rocky, Buray, Tommaso
4A	Ekin, Leul, Deniz, Bella, Nahom
4B	Khaleem, Dalia, Martha, Matilda, Eden, Alexander
5CG	Eddy, Khush, Ciro-Mael, Aster, Dante
5CP	Dante, Alicja, Honor, Georgina, Milla
6H	Grace, Matiu, Areal, Nyren, Juliet
6S	Aalia, Dash, Nevaeh, Gene, Huxley

Friday 24th October

Nurs	Nilay
RJ	Sofia
RS	Maxima
1A	Adam, Theo, Federico, Nimrit, Daniel, Hope, Heidi, Kaia, Aiden
1M	Cody, Jack, Tibet, Cecily, Henry
2C	Sebastian, Billie, Maya, Hirokaï, Mia
2YN	Israh, El, Benjamin, Ivy, Finn
3B	Misher, Violet, Yusuf, Malachi, Eren
3H	Remi, Nova, Zakia, Gurleen, Leo
4A	Elliott, Margot, Wilfred K, Iris, Tommaso, Eesa
4B	Ronnie, Thiago, Casper Poppy, Matilda
5CG	Anna, Evan Rafe, Eloise, Sebastian
5CP	Arzu, Suki, Lucas, Kaan, Alfie
6H	Arlo, Selah, Tommy, Belle, Nisa
6S	At Kench Hill



Happy birthday to the children who have celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Eva, Arden, Taio, Yahya, Ellora, Isla, Sufyan, Bruno, Jago, Oscar, Freddie, Adam, Antonia, Nisa, Aria, Matiu and Klara. We hope you enjoyed your special day!



Attendance chart for last week

Year group(s)	Attendance last week
Year5	98.7%
Year2	98.5%
Year3	98.3%
Year 1	97.0%
Reception	96.6%
Year4	95.6%
Year6	95.2%
Nursery	94.3%
	Average 97.0%

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Year6	97.6%
Year5	97.4%
Year2	96.9%
Year3	96.8%
Reception	96.6%
Year4	96.4%
Year1	92.0%
Nursery	91.1%
	Average 96.1%