

The Patten Pages

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Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the performances last week. The audiences were large and one of the main reasons we have to do a morning and afternoon performance for Years 1 and 2, 3 and 4 and 5 and 6. For me, it was such a privilege to watch the shows starting with EYFS and finishing with our oldest and see the children's confidence in singing and performing develop, as they move throughout the school.

I know the children had worked very hard with the support of their teachers and teaching assistants to learn all the songs and actions. I also know that siblings had learnt each other's songs, which they were singing along to when they watched the dress rehearsals! The children worked incredibly well collaboratively to make sure that their own class performance and therefore each overall performance was very professional and the transitions were West End worthy!

I would like to extend my grateful thanks to the staff team for all their amazing work and to Elaine for being such a fabulous Music teacher and subject lead. All the performances were so polished, that it is easy to forget how much hard work had gone on behind the scenes to ensure that the performances were of such an excellent quality. Thank you to our families for your support with the learning the songs at home and for joining us on the day. Your support of the school is very much appreciated and it was lovely to celebrate the children's achievements together.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a sincere thank you to the WP staff team for all their hard work this term. Everyone plays such a crucial part in making our school the unique and special place it is. The office team always ensure a warm and supportive welcome, assisting with all enquiries, no matter how big or small, they will always help and always with a smile. The site team ensure the school is always immaculate and always support whole school events like the Winter Fair, going above and beyond. The kitchen team provide dinner every day for over 380 children (no mean feat) and always cater for big events too like CDWU and Christmas lunch. Rachael from Place2be and Lora from

WAMHS's invaluable work alongside the Inclusion team to support families mental health and wellbeing. Our teachers and teaching assistants go above and beyond to ensure our children are happy, enjoy coming to school, enjoy learning, have fun and feel valued and heard. The staff team continually strive to ensure our offer for the children is exciting and relevant, carefully thought out and planned for adaptations ensuring we meet the needs of all our children. I know our families are very grateful and appreciative of everyone's hard work and will join me in thanking Team WP.

A very important part of that team includes our families, who show such fantastic support for the school in many different ways, through coming on trips, playing an active part in the PTFA or offering ideas and suggestions or signposting opportunities, which are always gratefully received.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the PTFA team of Jason, Jen, Anne, Rob and Graeme (and everyone else!) and the EDI committee of Ami, Tiffany, Sherelle, Sofia and Blessing for all their amazing work bringing the community together in lots of different ways (year group bake sales, the Film Night and the Cultural Connect Coffee mornings to name a few). The organised fundraising events raise much needed money for the school and this year's fair was a record breaker with over 10K raised! The Winter Fair was such a super day, which brought much joy to everyone, making wonderful memories for the children and included a huge amount of work behind the scenes to bring it all together. The grotto was like a John Lewis advert, the braiding station was a first (and I know will be in demand for the Summer Fair) and the sense of community with so many families attending was very special

Wishing everyone a very happy holiday and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 5th January, ready for another busy term!
With sincere thanks and best wishes
Karen

A delicious Christmas lunch on Tuesday, prepared and served by our fabulous kitchen team. A huge thank you to them for working so hard on the day, chopping, peeling, baking and roasting. Over 430 Christmas dinners served and enjoyed! What a team!



The whole school enjoyed our first ever Afro hair art project yesterday. We learned about different Afro hairstyles and their significance, watched videos of TA Natasha styling her family's hair, learned how to draw different braiding techniques and collaborated with parent helpers to create artwork in the style of artist Fabio Gomes Trindade. A big thank you to everyone who supported the sessions and helped to make it such a valuable and creative experience for our children.



A very huge well done to Year 3 and 4 for their joyful and enthusiastic Christmas performance last Thursday! We loved the energy of your show and the seamless and amazingly silent transitions. You sang beautifully, delighted your audience and brought a little bit of pizzazz to N16! Well done everyone! A very big thank you to the staff team for all their hard work, to Elaine, our wonderful Music teacher and to our families for their support. Thank you for coming, we hoped you enjoyed the show!



The final triumph of the WP Christmas performance season, with Year 5 and 6 performing for their families on Friday! A super selection of all the old favourites, which certainly got your audience toe tapping and dancing on the side! A very polished and professional show. Well done. Thank you to the staff team for all of their hard work. A very big thank you to Elaine for all of her hard work with all of the shows this year. She is amazing! Thank you also to all of our families for joining us, it was so lovely to see you and we hope you enjoyed the show. Thank you for your support, as we couldn't do without you!





Anti-Bullying Week Poster Competition Winners

The WP School Council had a tricky time judging this year's poster competition with so many entries! Congratulations to the winners and highly commended, your posters look fabulous and are on display on the stairs (outside Inclusion).

EYFS

Winner - Sigrid

Highly Commended - Nilay

KS1

Winner - Anna

Highly Commended - Corinne,
Yusra, Ezra, Navraj, Elijah,
Henry

KS2

Winner - Leni

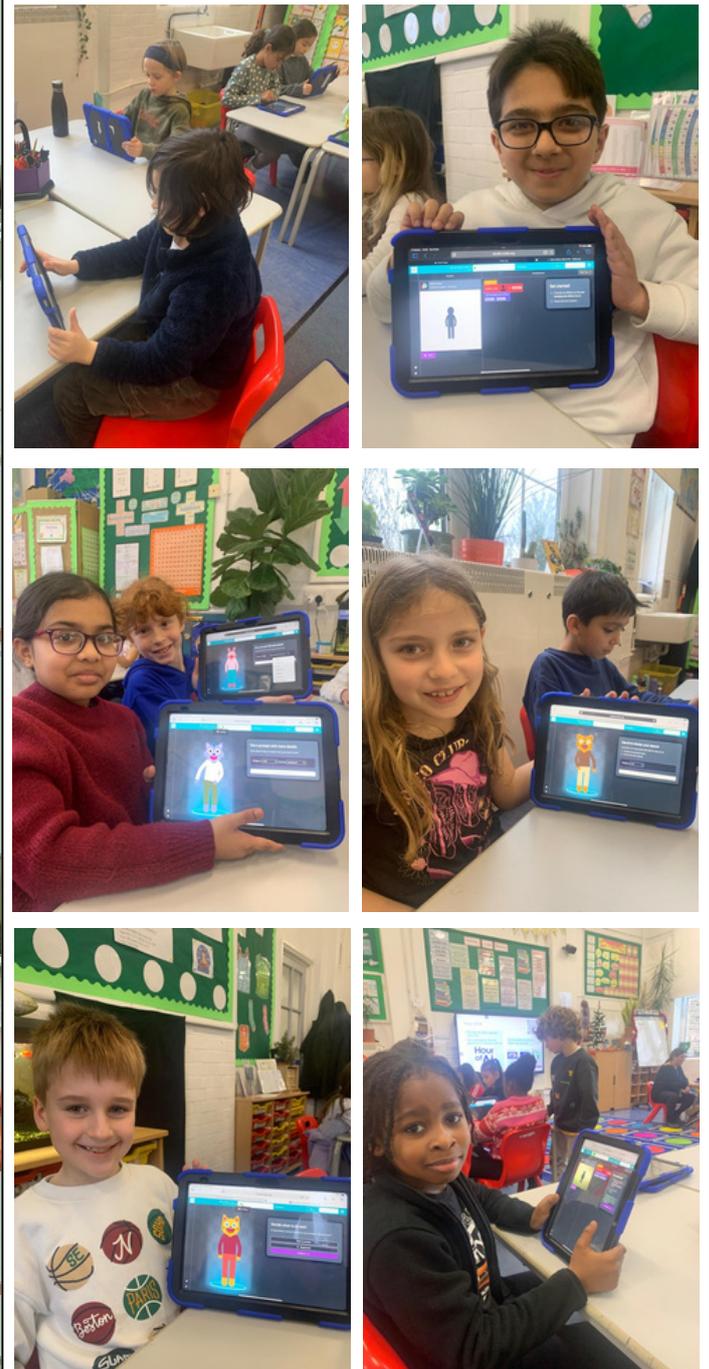
Highly Commended - Zaynah,
Amaya, Iris, Leonel, Blake, Poppy,
Misher, Lily (4A), Khush



Years 1, 3 and 6 continuing our celebration of Computer Science Week. Huge thanks to [@sallymav](https://twitter.com/sallymav) from STEAMlabs for such fabulous and creative workshops, which were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. All the adults passing through the bottom hall were also itching to have a go too! We have a STEAMlab club before school as well, for all budding scientists and explorers.



Year 4 worked hard coding and choreographing their own dance routine and mixing their own music!



4B received graduation certificates for completing their Hour of AI - well done 4B!



Year 3 took part in a Google Meet this week - they performed their Christmas songs to the Y3 classes at our partner school in Madrid, who then sung the songs back in Spanish! This activity supported the children in making links between languages through simple translations, and also promoted their awareness of (and connections to) international locations. We will all be able to develop our connections with our friends in Madrid next term, when we reply (in Spanish) to the letters they will be sending to us.



Year 2 were welcomed to the Gurdwara in New Southgate last week. The children learnt about the 10 gurus, who have all contributed towards the growth of Sikhism and about the main principles of the religion. The children went to the langhar kitchen to have cordial and biscuits to show sharing is one of their main beliefs of Sikhism.



Year 1's delicious carrot muffins. Measuring, whisking, mixing, cracking, folding, stirring, grating, baking, eating!



Year 3 went on class trips to Abney Park Chapel for their RE topic - The significance of light in religion. Year 3 have been learning about how light is used to celebrate Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas at this time of year. We visited Abney Park Chapel which is a community space that welcomes people with any religious or non-religious beliefs and the children observed and drew the sources of light in the chapel. We particularly enjoyed the stained-glass windows which depict the four seasons and were designed by William Patten children! It felt very special to visit the chapel at this time of year and the children pointed how calm, peaceful and cosy they felt while in the chapel.

Well done and thank you to our KS2 Choir who performed a selection of Christmas songs for the residents of St. Anne's Care Home on Manor Road. You were incredible, singing so beautifully and showing such respect, kindness and consideration. The residents thoroughly enjoyed your visit and enjoyed singing along too. Thank you for bringing such joy to everyone there.

