

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and a belated Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see the children return to school so positively and settle straight back into their routines and learning.

We are delighted to welcome Maya back from maternity leave. She is currently teaching in Reception and is very much enjoying being back at WP. We are very pleased to have her back with us at WP!

Thank you very much for your continued donations to the outdoor classroom. If you would still like to contribute, we are happily accepting items such as crates, tyres, pallets, pots, pans, and kitchen utensils, which can be brought to the school office. With all the recent rain, the mud kitchen is muddier than ever and being very well used and enjoyed by the children!

It was wonderful to see so many Year 4 parents and grandparents joining us for our "Come Dine With Us" lunch on Wednesday. The children always look forward to this event, and it was, once again, extremely well supported, with over 60 additional adults joining us for lunch. The kitchen team did a fabulous job and worked incredibly hard to provide the extra meals. A huge thank you to Ali and his team — Tilda, Althea, Sally, and Sophia. A busy week for Year 4 families as the bake sales also started this week, and we were overwhelmed by the generosity of Year 4 families in providing so many cakes to sell. Thank you so much for your continued support.

Year 5 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Hackney School of Food, where they made focaccia that looked so professional it would not have looked out of place in a restaurant. However, sadly, none of it made it back to me! If you attended Parents' Evening on Thursday, I hope you enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with your child's teacher discussing their progress, as well as looking at the children's work throughout the school linked to their learning about Black artists and the continuation of our Afro Hair Project. The canvases displayed in the middle hall are absolutely stunning. If you do not usually pass through this area, please do pop in to take a look - they really are spectacular! Thank you to the parents who came in to support with this project.

We had our first Turkish speaking Parents' Coffee Morning yesterday, led by Yeter, 2YN's class teacher.

This is part of the WP's commitment to working with different groups within our school community. Parents had already completed a survey and were able to share more information with us about their views of WP, what they thought we did well and how else we can offer support to them as families and to their children. It was very well attended and I would like to thank Yeter for leading it so brilliantly and to Cem, who translated the discussions for me! Our next session will be on Thursday 29th January where the focus will be on communication.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We look forward to another exciting and successful term ahead!

With best wishes

Karen

Huge congratulations to Cece for being the first person in WP to achieve the magic five Headteacher Awards this year! Not only was she the first person to do it, but she did it in record time, as she got her fifth one in December! Such a fabulous achievement and we are very proud of you. You will receive your invitation to the Headteacher's Tea Party when some more children have also reached the magic five!

Well done Cece! 🍷🌟🎉🥳



Thank you to all the families who were able to join us for the Year 4 Come Dine With Us on Wednesday. It was so lovely to see so many of you and thank you for your lovely comments about your lunch. The kitchen team were delighted to hear you enjoyed your meal. Thank you for your patience with the long queue! The children were all so excited to see you too. A huge thank you to Ali and his team - Althea, Sally, Sophia and Tilda for all their hard work preparing an extra 60 delicious dinners! What a team!





Reception children enjoyed making bread last week, as part of our work inspired by the Little Red Hen. Children helped to weigh the ingredients and carefully followed the recipe to make bread rolls. They enjoyed mixing the ingredients, kneading the dough and then forming the rolls. They were very patient and waited until the end of the day before eating their rolls. Their verdict – delicious!



Year 5 had a fantastic visit to the Hackney School of Food last week as part of their DT learning on bread-making. With the help of Chef Michelle and Chef Tom, they learned how to make focaccia and wholemeal soda bread. Working in groups of three, they carefully measured out ingredients, kneaded the dough, and added a range of delicious toppings. The session was a brilliant hands-on experience, and the children loved developing their practical skills and eating their delicious bread.



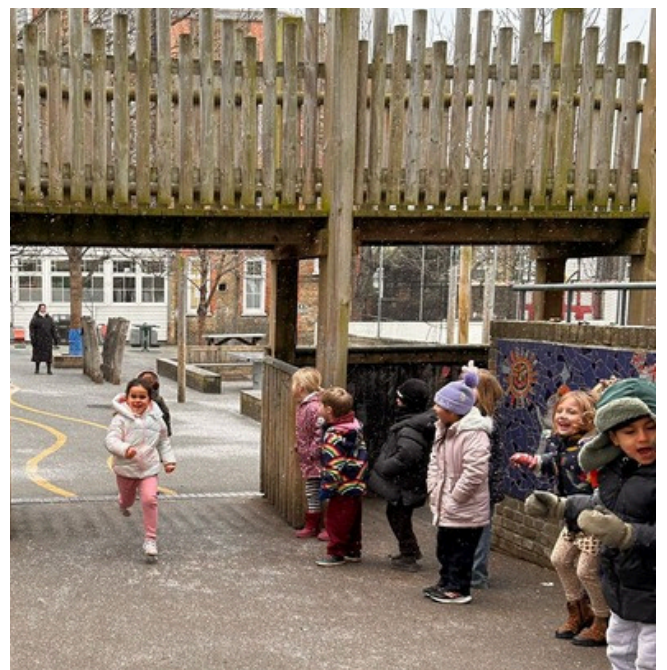
EYFS children started gymnastic lessons this term and so far we have had two wonderful lessons where children have learnt parts of warm-up routine, how to make a variety of shapes (star, stretch, tuck and pencil) with their bodies and how to land safely. EYFS children have engaged wholeheartedly with these lessons, trying their hardest to make quite challenging shapes and to follow the sequence of movements that they have been shown. Berry, our lovely gymnastics teacher, has been amazed by children's behaviour and attitude to learning as well as their ability to listen and follow instructions. Awesome!



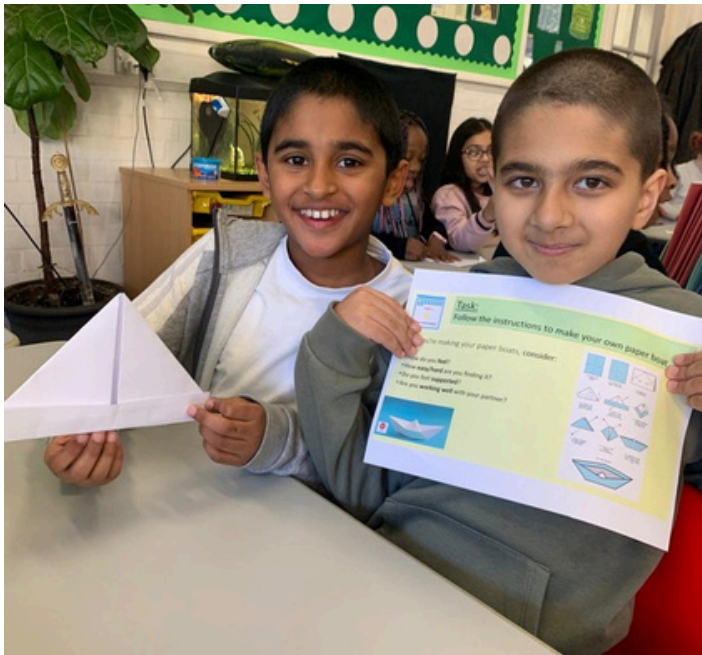
We enjoyed our first Turkish speaking Parents' Coffee Morning yesterday, led by Yeter, 2YN's class teacher. It was a very productive session and we look forward to the next coffee morning which will take place on Thursday 29th January at 9.00am. All Turkish speaking parents are welcome to attend.



For their biography unit in English, Year 1 attempted to run 100 metres in 10.49 seconds to appreciate Florence Griffith Joyner's world record. They did really well but didn't manage to beat her record...yet!



Year 4 spent their latest Experience Day in English building some wonderful paper boats!



As the Vietnamese celebration, Tết, is coming up in February this year, **Vietnamese** has been chosen as our new **Language of the Month**! Last week, Helen introduced Vietnamese as the new Language of the Month in a whole school assembly with the help of our Vietnamese speakers - Chloe (1A), Joey (3H), Milla (5CP) and Phuong (6S). During the assembly the classes learned geographical facts about Vietnam and language facts about how Vietnamese is spoken and written. This year, Tết falls on the 17th of February and celebrations might include sharing and eating food with friends and family, giving gifts of red envelopes with money inside to children and letting off fireworks. Why don't you have a go at learning the Vietnamese words and phrases alongside the Makaton signs we will be using in class and around the school?

Vietnamese words and phrases

Have a go at saying some of these words or phrases!

Good morning – Chào buổi sáng



Good afternoon – Chào buổi chiều



School dinners – Bữa trưa ở trường



Packed lunch – Hộp cơm trưa



Please – làm ơn



Thank you – Cảm ơn



Hello – Xin chào



Goodbye – Tạm biệt



Hello everyone, and welcome back at the start of the new year. We hope you all had a lovely Christmas break and are enjoying the beginning of this half-term. The Neurodiversity Newsletter team would like to welcome you back to WP by thinking ahead to an upcoming event this March - Neurodiversity Celebration Week. It runs from 16th to 22nd of March, and is a worldwide initiative aimed at celebrating neurodiversity and neurodiverse individuals as well as increasing the acceptance, understanding of, and education around neurodiversity. There will be webinars and other celebrations throughout the week that you may like to find out about or join in with. More information can be found [here](#)



Our choices make a difference!

Learning about neurodiversity helps us understand how people learn and think differently, and that those differences are OK.

We can choose how we treat each other, and how we act toward people who seem different.



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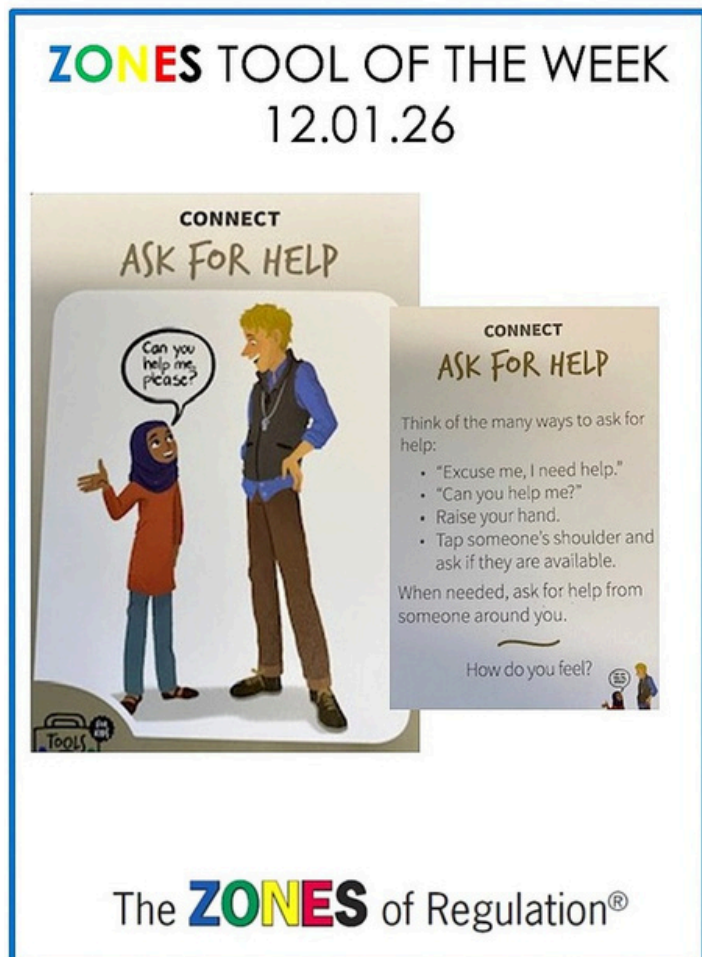


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Tool of the Week

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. The tools are included in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home.

This is the latest one:



Happy birthday to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Ronan, Ruairi, Lea, Jack, Sumayyah, Aela, Theo, Alfie, Joey, Ayan, Yaqub, Evan, Fenn, Ellen, Ozzy, Misher and Gabriel. We hope you enjoyed your special day!

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

Friday 9th January

Nurs	Luca
RM	Sigrid
RS	Ethan
1A	George, Nimrit, Azad, Matteo, Scarlett
1M	Kai, Bernie, Ezra MP, Thorsteinn, Ezra S
2C	Pippa, Sebastian, Umar, Nora
2YN	Adam, Bruno, Evangeline, Maizie Belle, Corinne
3B	Iris, Martha, Arlo, Eren, Teddy
3H	Marty, Anita, Joey, Nora, Arlo
4A	Ali, Antonia, Wilfred M, Deniz, Bella
4B	Sophia, Ronnie, Maya, Coco, Hunter
5CG	Aroz, Jae, Lorcan, Aster, Taha
5CP	Marcelo, Hafsa, Lucas, Arzu, Dante
6H	Nisa, Margot, Nyren, Ozzy, Baran
6S	Feadan, Phuong, Huxley, Phoebe, Niccolò

Friday 16th January

Nurs	Zara
RM	Callum
RS	Lisa
1A	Zayn, Chloe, Rex, Aiden, Miles
1M	Cody, Jack, Ava, Tibet, Henry
2C	Elijah, Wilder, Marina, Liyat, Eki
2YN	Romilly, Louie, Minnie, Shanelle, Mahi
3B	Sophia, Noah, Zoe, Ramazan, Arthur
3H	Remi, Elia, Lara, Leo L, Violeta
4A	Mayus, Margot, Eva, Hector, Robbie
4B	Dolly, Martha, Hulya, Sophia, Casper
5CG	Flora, Keon, Mya, Eugene, Ayan
5CP	Dante, Huxley, Alicja, Jack Q, Freddie
6H	Hamza, Arlo, Theo, Lily, Juliet
6S	Eli, Amaiyah, Fatima, Arden, Nevaeh

Consideration for Our Neighbours

As our school is located within a residential area, we kindly ask families to be mindful when entering and leaving school. Please note that some homes have doors that open directly onto the street, and we ask that doorbells are not pressed, as this disturbs the occupants. By being considerate of noise levels and our surroundings, we can help maintain positive relationships within the local community.

Thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.



Dates for your diary

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

19th	School photographs
20th	Parents' Evening 4 - 6.30pm
21st	Year 6 Ministry of stories workshops
21st	1A trip to Spitalfields Farm
22nd	Parents' Evening 4 - 6.30pm
23rd	Cultural Connect coffee morning
23rd	1M trip to Spitalfields Farm
23rd	Eco Team trip – RSPB Big Bird Watch at Clissold Park
26th	4B trip to Woodberry Wetlands
27th	4A trip to Woodberry Wetlands
28th	RWI Meeting for Reception parents - 9:10am
28th	Year 6 Ministry of stories workshops
28th	KS2 assembly with visitor from the Houses of Parliament
29th	Coffee morning for Turkish speaking families
30th	5CG class assembly for parents 2.45pm



Attendance chart for w/e 9th January.

Year group(s)	Attendance last week
Year3	96.4%
Year4	95.0%
Year1	94.8%
Year6	94.1%
Reception	93.6%
Year5	93.2%
Nursery	93.1%
Year2	91.0%
	Average 94.0%

Attendance chart for w/e 16th January.

Year group	Attendance this week
Year2	99.2%
Reception	98.3%
Year3	98.0%
Year4	97.7%
Year1	95.7%
Year5	93.9%
Nursery	92.4%
Year6	88.5%
	Average 95.8%