

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

It has been lovely to see so many of you recently at Parents' Evening and the Reception RWI meeting. We have also really appreciated your support at the activities and trips we have enjoyed over the last fortnight, including the football tournaments at Mabley Green and Queensbridge, the chess tournament at Morningside, the Year 1 trip to Spitalfields Farm, the Year 4 trip to Woodberry Wetlands and the Eco Team's trip to Clissold Park (to take part in the RSPB's Big Bird Watch). Giving up your time to accompany classes on trips is hugely appreciated and is a great support to us as a school. The children also really enjoy having their parents with them on trips, and it makes these experiences even more special!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the children who represented the school in the football and chess competitions. They were excellent ambassadors for WP. I was very proud, not only of their perseverance and determination in the competitions, but also of their excellent behaviour during the events and on public transport. Thank you for representing our school so well.

We are delighted to welcome Nina back after the holiday to start her outdoor classroom sessions this term. She is working with the Eco Team at the start of the day as they are helping her in preparing the sessions and maintaining the outdoor space. This term, Nina is also working with the Year 1 girls, Year 2, and a small group of SEND children. The sessions began last week, and I had the pleasure of joining the Year 1 girls and they were having a fantastic time and demonstrated fabulous teamwork. As the outdoor classroom sessions take place on Tuesdays during the day, please make sure that children taking part are wearing clothes that can get dirty, as the outdoor activities are all practical and involve plenty of mud!

With the recent unsettled weather, we have had the highest number of wet playtimes we have had for a long time! Please ensure that your children are dressed appropriately for the rain. The forecast remains unsettled over the next week or so. If it is raining very heavily, the children stay in at playtime and lunchtime. If it is only light rain or drizzle, we will send the children out. We ask that children do not bring umbrellas into school, as they can be cumbersome and unsafe in the playground. They can of course bring their umbrella for coming to and going home from school.

Finally, thank you for your support in ensuring that the children are here for a 9am start. The vast majority of children are now in school on time, and this has made a huge difference to the start of the day, with everyone ready for their learning by 9:05am. It has been incredibly helpful all round.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Karen

School Street update

As you know, I contacted Hackney Council's parking enforcement team regarding cars using the School Streets (mostly Lancell Street and Dynevor Road) during the restricted hours 8.30 - 9.30am and 3.15 - 4.15pm.

Hackney responded very quickly, and I know several parents also contacted the council. Thank you, this has been very helpful. The council are now looking into the possibility of installing a new camera for the Lancell Street part of the scheme and they will also be deploying a mobile CCTV unit to reinforce that this is a School Street and that penalties apply.

We are incredibly proud of Ronan who was a quarter finalist in his division at the City of London Table Tennis Tournament on Sunday. What a fabulous achievement- well done! Given his prowess at the tennis tables in the playground, this does not come as a surprise! Excellent! ★🏸🏸🏸



Huge congratulations to the WP children - Juliet, Ellora and Nancy, who represented [@nelgc_gymnastics](https://www.instagram.com/nelgc_gymnastics) on Sunday. Taking part in the Jumpz Invitational Gymnastics competition in Rugby, they showcased their skills on all four apparatus. There were three placements in each age group, as well as apparatus medals. Well done everyone! We are very proud of your achievements ★★★★★🏸🏸
🏸Excellent!!



Alex (Felix and Mimi's dad) is raising money for Breakthrough T1D, the world's leading charitable funder of type 1 diabetes research.

"There are four brave and resilient children living with type one diabetes at William Patten. To celebrate 104 years since we could give insulin to patients (which prevented a type one diagnosis being a death sentence), I'm going to attempt to run 104 miles this weekend in the rain and mud of the South Downs. I'll be raising money for research into the cure and management of type one diabetes and hopefully demonstrating that having type one shouldn't hold you back. I'll be running, eating constantly, injecting insulin and managing my blood sugar as I enjoy (?) the challenge."

Good luck and thank you Alex! If you would like to donate to this worthy cause please do so via this link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-collins-byu>

Oscar and Noah in Year 1 worked really well together to create a radiating pattern in maths.



Year 1 had their most exciting adventure yet as they set off by train for Spitalfields Farm. As part of their science topic on animals, they learned all about the farm's animals. Did you know that donkeys are not waterproof? Chewy the goat was a particular favourite as were the guinea pigs and ferrets. We noticed that one of the sheep was missing an ear and one of the ducks missing an eye. Our guides - Sadie and Kirsten - explained that a lot of the animals are rescue animals. We really recommend a visit!



Continuing their science theme back at William Patten, the Y1 children used their own bodies as a diagram to label.



Year 2 enjoying their outdoor classroom sessions with Nina on Tuesday. The children made castles and beds, as well as mud pies in the mud kitchen. They enjoyed using tools to make their own medals and of course they loved identifying animal poo and recreating animal prints in clay. El also demonstrated his strength moving a huge wooden pallet to make his cart!



KS2 children had a wonderful visit from Parliament educator Damien this week. Everyone had fun and got very involved. We learned about democracy and citizens' rights as well as the process of voting. A small group of children were picked to do a role play about how to form a political party – they even had their own name! (The Apple Crumble Party). Thank you Marion for organising this.

Mila, Marcelo, Clara and Freddie (5CP)

Year 4 kicking off their new science topic in style by visiting Woodberry Wetlands this week. The children had lots of fun investigating different habitats and learning about local ecosystems which are right on our doorstep.



Congratulations to Arden, Arlo D, Arlo H, Arthur, Elliott, Eugene, Lochie, Sophia D and Sophia J for representing WP so well at the chess tournament yesterday. Travelling to Morningside school, the team came third overall and the Year 6 children won a medal. Well done everyone! Thank you very much to Morningside for their hospitality. The next competition will be hosted at WP on 2nd March. A huge thank you to Carole, Alex and Giorgia for accompanying the children.



Last Friday, the Eco team members came to help plant French beans in Nursery and Reception. We have been looking at the traditional tale "Jack and the beanstalk" in class and have been learning about what seeds need to grow. The children enjoyed working together and they had lots of lovely conversations about their planting experiences and were confident to share their ideas with each other. We can't wait to see our French beans starting to grow! A huge thank you to the Eco team and we look forward to working together again on our next project.



During their gymnastics sessions this term, Year 5 pupils have been developing a range of key skills, focusing on jumps and controlled landings. They have explored different ways of travelling, including rolls and cartwheels, while also taking part in strength and coordination activities. These sessions have helped pupils to improve their balance, strength, and coordination while performing movements with increasing control. Great work, Y5!



A fabulous start to our Daily Mile inspired 1km run yesterday. Over 50 children from Year 5 and 6 joined us at 8:30am to run seven laps of the track which was equal to 1000m. Everyone completed the challenge at their own pace and many decided to keep on running after completing the 1km, which was impressive. Some children decided to carry on the challenge at playtime and lunchtime too! We were really impressed not only with the children's physical stamina, but their determination and perseverance. Thank you to Craig M for getting this event up and running (!) We're looking forward to next Thursday already!



This week in Nursery, we have been looking at the story of "The Gingerbread Man." We made dairy free gingerbread biscuits. We made the gingerbread dough, carefully used cutters to make our biscuits then used icing pens and currants to decorate our biscuits. Lastly, before our biscuits ran away, we ate our biscuits as an extra afternoon snack!



In this week's Neurodiversity News, we would like to highlight the recent Royal Institutions Christmas Lectures. This year's 200th anniversary lectures were presented by dyslexia advocate and space scientist Dame Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock. Her three lectures explore the moon, the search for extra-terrestrial life, and the cutting-edge technology that helps us look towards the stars. They are super interesting and we always enjoy hearing from Dame Dr. Maggie Aderin-Pocock, who is a frequent feature of our Dyslexia Awareness week displays and assemblies at William Patten. The lectures can be watched [here](#).



**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.



As part of the RSPB Big School Birdwatch, the Eco team members went to Clissold Park last Friday to see how many birds they could spot. We spotted lots of pigeons, some blue tits, great tits and crows. The children demonstrated a real interest in birds, great knowledge in how to identify birds and showed excellent behaviour throughout the trip. Well done Eco Team, super proud of you all! Also a big thank you to the parents who came with us.



Zones of Regulation

The latest Tools of the Week to practise at home:

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 19.01.2026

DO IT
BOOK WORM



DO IT
BOOK WORM

1. Select some of your favorite books.
2. Put them in the places you spend the most time, such as your room, car, or desk.
3. Read a little everyday, or pick up a book when you want to relax or change your mood.

How do you feel?

Tools TRY The Zones of Regulation™

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ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 26.1.26

THINK IT
"I CAN DO THIS"



THINK IT
"I CAN DO THIS"

1. When something feels hard to do, be your own coach or cheerleader.
2. Tell yourself, "I can do this" or "I got this."
3. Keep telling this positive message to yourself.

How do you feel?

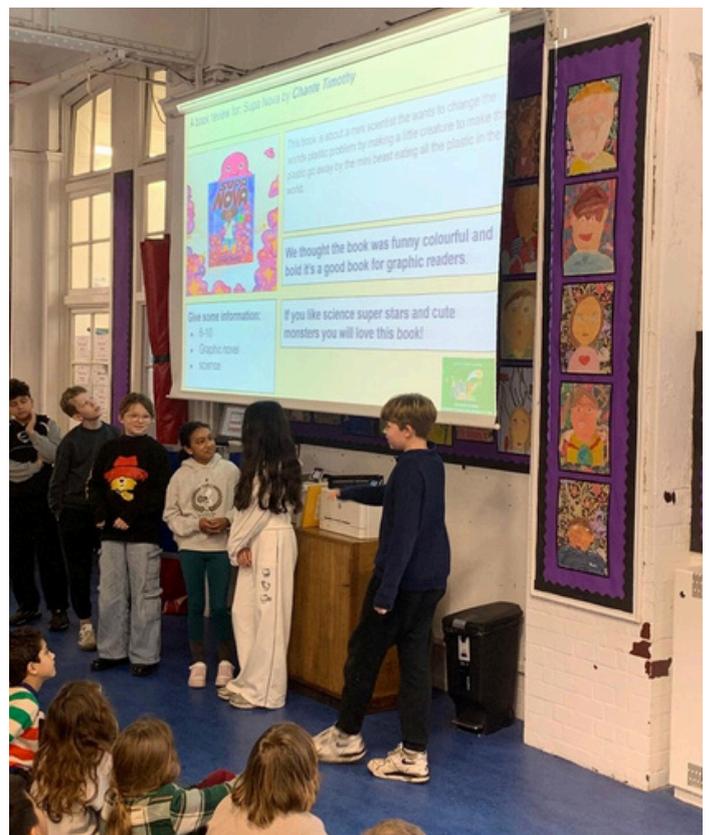
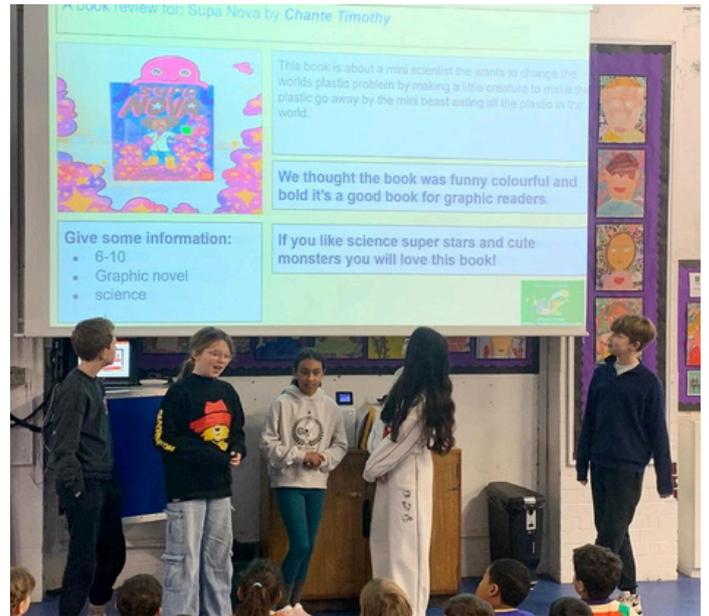
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Anas, Ellora and Margot recently visited Hackney Town Hall for a Reading Champions meeting which highlighted all the amazing work our Reading Champions have done so far this school year!



All of our Reading Champions presenting their book recommendations to KS2 in assembly.



Year 4 continued the bake sale competition after school last Friday with a delicious selection of tray bakes, cupcakes and big cakes to choose from. A very big thank you to everybody who made cakes, helped to serve (including some junior assistants!) or bought cakes. All money raised will go the [@william.patten.school.ptfa](https://www.facebook.com/william.patten.school.ptfa) 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 4? We will have to wait and see! Thank you Year 4!





Attendance chart for w/e 23rd January

Year group	Attendance last week
Year3	98.7%
Nursery	97.9%
Year2	97.3%
Year4	97.3%
Year5	95.7%
Reception	94.6%
Year6	93.1%
Year1	92.5%
	Average 95.7%

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Year2	98.3%
Reception	97.6%
Year4	97.3%
Year3	97.0%
Nursery	95.5%
Year1	94.4%
Year6	93.4%
Year5	91.3%
	Average 95.6%

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

Friday 23rd January

Nurs	Frances
RM	Maya
RS	Cooper
1A	Honey, Walter, Theo, Grace, Jagraj
1M	Oscar, Raeheem, Mehmet, Alaia, Emil
2C	Umar, Sequoia, Maya, Ali, Mia
2YN	Hugh, Finlay, Saifa, Navraj, Aoife
3B	Soan, Misher, Mimi, Arlo, Violet
3H	Noah, Rocky, Paloma, Leonel, Aela
4A	Phoebe, Wilfred, Lily, Iris, Kiran
4B	Poppy, Frankie, Nancy, Julia, Matilda, Rafe
5CG	Leni, Frida, Zaynah, Max, Mason
5CP	Poppy, Arthur, Elise, Milla, Alfie
6H	Tommy, Lea, Masal, Areal, Millie
6S	Aalia, Sufyan, Theo C, Lochie, Beatrix

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Nurs	Zayn
RM	Taio
RS	Taliah
1A	Adelaide, Wynn, Toprak, Wren, Felix
1M	Shifa, Leo, Etienne, Marley, Arlo
2C	Maleek, Evelyn, Hirokai, Hugh, Joe
2YN	Ida, Zayn, Pip, Anna, Paul
3B	Sienna, Rai, Cedric, Noah
3H	Yaqub, Winston, Aster, Stella, Tommaso
4A	Tommaso, Sara, Eesa, Sebastian, Ekin
4B	Eden, Luqman, Owen, Marloe, Vittoria
5CG	Blake, Ada, Mya, Ellen, Dante
5CP	Nisa, Zaina, Audrey, Nina, Bobby
6H	Belle, Ollie, Oscar, Daisy, Ada
6S	Klara, Anas, Shaneeya, Phuong, Rafi



Happy birthday to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Eddy, Elliott, Miriam, Deniz, Ezra, Nora, Darcey, Yusuf, Marina, Aalia, Aylin, Federico, Anna, Margot, Phuong, Hamza and Victoria. We hope you enjoyed your special day!