

The Patten Pages

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the half term break. It is a very short half term with only three weeks left until the Easter holidays, but we have been and will be very busy!

We were delighted to host a chess tournament for several schools across the borough on Monday. Our children represented the school brilliantly, demonstrating not only strong strategic thinking during the games, but also excellent sportsmanship. Visiting schools were also highly complimentary about the beautiful artwork on display from our Afro Hair projects, which continues to celebrate identity, culture and creativity across the school.

Yesterday, we marked World Book Day which is always a highlight of the year. It was wonderful to see the children dressed as their favourite book characters and to witness the thought and creativity that went into their costumes. Most importantly, the day provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate reading for pleasure and for children to share stories with each other.

We also enjoyed two lovely class assemblies from Year 3, and Year 5 were on duty for the Bake Sale. I am always so proud watching the children perform and share their learning with their families. Speaking in front of an audience requires real courage and, for many children, it is not something they are used to doing. I have been particularly impressed by their resilience and their growing confidence.

Finally, a very big thank you to Ali and his team for preparing a delicious Lunar New Year lunch. Although slightly belated, it was a wonderful way to mark the occasion together as a school community.

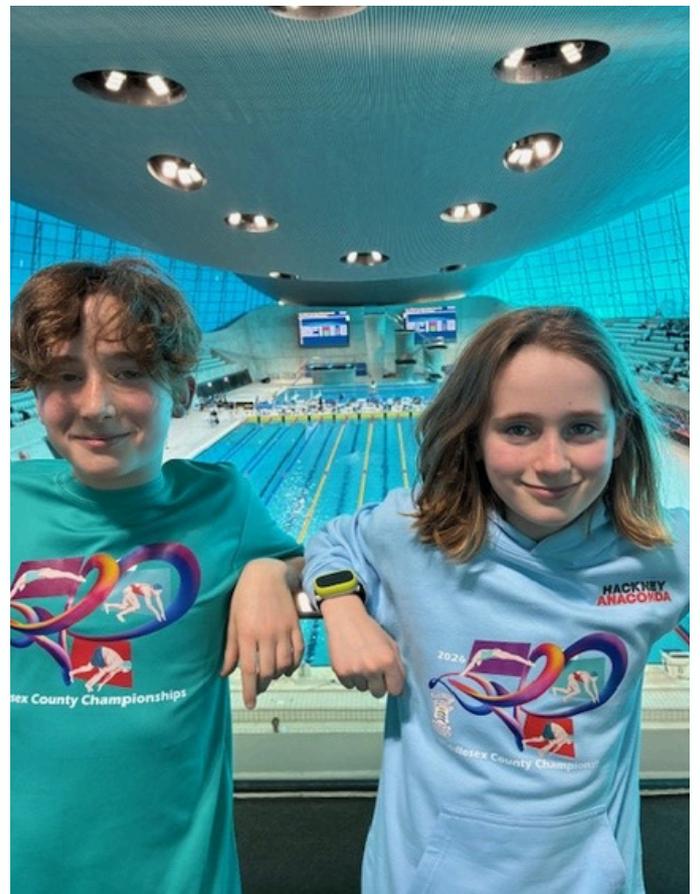
The children thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the annual chopstick challenge as well as sharing their fortune cookies and discussing the predictions for the year ahead!

Have a lovely weekend

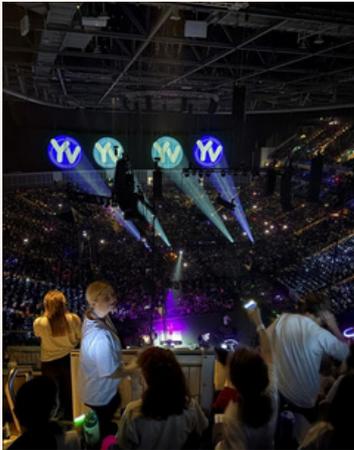
Best wishes

Karen

Huge congratulations to Max and Niccolò who participated in the Middlesex County Swim Championships at the London Aquatics Centre over the half term. Max swam in the 200m breaststroke, 50m fly and 50m back. Niccolò swam in the 50 fly, 100 fly and 200 breast. We are very proud that they qualified for this event as it was a county level competition! Well done and thank you for representing the London Borough of Hackney so well! ★★



Our KS2 Choir performing at the Young Voices concert at the O2 last week! Such a fabulous event to be a part of and the children had worked so hard to learn all the songs off by heart. An amazing feat! A huge well done and congratulations to all the children. We are very proud of you, not only for your performance, but for being excellent ambassadors of WP. A huge thank you to Elaine, for organising the event and ensuring that the children were confident in singing and performing and of course for going on the night! A huge thank you to Sian who went too. Thank you to all of the families who were able to join us. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! It was one of those very special 'I will remember this for a long time' moments!



Happy World Book Day

Yesterday, the school was alive with the buzz of excited readers. From the moment the first football club participants skipped through the gates, costumes complete and books in hand, it was clear this would be yet another great celebration of all that reading offers us: imagination, connection and a whole lot of enjoyment.

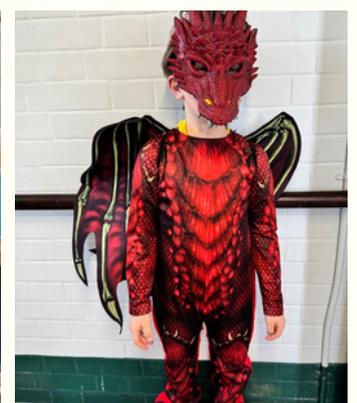
Come 8:50, as more pupils streamed through the halls, it was clear what dedication picture books, novels and non-fiction texts had inspired! From Amadeus Mozart to Zog, William Patten became a veritable alphabet soup of characters. There were Alices and astronauts, bananas (!) bears and bandits, deep-sea divers and dogmen, warriors, wizards, and a 'Wimpy Kid' or two. And most importantly, many, many smiling children. Naturally, the day began with an opportunity to share all these costumes and the books that inspired them.

Next, each class explored a text from their teacher's childhood. A "suitcase story" was unpacked and brought life - a collection of objects that at first seemed unrelated but in fact served to tell the story and form a time capsule of sorts. And the creativity didn't stop there. Classes across the school dived even deeper into the tales, with experiences like a "Tiger Who Came to Tea" party and making brilliantly gross concoctions with Fungus the Bogeyman. Nursery sculpted their own Very Hungry Caterpillars with such care that we may soon discover a small but perfectly formed kaleidoscope of butterflies roosting in their classroom.

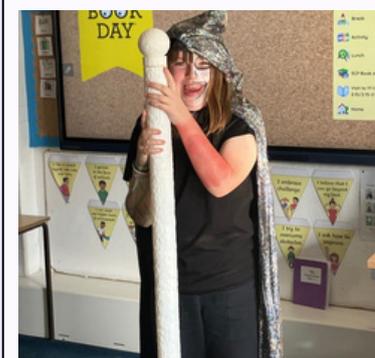
Some classes also talk part in live-streamed book talks, interviews and draw-alongs with authors and illustrators.

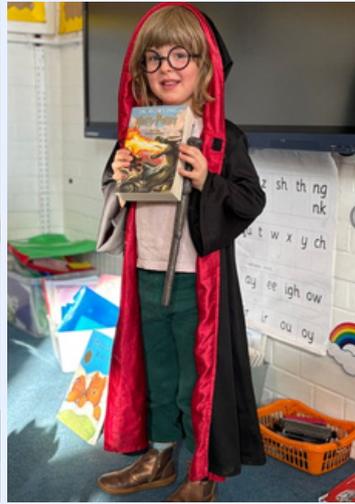
Finally, in the spirit of the National Year of Reading motto (Go All In), we held a "Read Around the Room" in which older pupils were buddied up with younger pupils and encouraged to settle anywhere around the room to read a story together. From the libraries to the halls, through the classrooms and into our outdoor areas it was a pleasure to see so many corners of the school filled with children completely absorbed in the joy of a good book shared with a friend.

It was in this convivial spirit that World Book Day 2026 drew to a close and we hope the memories made keep our community immersed in the magic of stories.











Last half term, the Year 5 and 6 Art Club were working on a topic about dragons where they researched the mythology of dragons around the world and looked at how they have been depicted in art over thousands of years. In the lead up to Lunar New Year, the children focussed on the significance of dragons as symbols of good luck in Chinese culture and they then created a piece of artwork using oil pastel resist techniques. Beautiful work!





A few German speaking parents have set up a parent WhatsApp group for our German speaking families who would like to share updates, books and events. If you would like to join, please see the QR code below.

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 WhatsApp group



Year 2 continuing to very much enjoy their outdoor learning sessions with Nina on Tuesdays. The children have been involved in a range of activities including making dens, and playing kestrels and sparrows, as well as making cinnamon apples. How very exciting to be toasting apples on the fire 🔥! Some very beautiful mud pie designs too!



A fabulous whistle stop tour of the learning so far this year in 4B. English, Spanish, PE, History and more! A super assembly full of highlights and humour. Everyone spoke clearly and projected their voices amazingly well in the space and to a large audience. We loved your rendition of 'The Eye of the Tiger' too! A very big well done to the class for ending the week and the half term in such a joyful way. We are very proud of you. A very big thank you to the families who were able to join us and for joining in with the singing in the encore! A very big thank you of course to the 4B team, Ben, Agatha and Cem, who supported the children to put on such a fantastic performance.



As part of their Art topic, Year 3 visited the National Firefighters' Memorial near St. Paul's cathedral. The bronze memorial depicts three firefighters battling flames during the Blitz of World War II. The children observed carefully, drew sketches and then came back to school and made their own sculptures out of clay. The children worked very hard to ensure their sculptures were in proportion which is tricky to do when it's the human body! Excellent work everyone! The sculptures look amazing!



Welcome back after half term everyone! The weather is starting to warm up at this time of year, and that can bring lots of changes. The days are getting longer, it might be necessary to wear different clothes, and some people might even need to wear sunscreen. All of these changes can be challenging for neurodiverse people to manage and keep track of. Family Action has some lovely [tips for sun safety](#), and Amaze has some [sun safety tips for autistic adults](#) that might work for you. We hope that everyone can enjoy the changing seasons and the sun safely and comfortably!



Communicating and understanding

Different people may find it easier or harder to communicate in certain ways.

There are many ways that we can share information, thoughts, or feelings.



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Well done Team WP competing in a chess tournament against other Hackney schools on Monday. We hosted the event and welcomed six other schools for the afternoon. Huge congratulations to Sophia J for an individual bronze medal and to Arlo D for an individual silver medal. As always, the children were excellent ambassadors for WP and we are very proud of their performance. Well done and thank you!



The very first Headteacher's Tea Party of the year! Congratulations to the 12 children who achieved the magic five HT awards and came to enjoy chocolate and games yesterday! Hope some biscuits were taken home to share! 🍪🍫🍩







Football news - Brian Bramble, WP football coach

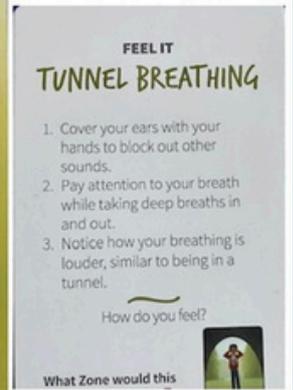


Here are the smiling faces of our players who have done us proud this week. Throughout the winter our girls and boys have been playing in the new Hackney 9 a side league, the matches are 50 mins long. The top 8 teams compete in a knockout competition and we have just won a dramatic quarter final, it was 2-2 at full time, we came back from 1-0 at halftime to lead 2-1 with minutes left after 2 goals from Anna. It was such an exciting match with both teams giving their all! Shaneeya and Klara shared the goal keeping but it was Shaneeya in goal for the shootout who saved all the penalties and scored our winner.

A special mention to all our players who were simply amazing, they all worked so hard and fully deserved this win. We look forward to the semi final next month.

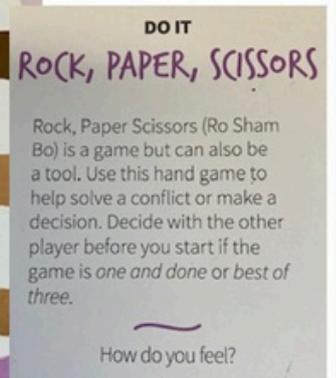
Latest Tools of the Week for families to practise together at home

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Attendance chart for w/e 27th February

Year group	Attendance
Year2	98.9%
Year4	98.9%
Year3	98.3%
Year1	97.8%
Year5	96.7%
Year6	96.0%
Reception	95.8%
Nursery	93.5%
	Average 97.3%

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

Friday 27th February

Nurs	Daphne
RM	Rudi
RS	Gabriel
1A	Adam, George, Miles, Chloe, Scarlett
1M	Zaynab, Mehmet, Amen, Ezra MP, Clara
2C	Zoe, Darcey, Marina, Nora, Weston
2YN	Adam, Corinne, Shanelle, Ruojie, Ezra
3B	Violet, Sophia, Cedric, Lily, Isla, Callum, Ruben
3H	Marty, Anita, Joey, Lara, Leo S
4A	Phoebe, Isabelle, Ezgi, Simay, Lily, Iris, Joseph, Bella, Kiran
4B	Dalia, Aylin, Ronnie, Hunter, Dolly, Casper, Nancy
5CG	Jae, Blake, Lorcan, Aster, Dante, Amaya, Ellen, Zaynah, Eugene, Anna
5CP	Amos, Nina, Kimora, Audrey, Nia, Clara, Poppy
6H	Selah, Ada, Ollie, Margot, Millie, Nisa, Grace, Baran, Daisy
6S	Alaa, Dash, Shaneeya, Anas, Phoebe

Friday 6th March

Nurs	Lúan
RM	Ellie
RS	Aliya
1A	Federico, Felix, Jagraj, Kaia, Theo B
1M	Kai, Cody, Hannah Sarah, Thorsteinn, Henry
2C	Joey, Ali, Maya, Wilder, Umar
2YN	Bruno, Romilly, Louis, Evangeline, Pip
3B	Soan, Zoe, Finlay, Ramazan, Victoria
3H	Remi, Winston, Elia, Leo L, Violeta
4A	Fraser, Isabelle, Margot, Sara, Wilfred K
4B	Hulya, Frankie, Vittoria, Luqman, Sumayyah, Alexander
5CG	Flora, Ada, Kiaan, Mya, Eloise
5CP	Arzu, Suki, Arthur, Honor, Jack D, Alicja
6H	Arlo, Belle, Oscar, Lily, Ozzy
6S	Sufyam Eli, Feadan, Patrick, Theo H, Theo C



Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Daniel, Leo, Filip, Corinne, Noah, Theo, David, Eliz, Arabella, Lua, Aiden, Oscar, Raeheem, Maxima and Wilder. Happy birthday everyone!