

The Patten Pages

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Dear Parents,

It has been a very busy fortnight at school.

We held our wonderful Community Iftar celebration a fortnight ago, with around 240 people attending. The evening began with an informative and insightful presentation about Ramadan, followed by the opportunity to observe prayers, which was a real privilege. Families then came together to share a meal in the middle hall and the generosity of our community was incredible, with so much delicious food for everyone to enjoy. The evening finished with chai and sweets in the lower hall and the children received a small goodie bag to take home. I would like to say a huge thank you to Asima, Ami and their fantastic team of volunteers for organising such a warm, inclusive and memorable event for our school community. We wish all of our families celebrating Eid today a wonderful time with family and friends.

Following suggestions from the EDI Committee, we will continue the celebrations by selling sweet treats after school on Monday and we are looking forward to another lovely opportunity to come together as a community.

Today we also celebrated Red Nose Day and there were cakes as far as the eye could see. The School Council had the very difficult job of judging the entries, which is always one of the highlights of their year. The winners for EYFS, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 will be announced in assembly next week.

We also marked International Women's Day and we were incredibly proud of Year 2, who shared their learning about the British Empire with the rest of the school. As part of their topic, the children learned about the important role of ayahs and amahs, who cared for the children of British families and sometimes worked as ladies' maids. Some of these women travelled with British families from South, East and South East Asia to Britain. While many employers supported them to return home, others were left without work or support in an unfamiliar country. The Ayahs' Home, first based in Aldgate and later in Hackney, provided refuge for these women. Year 2 did a fantastic job presenting their learning to both younger and older pupils and should feel very proud of themselves.

Several classes have also been out on trips recently. Year 5 visited the Tower of London, Year 6 explored the River Lea as part of their learning, and Year 3 enjoyed a local walk in

the community.

Our Reading Leaders also thoroughly enjoyed judging the Extreme Reading competition and every year we are amazed by the creativity children show when finding unusual and imaginative places to read a book! Maya enjoyed taking the children of the winning entries to Stoke Newington bookshop to select a book of their choice as their prize.

A huge thank you to the PTFA for hosting a very successful Quiz Night last night. We hope you enjoyed it! There is still lots to look forward to next week before we break up for Easter, including Come Dine with Us for Year 2 and our traditional Easter Egg Hunt.

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

Karen

Year 1 made friendship bracelets in class after learning about the Hindu custom of showing sibling affection during the celebration of **Raksha Bandhan**.

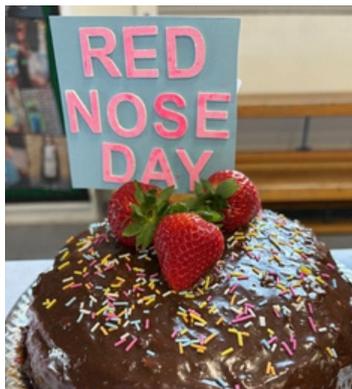








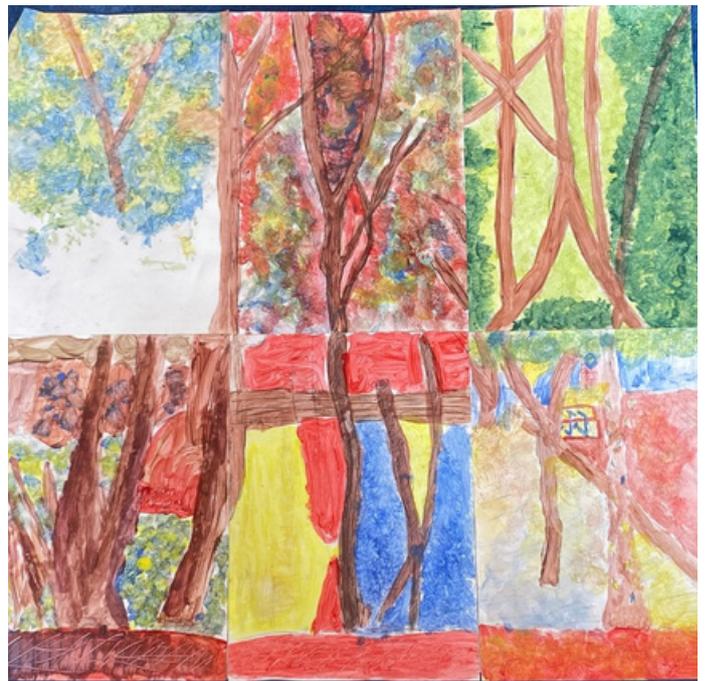
We had a wonderful day today for **Comic Relief**, raising lots of money and eating lots of cake! Thank you to our families for the huge amount of cakes you sent into school – such generosity! Thank you to everyone who entered the competition and/or purchased cakes. The winners of the Great WP Bake Off will be announced next week. We also loved seeing everyone dressed in red (or even their pyjamas!).







Year 6 have been working on a **collaborative art project** inspired by the artist David Hockney. They worked in small groups to create large scale pieces of our school playground, using shapes, colours and patterns often used by Hockney. Each child sketched and then painted a section before putting them all together. It involved lots of trial and error, collaboration and creativity!



EYFS Maths This Term: Learning Through Fun and Exploration

This term, it has been wonderful to see our EYFS children making great progress in their early maths learning across both Nursery and Reception.

In Nursery, children have been building key mathematical skills by learning to recite numbers to ten, count small groups accurately, and compare amounts using words such as “more” and “fewer.” Through songs, games, and hands-on play, they have also been exploring patterns, shapes, and size in a fun and meaningful way.

In Reception, children have been developing these skills further as they work towards the Early Learning Goals. They are growing in confidence when counting up to 10 objects, recognising numerals, and subitising numbers up to 5. They have also been exploring how numbers can be made in different ways within 5 and 10, as well as beginning to look at doubling, patterns, and grouping through practical activities.

A highlight of our maths learning has been real-life problem solving. Children have enjoyed tackling challenges linked to everyday situations, such as shopping, measuring ingredients, and planning journeys—helping them see how maths is part of the world around them.

These experiences are helping to build children’s confidence, curiosity, and enjoyment in mathematics.

We’re already looking forward to another engaging and exciting term of mathematical learning!



School councillors from Year 2 and Year 6 had the tough job of judging this year's **Extreme Reading Challenge Competition**. Special certificates and prizes were awarded in assemblies and all entries will be displayed in the lunch hall. Congratulations to:

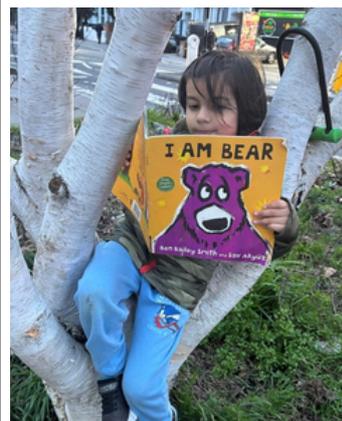
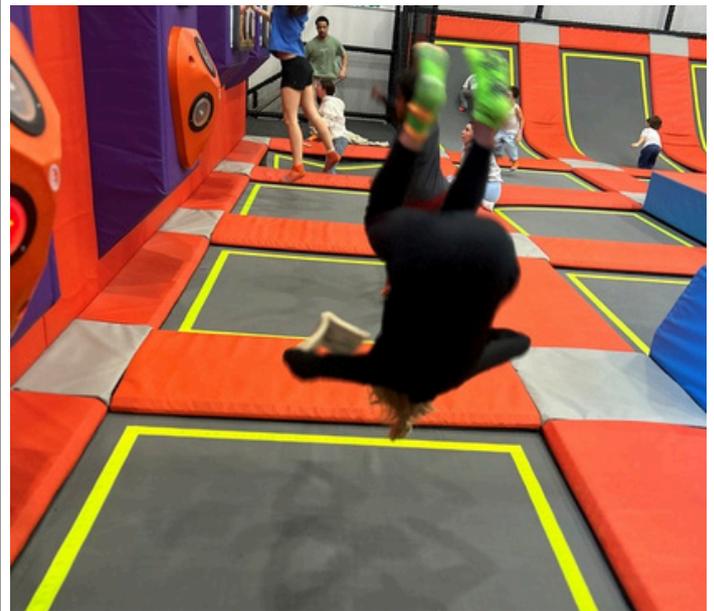
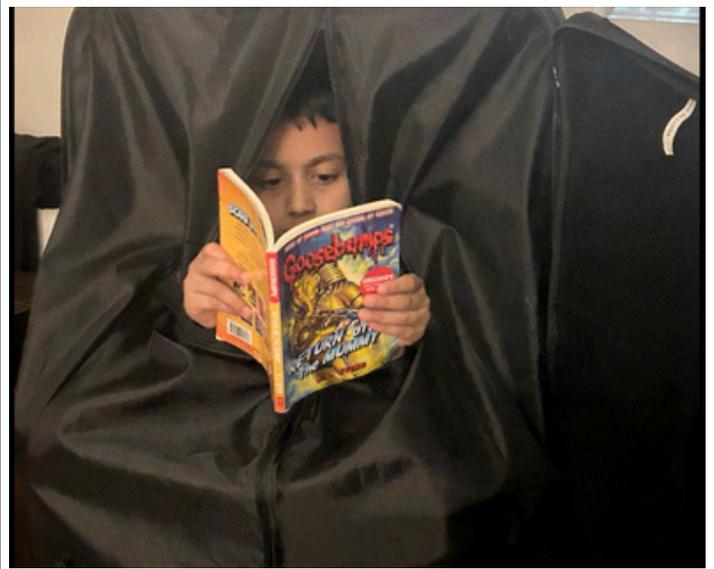
EYFS Winner: **Miriam RM**

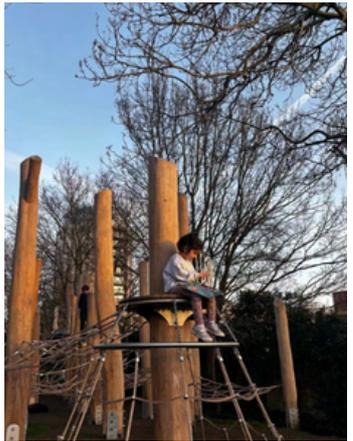
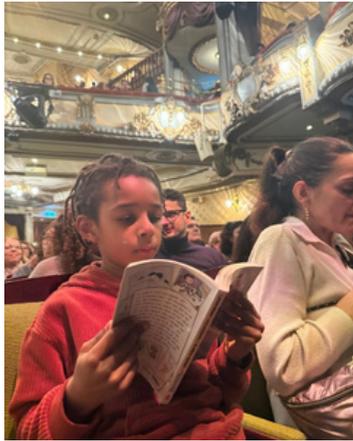
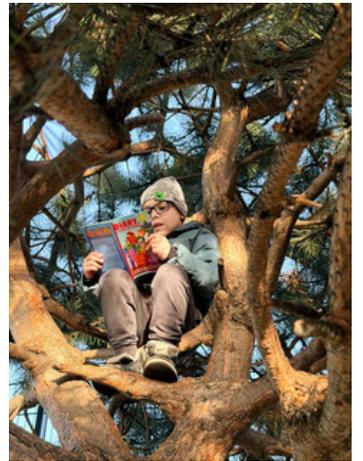
KS1 Winner: **Leo 1M**

Lower KS2 Winner: **Eesa 4A**

Upper KS2 Winner: **Honor 5CP**

We had so many incredible entries as you can see from the selection below





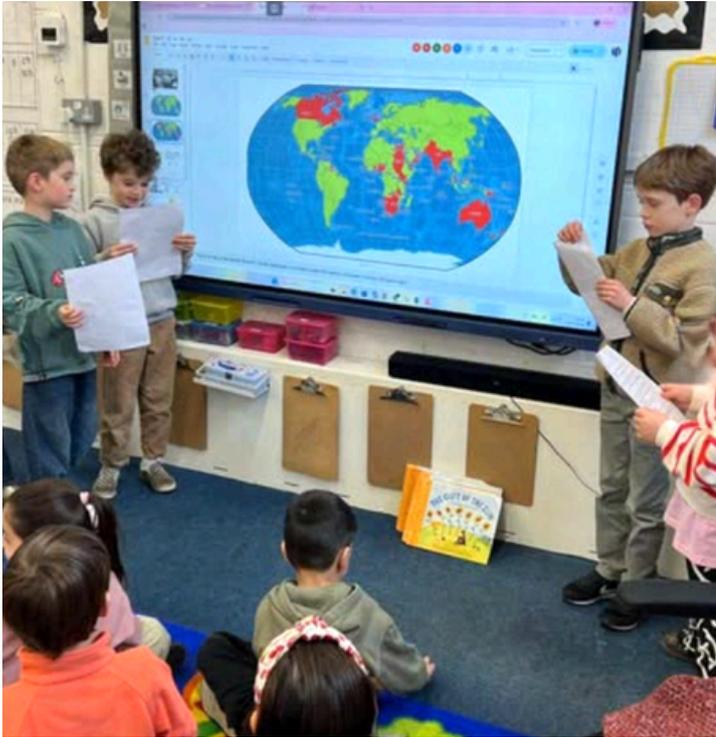
Our **Extreme Reading Challenge winners** visited Stoke Newington Book Shop with Maya on Wednesday to chose a book as their winning prize. Well done Miriam, Leo, Eesa and Honor!

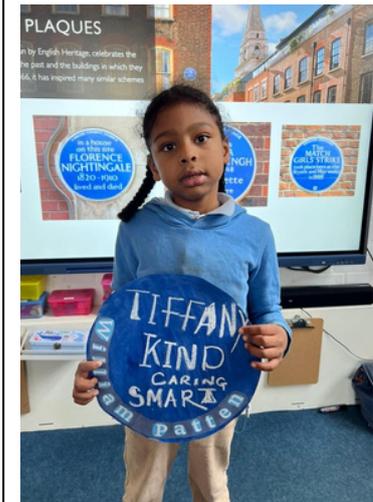


As part of **Science Week in Nursery**, the children explored the scientific question, "Are all flowers the same?" They observed and investigated a variety of flowers using magnifying glasses, magnifying boxes, and mini microscopes, paying close attention to the different parts of each plant. The children discussed the shapes, colours, and sizes of the plants, focusing particularly on daffodils, and then used graphite pencils, coloured pencils, and pastels to create detailed drawings. Well done to the Nursery children for being such enthusiastic and curious scientific investigators!



Year 2 children visited classes across the school today to share the information they have learnt about the British Empire and the background to our celebration of ayahs and amahs for **International Women's Day**. Children have also made their own blue plaques to recognise and celebrate an important woman their life.





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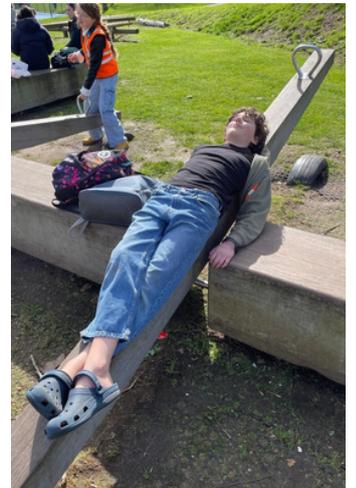
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Year 6 enjoying their trip to **Springfield Park** on Wednesday to support their geography topic on rivers. There was work to be done, but also some time to enjoy the sunshine!





We started this week with a lovely assembly all about **Neurodiversity Celebration Week**. The children heard all about how we celebrate the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. We learned about different kinds of neurodiversity, the strengths and challenges that come along with them, and learned about some famous neurodiverse people including Maggie Aderin-Pocock, Greta Thunberg, and Dav Pilkey. We hope that you have been able to join in with one of the webinars this week, or that you have heard about what we have been learning about helping everyone to succeed by being understanding and kind. To find out more information about neurodiversity and Neurodiversity Celebration Week, the NCW website is [here](#). Additionally, we are looking ahead to April, which is Autism Awareness Month! More information can be found on the [National Autistic Society](#) website about upcoming events.



Needs and wants aren't the same thing

Just because we really want something, doesn't make it a need. Everyone has things they need. What we need may be different than what other people need, and that is OK.



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In **Nursery** this week, we have been exploring **Magnetism**. The children enjoyed exploring how magnets can attract and repel and they were captivated as they felt the push and pull as they did this. They then used magnets to explore magnetic and non-magnetic materials. Well done Nursery for being great EYFS scientists!



Mary Seacole visited **Year 2** last week to share her life story. What an amazing, courageous and resilient woman!



Year 1 had lots of fun pretending to be the characters from **The Way Back Home**, their Martian and earth characters got to know each other better during their experience day by making and using walkie talkies.



News flash! A fabulous assembly from 3B on Friday entertained a huge audience. The children reported on their learning so far this year, including what they had learnt in English, history, science, PE and music. We were wowed by their presentation in the style of the news, use of technical vocabulary and humour in their reports. We also loved their use of report jargon such as 'over to you' and 'back to the studio'. Very cleverly done and very much enjoyed. Your rendition of 'Cool Cat' was amazing! A huge well done to all of the children and to the 3B team, Bethan, Rhoksana and Leah for supporting the children to put on such a great show. A very big thank you indeed to all of the family members who were able to join us, it was lovely to see you so many of you! Your time and support of your children and the school is very much appreciated.



The second **Headteacher's Tea Party** of the year! Congratulations to the 16 children who achieved the magic five HT awards and came to enjoy chocolate and games. Year 1 proved to be Jenga maestros at their very first HT Tea Party. Hope some treats managed to make their way home for everyone to share.



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

ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
09.03.2026



FEEL IT FINGER TUG

1. Use the fingers and thumb on one hand to grab the thumb on the opposite hand.
2. Gently squeeze along the thumb several times as you work toward the tip.
3. Repeat this nine more times, squeezing along each finger on both hands.

How do you feel?

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ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK
16.03.26



CONNECT HUG MYSELF

1. Wrap your arms tightly around yourself.
2. Take a deep breath in and out as you give yourself a hug.
3. Fill your heart with love.
4. Tell yourself, "I love you."

How do you feel?

What Zone would this help in? ■ ■ ■ ■

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Attendance chart for w/e 13th March

Year group	Attendance
Year3	99.5%
Year1	98.6%
Reception	98.0%
Year2	97.9%
Year5	97.7%
Year6	97.3%
Year4	97.2%
Nursery	94.2%
	Average 97.9%

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Year group	Attendance
Year3	98.1%
Year6	97.9%
Nursery	97.6%
Year2	97.3%
Year5	96.3%
Reception	95.4%
Year4	95.3%
Year1	94.7%
	Average 96.5%

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

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Nurs	Pax
RM	Amelia
RS	David
1A	Adelaide, Hope, Nimrit, Grace, Wren
1M	Etienne, Marley, Daria, Arlo, Oscar
2C	Nelson, Evelyn, Sequoia, Liyat, Pippa
2YN	Zayn, Minnie, Hugh, Ida, Finlay
3B	Lily, Sienna, Rafael, Cedric, Eren
3H	Noah, Stella, Leonel, Nora, Aela
4A	Ekin, Mayus, Eesa, Leul, Eva
4B	Poppy, Sofia, Julia, Rafe, Owen
5CG	Aroz, Flora, Leni, Anna, Eugene, Zaynah, Mason, Eloise, Ellen, Aster, Taha, Isabelle
5CP	Nisa, Huxley, Elise, Bobby, Georgina
6H	Keon, Elizabeth, Tobi, Areal, Bella
6S	Shaneeya, Sufyan, Klara, Gene, Nevaeh, Fatima, Dash

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Nurs	Leire
RM	Wilf
RS	Scarlett
1A	Honey, Mio, Joe, Walter, Aiden
1M	Raeheem, Bernie, Ava, Shifa, Clara
2C	Elijah, Mia, Eki, Opi, Oscar
2YN	Anna, Saifa, Paul, Mahi, Aoife
3B	Mira, Rozh, Mimi, Soan, Nori
3H	Yaqub, Ryan, Aster, Alice, Tommaso
4A	Wilfred M, Elliott, Simay, Eva, Wilfred K
4B	Matilda, Teo, Marloe, Yahya, Eden
5CG	Felix, Anna, Evan, Frida, Lorcan
5CP	Kaan, Zaina, Alfie, Freddie, Dante, Jack Q, Nisa, Clara
6H	Theo, Arlo, Masal, Nyren, Juliet
6S	Niccolò, Ellora, Rafael, Aalia, Beatrix



Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Patrick, Stella, Lúan, Eva, Kerim, Leonardo, Isla, Maya, Nori, Kaan, Anita, Nia and Ida. Happy birthday everyone!