

# The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the latest edition of the Patten Pages!

We are delighted to share that 48 teams from across KS2 are taking part in WP's own World Cup. It is being run just like the real World Cup, but with much smaller teams! The children are thoroughly enjoying the experience, and there is a real sense of excitement across the school. World Cup fever has certainly taken over, with many classes taking part in sweepstakes and other themed activities. There is a wonderful sense of anticipation as we start the group stages of the competition. As in the real tournament, we will be awarding medals and a winners' trophy. If you are wondering about the flags displayed near the football pitch, these are part of our World Cup celebrations!

Throughout the event, we are placing a strong emphasis on sportsmanship, team work, inclusivity and respect, which are key values we expect all children to demonstrate. Teams have been carefully arranged to be mixed-age and mixed-gender, ensuring fairness and opportunity for all.

A huge thank you goes to Ben for leading and overseeing the organisation behind the scenes, and to Danny for his expertise and knowledge of the children in setting up the teams. We are also very grateful to Danny, Josh, Nancy and Ben for acting as referees and helping to ensure the games run smoothly. Huge thanks also to our team of 'Super Subs' who are stepping in to support small team numbers, and for any injuries or absence. Owen, Luqman, Rafe N, Poppy F, Alfie, Freddie, Leni, Ellen, Aster and Flora are very excited and without them we would not be able to run the competition!

We were delighted to welcome Year 6 parents to our "Come Dine with Us" event this week. It was a very poignant occasion, as it was the final opportunity for Year 6 parents to share this experience with their children before they move on from primary school. We are very grateful to all families who joined us. A special thank you goes to Ali and the kitchen team, including Tilda, Althea and Sally, for their continued hard work in providing delicious meals for the children and the extra 60 meals for parents on Wednesday.

Over recent weeks, we have enjoyed a number of class assemblies, particularly from our youngest pupils. Reception and Year 1 children have impressed me greatly with their confidence, bravery and enthusiasm when sharing their learning in front of large audiences. They have spoken clearly, projected their voices well, and should be extremely proud of their achievements.

Finally, I was delighted to welcome our "Headteachers for the Day" winners today from the PTFA auction: Felix from 5CG, Mimi from 3B and Scarlett from 1A. They thoroughly enjoyed their special roles, and I will let you know in the next edition whether I was able to put my feet up!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend.

Best wishes

Karen



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**Year 2 celebrating Refugee Week.** Stoke Newington High Street tells an important story of migration, resilience and community. Many local Turkish and Kurdish families who came to Britain as refugees have helped shape the area through hard work and entrepreneurship. Businesses such as Café Z, Akdeniz Bakery, Morgan Has Solicitors, Zumrut Florist, Mesut Barbers and Best Kebab are more than just shops as they are places where culture, language and tradition are kept alive while also serving the wider Hackney community. They reflect the journeys of people who left their homes in search of safety and opportunity and who have gone on to make a lasting contribution to local life. During Refugee Week, we celebrate these stories of courage, belonging and the positive impact that refugees have had in making Stoke Newington the diverse and vibrant community it is today.



**Visitors from the London North East Maths Hub**

The school recently hosted participants from schools across the London North East Maths Hub. The group observed a Y3 lesson and was attended by the Maths Hub Co-Lead gave the following feedback after the session: 'Thank you also for allowing us to observe teaching and learning in action. It was wonderful to see how confidently the children engaged with the mathematics, demonstrating strong number sense and positive learning behaviours. It was clear to see the impact of the work that has taken place across the school.'

**Year 4 celebrated Refugee Week** by visiting St. Augustine's Tower and learning about the Huguenots in class. Huguenots were England's first refugees.

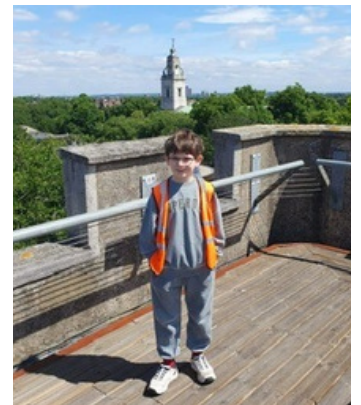
- They came from France and brought new skills
- They transformed skills like weaving and silver-work in England
- Many lived and worked in Spitalfields, London.
- Many were entrepreneurs and became wealthy, many more worked hard but had little money.
- We can still see traces of the Huguenots in Spitalfields today.



### **St Augustine's Tower review by Khaleem and Teo**

Today at St Augustine's Tower we learnt about the Huguenots. First thing first, a tour guide showed us around all three floors, the entrance floor, the bell tower and then the roof. What a lovely view! 5 stars, I highly recommend! - Khaleem 4B

Our adventure on the school trip to St Augustine's Tower was amazing! First of all because it's one of the highlights of Hackney and also just because it's a very historic place. I found it amazing because everything was old and the stairs were steep and narrow, but the show stealer was the view! We got to ring the bell and have all sorts of good times - Teo 4B





Lots of fun in the park before 4B's trip to St Augustine's Tower!

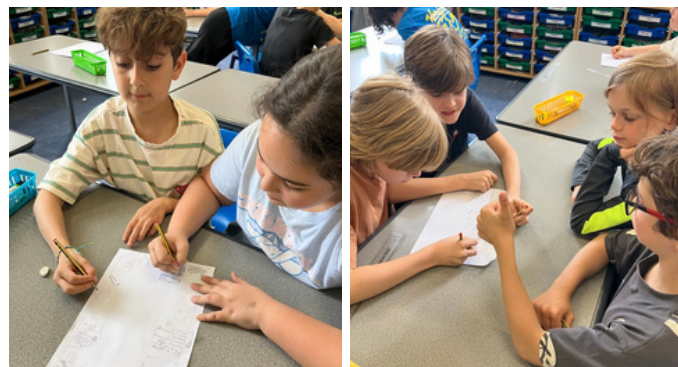
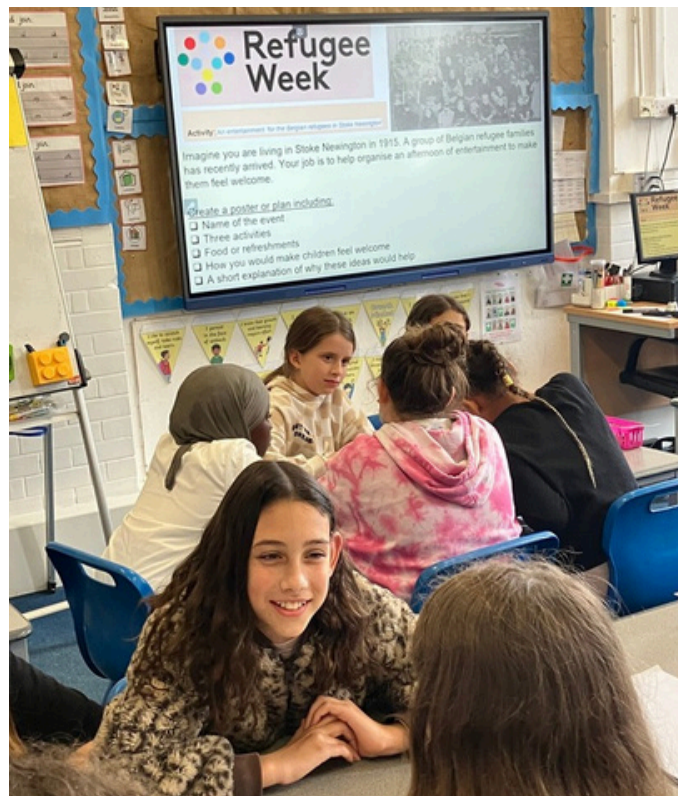


## Year 1 Refugee Week - The Irish Famine

Following an assembly where the children explored why people have sought refuge in our local area, Year 1 learned about the reasons why so many Irish people settled in Britain and beyond. They found out that Year 1 is called Senior Infants in Ireland and that children learn about the Irish Famine in history lessons where it is referred to as 'An Gorta Mór' in Irish. They also made paper boats to remember the people who left their homes on ships like the Dunbrody.



As part of **Refugee Week**, Year 5 learned about Belgian refugees who came to Hackney during the First World War. The children discovered how local people welcomed families who had fled their homes and provided food, clothing, accommodation and support. The children were particularly interested to learn that refugees lived in familiar local areas, including Mare Street and Hackney Wick. Inspired by the kindness shown by Hackney residents over 100 years ago, the children designed their own events to help refugee families feel welcome in Stoke Newington.



**Year 6 Come Dine with Us** on Wednesday. So lovely to see everyone join us for lunch! A huge thank you to everyone who came and to Ali and his team - Althea, Sally, Tilda and Neil - for cooking a delicious meal for everyone.

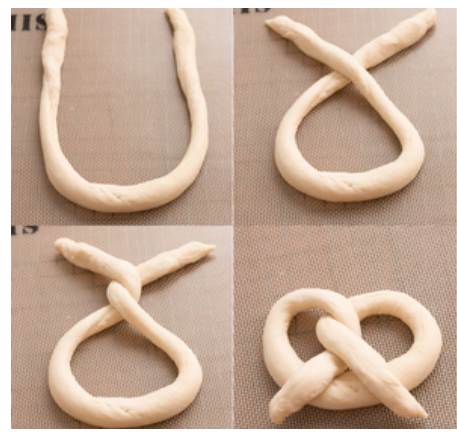




## Pretzel Pattern Pages!!

Last week, as part of our Journey Around the World, both reception classes explored several countries in Europe. During our flying visit to Germany, the children enjoyed making their own pretzels.

They carefully mixed the ingredients and helped to make the dough before watching a video to learn how pretzels are traditionally shaped. To help remember the process, they followed a fun chant with actions: "Roll it, cross it, twist it, lift the ends and gently press!" The children practised shaping their pretzels and were delighted with the finished results. Of course, the highlight of the experience was tasting them afterwards—they were absolutely delicious. Yummy! Sorry – we only have photos of RM, but RS enjoyed the experience too!



Last Friday **Year 1** visited the **Young V&A** to support our history topic 'Toys from the Past' and DT 'Moving Toys'. We were very lucky to visit the 'Inside Ardman' exhibition where children explored behind the scenes of stop-motion animation and discovered how characters come to life. We also went on a toy hunt in small groups thinking about how old the toys might be, how they move and work, and if they are still played with today. A very nostalgic trip for the adults involved too! Thank you to all the supporting adults for coming to help us.



**Year 5** enjoyed a fantastic trip to **Tower Bridge** last week. The children took part in a guided tour, exploring the famous bridge and its impressive engine rooms while learning about its history and engineering. One of the highlights of the day was walking across the glass walkway high above the River Thames and looking down at the boats and traffic below. In the afternoon, the children put their engineering skills to the test during a bridge-building workshop, where they designed and constructed their own bridges. It was a fun and engaging day that really brought their learning to life.





To kick off our **Hispanic Week celebrations**, **Spanish is our next Language of the Month!** Over the next few weeks, all of the classes will learn Flamenco, have a Hispanic lunch, use the Spanish Library, and visit the Hispanic activity fair. In a whole school virtual Language of the Month assembly, Helen was joined by Hannah Sarah 1M, Aiden 1A, Elias 2C, Maleek 2C, Eki 2C, Violeta 3H, Rafael 3B, Noah 3B, Thiago 4B, Jae 5CG, Flora 5CG and David 6S. A big thank you to the children for taking part in the assembly, demonstrating their Spanish speaking skills and knowledge of Spanish speaking countries. Why don't you have a go at saying some of these Spanish words and phrases along with the Makaton signs?

### Spanish words and phrases

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

- Good morning – Buenos días** 
- Good afternoon – Buenas tardes** 
- School dinners – Comida en escuela** 
- Packed lunch – Lonchero/Lonchera** 
- Please – Por favor** 
- Thank you – Gracias** 
- Hello – Hola** 
- Goodbye – Adiós** 



This academic year, pupils at William Patten have continued to demonstrate outstanding leadership in championing sustainability and inspiring meaningful environmental action across their school and wider community. Their passion, creativity and commitment to creating positive environmental impact have once again been recognised with the award of Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation. Established in 1994, the Eco-Schools programme has spent more than 30 years inspiring and empowering young people to become environmental leaders. Today, Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation is awarded in more than 100 countries, reflecting the programme's global impact. In England alone, it reaches over one million young people each year, supporting them to take meaningful action and drive positive change for our planet.

This year, pupils built on their previous achievements by focusing their efforts on three key areas: School Grounds, Energy and Biodiversity. Working collaboratively, they developed a detailed year-long Action Plan to address these priorities. Their initiatives included the switch off lights campaign when they designed, monitored and encouraged staff and children to switch off lights to save energy. They also came to work with children in the Early Years to plant seeds for our outside areas in school and also went on a litter pick in the local environment to collect rubbish and take care of the local environment.

Eco team lead, Wendy Nichols "Pupils at William Patten want to create meaningful change, and they have shown they are more than capable of doing so. Their efforts deserve recognition and should act as inspiration to us all. Our planet is already feeling the effects of climate change, pollution and waste, but young people across England have shown we do not have to accept this, a more sustainable future is possible. I look forward to building upon this work next year with the team."

This week in **Nursery**, we have been learning about countries in Europe as part of our **topic on Journeys** - stories from around the world. We have been working hard to write shopping lists for pizza toppings, we made suncatchers with Paris landmarks and we painted flags from different European countries. Well done Nursery for some super work this week.



Kelly Sullivan, Climate Education Officer from Hackney Council, came to speak to the **William Patten Eco Team** in preparation for London Climate Action week. Kelly talked to the children to find out more about how they use the rewilded playground area, created with Hackney outdoors. The information she gathered will be shared within the council as an example of good practice of how schools are protecting the environment.



### Football update from our coach Brian Bramble

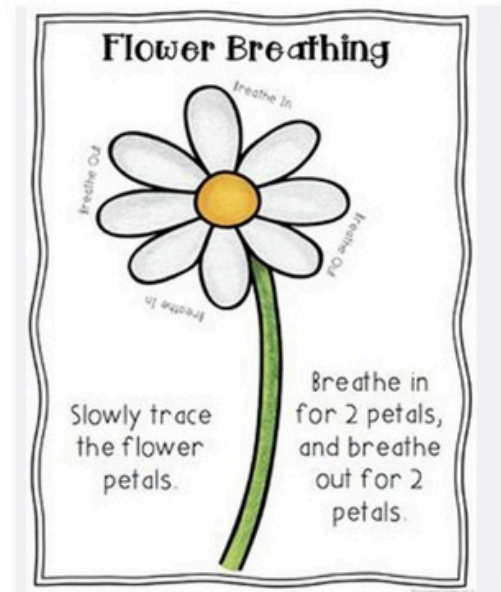
Here are our wonderful players, triumphant again two days after competing in the Hackney Schools 9 a side final, where our team put up a spirited display against Mossbourne Riverside (who incidentally came 3rd in the national schools competition!). We are very proud of our achievements having only lost twice this season (against Mossbourne). At this football festival for Year 4 and 5 girls, we took on Jubilee and Harrington Hill. Nia and Matilda made their debuts and Leni played her 1st game in goal this season. Once again we put on a good show scoring loads of goals and comfortably winning all 4 matches (we played each team twice). The matches were played in such a good atmosphere, so much so that it was so nice to see our girls make friends with the Jubilee players. A lot of respect was shown because of how we conducted ourselves. I think everyone got on the score sheet which is a first. And finally when we were leaving the Jubilee coach thanked us and said "you can always rely on William Patten to play silky football", a compliment indeed!



As we get closer to the end of the academic year, the Neurodiversity Newsletter team wanted to highlight the neurodiversity movement itself. The term 'neurodiversity' originated in the 1990s. The invention and spread of the internet allowed autistic people to connect online, opening up communication between those who previously would not have been in contact. Email lists and forums led to the formation of larger groups, self-advocacy, and activism for autistic and neurodivergent people. The National Autistic Society has a really interesting write-up of the beginning of this series of events available [here](#), tracking through to today. They also have a fascinating deeper exploration of what "neurodiversity" means, exploring the purpose of the word, neurodivergence within the context of a neurodiverse world and society, and its importance in acceptance and inclusion, available [here](#).

### The latest Tools of the Week for families to practise together at home:

#### ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 08.06.2026



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#### ZONES TOOL OF THE WEEK 15.06.26



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**Dates for your diary**

22nd	Windrush Day
22nd	Chess final at Shacklewell school
22nd	Group of Y5 children visiting Abney Park Chapel
22nd	KS2 hiphop club performing at the Round Chapel
23rd	Y6 Rule of Law Presentation
23rd	Y2 performing at the Round Chapel
24th	2C Pizza Plot trip (Garden Classroom)
24th	Choir performing at the Round Chapel
25th	EDI committee virtual meeting
26th	2YN Pizza Plot trip (Garden Classroom)
26th	6H clayheads workshop
26th	Reception performing at the Round Chapel
26th	Nursery class assembly 9.30am
26th	Y1 trip to Little Angel Theatre
26th	6S trip to Hackney School of Food
29th	6H trip to Hackney School of Food
30th	Hispanic Lunch

30th	Place2Be meeting for Y2 & 5 parents
30th	Steel pans performing at the Round Chapel
July	
1st	Nursery Come Dine with Us
1st	Reception & KS1 Sports Day
1st	Y3 trip to the Rio Cinema
1st	Year 6 show for parents 6.15pm
2nd	Secondary Transition Day
3rd	KS2 Sports Day
3rd	RM class assembly 2.45pm

Luke will be running his 'Club Create' summer camp over the summer holidays at William Patten, see poster below for details and booking information.

**Club Create**  
Ages 4-12 SUMMER!  
6 Weeks  
6 Themes  
Endless Creativity

**10th - 13th August**  
**Vehicles & Instrument Making**  
Using recycled materials, we'll build vehicles and musical instruments before putting them to the test through games, challenges and performances.

**17th - 20th August**  
**Create Your World**  
Design your own world from scratch! Create maps, buildings, temples, mountains, rivers, seas and anything else your imagination can dream up. 3D creations strongly encouraged.

**24th - 27th August**  
**Original Club Create**  
A celebration of everything Club Create! We're bringing back some of the most popular activities, projects and challenges from the past three years for one huge creative finale to the summer.

**20th - 23rd July**  
**Mad Hatter's Party**  
Step into a world of giant hats, curious creatures, tea parties and wonderfully weird creations inspired by Wonderland.

**27th - 30th July**  
**Hot Air Balloons**  
Think big, small, many and all! Design, build and decorate incredible hot air balloons while exploring colour, pattern and imagination.

**3rd - 6th August**  
**Nature Club Combo**  
A Club Create favourite returns! Inspired by everything that happens in the nature garden, we'll create animals, habitats, bugs, plants and much more.

**Prices:**  
£60 a day, 4 days £200.  
Sibling discount (£55 per day)

**Days/Times:**  
Mon-Thur, 9am - 4pm  
William Patten Primary School

**To book:**  
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Every School Day Counts!

**Attendance chart for w/e 12th June**

Year group	Attendance
Year2	99.0%
Year5	98.7%
Reception	98.3%
Year4	98.3%
Year1	96.9%
Year3	95.8%
Nursery	93.5%
Year6	93.2%
	Average <b>97.1%</b>

**Attendance chart for w/e 19th June**

Year group	Attendance
Year3	97.8%
Year4	97.7%
Year1	97.3%
Reception	97.2%
Year5	97.2%
Year2	95.5%
Year6	92.0%
Nursery	90.8%
	Average <b>96.2%</b>

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

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

Nurs	Frances
RM	Aya
RS	Aria
1A	Zayn, Adam, Adelaide, Chloe, Theo
1M	Cece, Gracie, Cody, Hannah Sarah, Zaynab
2C	Maleek, Hirokai, Isla, Eki, Elias
2YN	Louis, Zayn, Pip, Shanelle, Ivy
3B	Mimi, Isla, Arlo, Rozh, Cedric
3H	Marty, Winston, Nova, Leo, Violeta
4A	Ezgi, Iris, Joseph, Kaouther, Sebastian
4B	Hulya, Vittoria, Luqman, Yahya, Sophia
5CG	Eugene, Frida, Mya, Eloise, Isabelle
5CP	Suki, Suhayb, Nisa, Dante, Nia
6H	Arlo, Ollie, Nyren, Juliet, Oscar
6S	Theo H, Rafael, Gene, Fatima, Arden

**Friday 19th June**

Nurs	Zara
RM	Bee
RS	Cooper
1A	Federico, Honey, Nimrit, Wren, Matteo
1M	Ava, Etienne, Clara, Tibet, Amen
2C	Sequoia, Yousra, Jessa, Weston, Billie
2YN	Israh, Ida, Minnie, Ben, Lua
3B	Malachi, Misher, Martha, Mira, Lily
3H	Remi, Noah, Rocky, Elia, Lara
4A	Phoebe, Wilfred M, Eva, Sara, Elliott
4B	Sophia, Hunter, Martha, Julia, Owen
5CG	Ada, Max, Anna, Mason, Dante
5CP	Dante, Clara, Huxley, Alfie, Freddie
6H	Theodore, Tommy, Elizabeth, Ronan, Matiu
6S	Sufyan, Kerim, Patrick, Amaiyah, Beatrix



**Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Tibet, Nora, Lisa, Ebi, Alicja, Khush, Juliet, Amelia, Kiran, Ada, Mason, Eli and Arlo. Happy birthday everyone!**