

The Patten Pages

The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

As we approach the final few weeks of term, school continues to be busier than ever!

Firstly, I would like to thank you for your patience and understanding with the early closures over the three exceptionally hot days last week. I know this caused disruption for many families, but the temperatures in school meant that the environment was simply not conducive to learning. Thank you also for your generosity with donations of fans and the ice lollies – they were certainly appreciated by the children. Thankfully, this week has brought much cooler weather.

This week, we also saw our wonderful Year 6 production of "School of Pop". The children have been rehearsing for a number of weeks and gave an incredibly polished and professional performance for their families on Wednesday evening. It was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone who came along, and I know the dress rehearsal for the rest of the school was also a huge success. We are incredibly proud of them. Huge thanks to the Year 6 staff - Sofia, Holly, Alviya, Billy, Ady and Josh and to Elaine our Music teacher, for supporting the children to put on such a fabulous show. What a team!

We have had our Sports' Days this week in the park. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the children and many thanks to Craig P who organised the event.

We have also enjoyed some wonderful learning beyond the classroom. Year 2 visited the Garden Classroom, where they made delicious pizzas, while Year 6 spent the day at Hackney School of Food preparing a Thai green curry.

These experiences give children such valuable opportunities to develop new skills, and we are very grateful to the parents who volunteered to accompany the trips. We simply could not offer these opportunities without your support.

The Nursery assembly last week was an absolute delight. I was so proud of how confidently the children shared their learning with their families. They spoke clearly, sang beautifully and showed such kindness and encouragement towards one another. It was wonderful to see how much they have grown during the year, and I know their families were equally proud.

Although some children were unable to perform at the Hackney Music Festival because of the heat, our steel pans group still represented the school brilliantly.

They played beautifully, and we were equally proud of our KS2 Hip Hop Club and African Dance and Drumming Club, who also performed with confidence and enthusiasm.

On Monday, ten Year 5 children attended a memorial service for James Braidwood at Abney Chapel. James Braidwood was a Scottish firefighter and the first Director of the London Fire Engine Establishment and is buried in Abney Cemetery. During the memorial, the children listened respectfully to a number of speeches, including one from Diana Hamilton-Jones, James Braidwood's great-great-great-granddaughter, before performing a poem with confidence and great expression. They were exemplary ambassadors for William Patten, and we were incredibly proud of them. This week every class from Nursery through to Year 6 has taken part in flamenco workshops with Lorena. It has been a real joy to watch our youngest and oldest children alike developing their understanding of the many countries where Spanish is spoken, not just Spain, whilst learning traditional dance. Lorena worked at WP a number of years ago, running an after-school Flamenco club, and it has been lovely to welcome her back. The children participated with energy and enthusiasm, which I could see each day from my office window!

The EYFS Bake Sale Winners will be announced in assembly on Monday and the prize revealed then! It has certainly been a very busy fortnight, and next week we are looking forward to our annual Spanish Fair, which is always a favourite event in the school calendar. Our older children will be running stalls for younger children, giving them opportunities to practise their Spanish through games and activities involving colours, numbers and simple conversational phrases. It is always wonderful to see the children's confidence and enthusiasm for language learning on display. We also have plenty more exciting events and celebrations to look forward to over the final two weeks of term, including our Summer Fair on Saturday 11th July. We hope to see many of you there for what promises to be another wonderful community event. Have a lovely, restful weekend.

Best wishes

Karen

Hi everyone,

A quick reminder that the WP Summer Fair is on next Saturday 11th July between 12-4pm. You will have seen the fantastic Summer Fair Boards around Stoke Newington of late. Thanks again to Hunters on Church St for sponsoring this year's event. It's such a highlight for the school and the children, to showcase what a great community William Patten has.

We'll have the dunk machine, BBQ (halal included), live DJ, local Police and Fire Brigade departments, talent show and bouncy castle to name just a few of the attractions.

Tuesday 7th July is Pyjama Day. Children can wear their favourite pyjamas to school and bring a wrapped (labelled 'adult' or 'children') item for the tombola on the day.

Raffle booklets going out today too. Please sell as many as you can and return please.. there are some great prizes again this year.

Please bring all baked items (labelled please) to the school the morning of the fair.

We still need some volunteers to help on the day, so please help where you can.

<https://volunteersignup.org/Y9QRR>

We can't wait to see you all there next Saturday from midday.

Please come along and support our children and school.

WP PTFA

SUMMER FAIR
SATURDAY 11 JULY 12 - 4PM

BBQ | FACE PAINT | JUMBLE SALE |
TALENT SHOW | BAKE SALE |
DUNK TANK | HALAL | TOMBOLA |
AND MUCH MORE!

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Many, many congratulations to our Year 5 and 6 fencing team who won the Inter School fencing competition on Friday. Competing against eight other schools from Hackney, Islington and Waltham Forest, they represented WP brilliantly. Despite the heat, they remained focused, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and of course fabulous fencing skills. A huge well done and thank you to Ciro, Wilfred K, Eli, Lea, Dolly and Rafe. We are very proud of you indeed. 🙌🙌🙌



We have been enjoying our Hispanic Week activities as a part of Hackney's annual Hispanic celebrations! This year, all of the classes from Nursery to Year 6 took part in Hispanic dance lessons with Lorena. They learnt dances from Colombia, Ecuador and Spain. The children were so enthusiastic and showed off their excellent Hispanic dancing skills! They enjoyed learning about the countries, cultures and music. A big well done to all of the children!

Another highlight of the week was the delicious Hispanic lunch cooked by Caterlink! The menu consisted of chicken paella, albondigas, patatas bravas, roasted vegetables followed by fruit and a chocolate and Spanish orange cake. Lots of the children might have had a go at eating an Hispanic dish they haven't tried before, excelente!

Year 5 and Year 6 classes will be running the Spanish activity fair! Each class from Nursery to Year 4 will visit the fair and take part in a range of fun and engaging activities linked to their Spanish learning this school year. They will play 'Bingo Numérico', 'Me gusta - No me gusta', 'Mi Familia', 'Cabeza, hombros, rodillas, pies' and many more fun games. The classes have an opportunity to have fun and interact with each other while practising their Spanish. A very big thank you to the Year 5 and Year 6 children! We know they will be welcoming, friendly and encouraging to all the visiting classes.

Some lucky classes will have a story read to them in Spanish by parent volunteers! Many thanks to the parents who have volunteered to read a Spanish story to their child's class. The children will love listening to the stories in Spanish and following along using their Spanish language knowledge.

We hope all of the children enjoy all of the Hispanic Week activities! ¡Gracias!



Our very first Nursery Come Dine With Us yesterday! As Nursery have always had packed lunches until this year, parents have never been able to come to CDWU, so it was lovely to welcome families to join their children and enjoy a delicious meal. The children were so excited to see you. We know some parents had to dash back from Sports' Day, so thank you for making it back on time and fitting both things in!



Neurodiversity Newsletter

As it is coming up to the end of the school year, we wanted to think about transitions to our next classes. The children have met their new teachers and gotten to see their new classrooms. This is sometimes a period that brings up lots of different feelings and emotions, and that is ok. Thinking about the following two pictures can help to make sense of what is happening in this busy time. In the next neurodiversity newsletter, we will think reflectively about the last year at WP and share some experiences of what it has been like.



I might have a mix of feelings about moving to a new class. I might feel a bit nervous and also excited. That's OK! It's normal to have a mix of feelings when things change. Lots of other children will be feeling the same way.



I can also talk to my family about these things.

Huge thanks to [@hackneyschooloffood](https://twitter.com/hackneyschooloffood) as always for a fabulous day out! Making Thai Green Curry this time. 😊 Part of the Year 6 end of year tradition and supported by [@william_patten_school_ptfa](https://twitter.com/william_patten_school_ptfa). Thank you. 🙏😊🙏



Our fabulous KS2 Hip Hop and African Dance and Drumming clubs performing at the Hackney Music Festival on Monday. They performed so brilliantly and we were very proud of them.



We had three visiting Headteachers last Friday, who did a marvellous job of keeping the school running smoothly and making sure everything got done! Headteacher For The Day was a prize from the [@william_patten_school_pfa](https://www.william-patten-school.pfa) Auction Night. The auction raised a huge amount of money and Felix, Mimi and Scarlett were in charge last Friday! From leading the teachers' meeting before school, presenting the Headteacher's Awards in three assemblies, presenting Laura with her flowers as she went on maternity leave, taking the winning fencing team photos, visiting the classes to make sure everybody was doing what they should, awarding the stars for the starline, choosing biscuits for the teachers, saying thank you at 1M's assembly, giving out hand sanitiser, keeping everyone cool, answering the phone, ticking off their jobs list to enjoying a VIP Tea Party with friends. A very busy day indeed, no wonder they had to put their feet up at the end! Well done to all three for working so hard! You were fabulous! 🙌🙌🙌



Year 2 visiting the [@the_garden_classroom](#) to make pizza! The children looked for herbs in the garden, practised their knife cutting skills, made the dough and assembled the pizza. After all that hard work they just needed to wait a little while before it was cooked and it was ready to eat and enjoy!



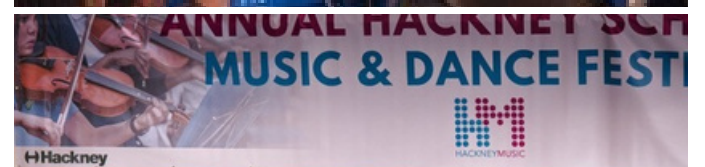
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Year 2 recreating the Garden of Eden, using oil pastels. This was part of their RE & Worldviews topic of "Where did the world come from and how should we look after it?" Beautiful work.



Huge congratulations to the WP Steel Pan main band for their fabulous performance at the Hackney School's Music and Dance festival this week. It was a long day, leaving at one for rehearsals with the main performance later on in the evening. They demonstrated exemplary behaviour, patience and of course excellent steel pan skills! Huge thanks to the wonderful steel pan tutor [@dchosen10](#) Kerry and [@hackneymusic](#). We are fortunate to have such an amazing steel pan tutor!



A lovely EYFS and KS1 Sports' Day yesterday at Clissold Park. A very big thank you to the parents who accompanied the classes and joined us for the day. Thank you to Craig P for organising all of the activities and to the staff for their energy and enthusiasm! Thank you to all the parents who participated in parents' race - such good sports!



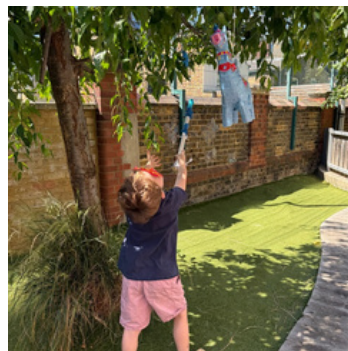
The EYFS Bake Sale on Friday! A very big thank you to all of the families in Nursery and Reception who brought delicious delicacies for everyone to enjoy on a very hot afternoon. This was the final Bake Sale of the year, so we will soon be finding out who the winners are. There is a prize for the year group that has raised the most money. A very big thank you to [@william_patten_school_ptfa](#) and in particular Anne, who is the bake sale organiser queen. We could not have done it without you! All of the bake sales have raised much needed funds for the school, which will be used to provide activities and events for the children. Thank you to everyone who's made the cakes this year and of course everyone who was bought and enjoyed them! 🍰🍪🧁



Lolly here, lolly gone! Huge thanks to [@william_patten_school_ptfa](https://www.instagram.com/william_patten_school_ptfa) for the ice lollies today! Just what everyone needed on a hot day! 🙌🙌🙌 So kind and thoughtful and very much appreciated by the children.



This week in Nursery, we have enjoyed a range of activities for Hispanic week. We started the week playing piñata outside and even blindfolded, we were able to break it open the piñata to win the prizes. We had great fun learning some flamenco dancing with Lorena. We also enjoyed making pan con tomate for an extra snack.



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Monday 20 - Friday 24 July 2026
9am - 3pm (late pick up available)

- Boost skills & fitness
 - Astro pitch
- Indoor hall in case of rain
- Lunchtime at the canopy or indoors lounge
 - Clean toilets
 - Safe site with CCTV
 - Free drop-off parking
 - Late pick-up available
 - FA Level 2 coaches
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| | - West Ham Scout ⚔️ |

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Attendance Matters



Attendance chart for w/e 26th June

Year group	Attendance
Year2	96.2%
Year4	95.6%
Reception	95.2%
Year3	94.8%
Year5	94.5%
Year1	92.4%
Nursery	91.8%
Year6	88.6%
	Average 93.8%

Attendance chart for w/e 3rd July

Year group	Attendance
Year2	99.2%
Year1	98.3%
Year4	97.0%
Nursery	96.8%
Year5	96.4%
Reception	96.4%
Year3	96.2%
	Average 97.1%

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

Friday 26th June

Nurs	Hera
RM	Freddie
RS	Eva Ro
1A	Joe, Felix, Daniel, Max, Rex
1M	Bernie, Emil, Marley, Gabriel, Ezra S
2C	Elijah, Evelyn, Darcey, Hugh, Maya
2YN	Maizie, Romilly, Anna, Mahi
3B	Soan, Callum, Filip, Zamari, Zoe
3H	Yaqub, Stella, Paloma, Leo, Aela
4A	Wilfred K, Antonia, Hector, Joseph, Bella
4B	Martha, Marloe, Teo, Alexander, Matilda,
5CG	Leni, Eugene, Zaynah, Eloise, Aster
5CP	Arzu, Hafsa, Nisa, Kimora, Nina
6H	Masal, Hamza, Matiu, Tobi, Ozzy
6S	Eli, Feadan, Phuong, Nevaeh, Lochie

Friday 3rd July

Nurs	Fenn
RM	Sara
RS	Louie
1A	Zayn, Theo, Miles, Hope, Mio
1M	Alaia, Oscar, Daria, Henry, Noah
2C	Yousra, Joey, Sequoia, Hirokai, Marina
2YN	Saifa, Paul, Navraj, Ezra, Aoife
3B	Misher, Isla, Yusuf, Rai, Lily
3H	Aster, Alice, Taedon, Nora, Ryan
4A	Fraser, Ali, Lily, Robbie, Daria
4B	Dalia, Thiago, Coco, Dolly, Nancy
5CG	Flora, Lorcan, Max, Amaya, Khush
5CP	Suki, Elijah, Bobby, Georgina, Alfie
6H	Margot, Bella, Lily, Galla, Baran
6S	Alaa, Arya, Dash, Phoebe, Anas



Many happy returns to the children who celebrated their special day since the last Patten Pages: Alexander, Sara, Scarlett, Mia, Arlo, Pax, Billie, Iris, Malachi, Amelia, Niccolo, Jack, Lochie, Jayden, Jae, Poppy, Ruojie and Zoe. Happy birthday everyone!