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The William Patten Newsletter for Parents and Children

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Dear Parents,

A slightly late newsletter this week, apologies! With the Outlook outage, we found ourselves without emails for most of Friday. It was a bit like stepping back in time and we quite enjoyed it! Although it does make you realise just how much we rely on being able to communicate so quickly and quite how much of our day-to-day work is done through email.

It was lovely to see so many new (and some familiar!) faces at our PTFA meet and greet on Friday 6th November. Parents also had the opportunity to meet representatives from our EDI committee, as well as Yeter, who leads our Turkish-speaking parent group. Each group shared more about the work they do, and it was a super opportunity for parents to find out more about how the different groups support our school community.

While each group has its own focus, they all share the same underlying aims of creating a strong sense of community and belonging, strengthening relationships between parents and school and making sure parents feel connected and have a voice. These groups are also an important link between the wider parent community and the school, providing another way for parents to share their views, ideas and experiences. The PTFA brings our community together through the events they organise, giving children and families opportunities to have fun together, whether through events such as our children's movie nights or social events for adults, as well as raising money for the school. Our EDI committee celebrates the different cultures and backgrounds within our school community and encourages conversations about race, ethnicity, culture and identity. They also help families explore how we can celebrate our differences, challenge prejudice and ensure everyone feels included and valued. They have introduced many different events and ideas too, such as our celebration of World Afro Day and the hugely successful community Iftar last year. Our Turkish-speaking parent group supports parents in helping their children at home and feeling more connected to school.

A big thank you to Jason, Rob, Anne, Tiffany, Yagmur and Yeter for sharing what each group does and of course to all the parents who came.

We were also delighted to host the Hackney Chess League last week, with nine schools coming together to play in our middle hall. We entered a fairly young team, and for some children this was their first opportunity to play chess competitively and represent the school. Coming fourth out of nine schools was a fantastic achievement and something the whole team should feel very proud of.

Members of our running club also represented William Patten at the Hackney Cross Country League at Springfield Park last week. The children were brilliant ambassadors for the school, and a special mention goes to Freddie, who came third out of 100 runners, and Poppy F, who came ninth out of 100. What a fantastic achievement!

A very big thank you to Rob from WP Running Club for all his involvement and support, as well as the other parents who gave up their time to accompany the children. Thank you also to Craig M, who went and who was also looking out for William Patten runners at the London Fields Junior Parkrun yesterday. Nearly 40 children and their families went, so a lot of people to see!

It is always lovely to see our children taking part in so many opportunities beyond the classroom and representing William Patten so brilliantly.

Best wishes

Karen

Claudia Comments



Claudia Jones was a journalist and civil rights activist. She had a newspaper column called Claudia Comments where she highlighted things that were important to her and her community. We pay homage to her with events and achievements that are important to the William Patten community.

William Patten has achieved the Silver School Games Mark award for commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2025/26. This recognises participation in borough-wide events and inclusive opportunities for competitive sport within the curriculum and as part of the enrichment offer.



November dates for your diary

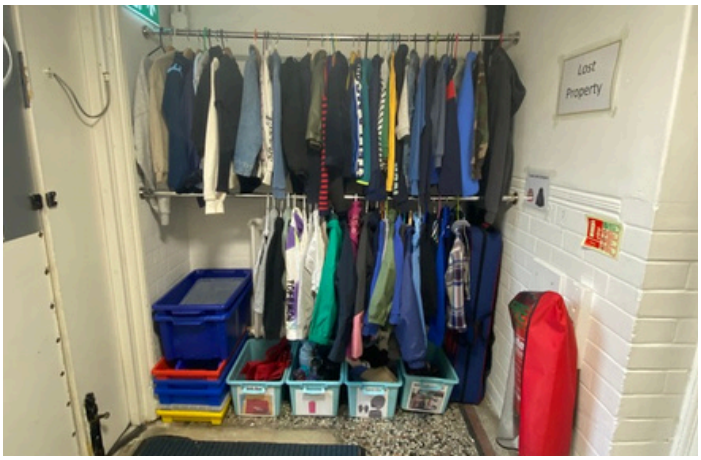
16th	Anti-Bullying Week
16th	Road Safety Week
17th	Anti Bullying performance for Y4-6
17th	Year 5 trip to Shoreditch Town Hall
17th	6M concert - Wyatt Sinfonia Orchestra
18th	Year 5 Come Dine with Us
18th	6A trip to Forest Road Youth Hub
18th	Family Coach Parent Empowerment Group
19th	Disability History Month starts
20th	5C class assembly for parents 2.45pm
20th	PTFA social evening for parents
23rd	PTFA Annual General Meeting 7.30pm
23rd	Year 5 session - Apollo Music Project
23rd	Year 6 cycle training
23rd	Year 4 Roman Day
25th	2B local walk
25th	6M trip to Forest Road Youth Hub
25th	Family Coach Parent Empowerment Group
26th	2C local walk
27th	6A class assembly for parents 2.45pm
30th	Year 6 cycle training
30th	Year 3 trip to Hackney School of Food

Dates and timings for Christmas shows

Tuesday 8th December EYFS show	11am	Nursery & Reception parents
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 and 2 show	11am	Year 1 parents
Wednesday 9th December Year 1 and 2 show	2pm	Year 2 parents
Thursday 10th December Year 3 and 4 show	11am	Year 3 parents
Thursday 10th December Year 3 and 4 show	2pm	Year 4 parents
Friday 11th December Year 5 and 6 show	11am	Year 5 parents
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Other dates for Christmas countdown:

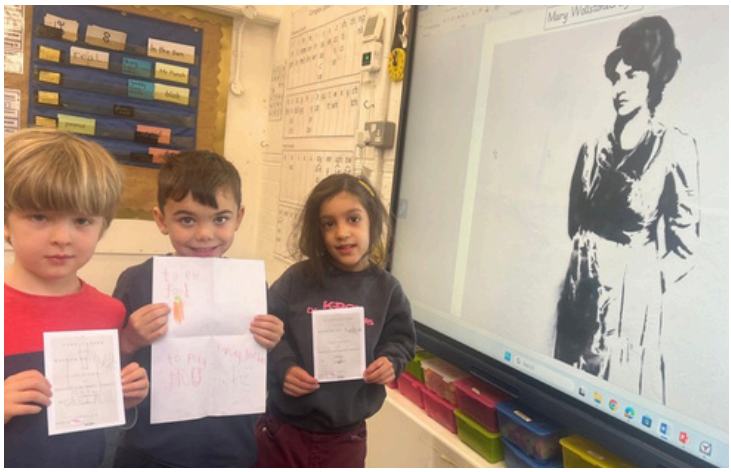
Christmas lunch: Wednesday 16th December
Class parties: Thursday 17th December
Toy Day: Friday 18th December
Early finish: Friday 18th December 1.30pm

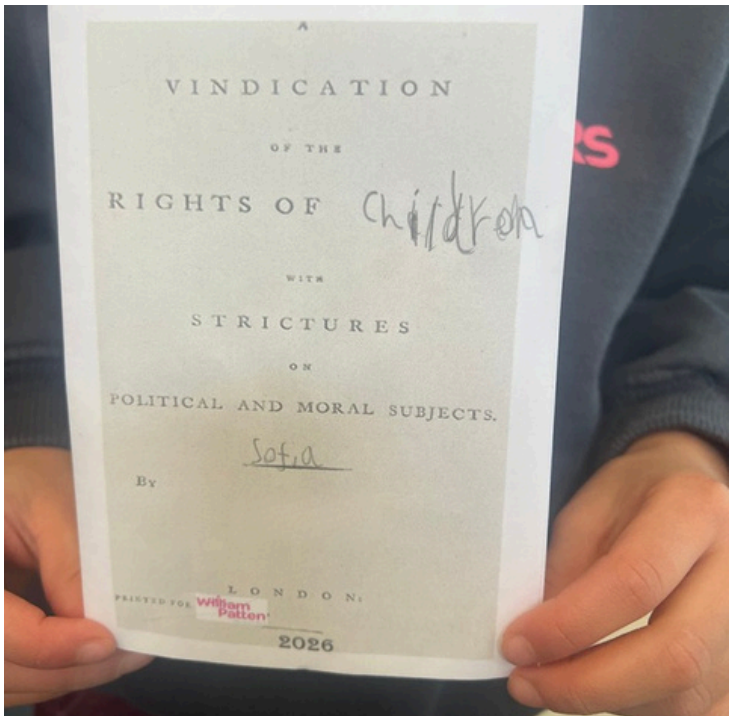


We have given our **lost property area** a little makeover! David has put up two new rails for coats and clothing, while Rahil has spent a long time sorting everything out. Smaller items such as hats, gloves and water bottles are now neatly organised in boxes underneath. It is looking lovely! We hope this makes it much easier for parents to find lost belongings without rummaging through bags and boxes.

A little reminder: Please ensure all your child's belongings are clearly labelled with their name. This helps us reunite lost items with their owners much more quickly. Sadly, unclaimed items eventually have to be disposed of. Please help us get them back to you!

Year 1 are really enjoying their local history topic. As well as looking for evidence around the school of its Victorian past, they have been inspired by Mary Wollstonecraft to write their own book about the rights of a child.





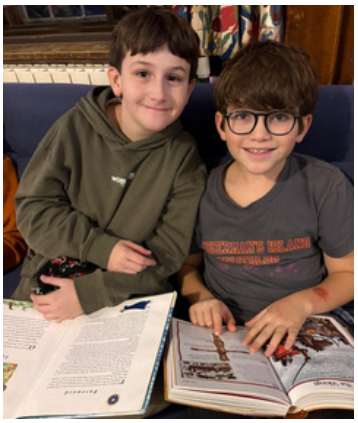


Hi everyone,
The next month or so is very exciting with plenty going on at the school.
We have the **Parents Quiz Night on Friday 20th November**. Please organise a table of 6 amongst your social groups and email them through to williampattenptfa@gmail.com . It's a lot of fun and it's a Friday night so the parents can have a night off.
The **PTFA AGM on 23rd November** at 7.30pm. Zoom details will go out a week prior.
The **WP Winter Fair is on 5th December with Santa making his annual visit to WP with every child getting a picture and gift from Santa himself. Comms for this are going out, please read them and volunteer where you can please.**
****Festive Jumper day is 1st December,** where children can wear their favourite Festive Jumper and please bring a wrapped alcoholic/non alcoholic bottle to school for the Tombola Stand on the day of the Fair.**
There will be a bake stand at the Fair, please bring labelled baked goods to school the morning of the Fair.
Raffle booklets and wishing tree envelopes will be going out in book bags, please keep an eye out for them and return to the school please. For those who chose not to purchase a raffle ticket, please donate to William Patten Primary School Donations 26/27 | William Patten Parents Teachers and Friends Association (Powered by Donorbox)
Volunteer list has been setup for the Winter Fair, where we need a lot of help to make this day fun and enjoyable for everyone.
https://volunteersignup.org/YPCPP
Hope to see you all at some or all of the events coming up over the next month.
WP PTFA



6A enjoyed their turn visiting **Kench Hill** last week for the residential trip. They enjoyed lots of new experiences and had so much fun! A huge thank you to the WP staff team (Amy, Sian and Craig M) and the team at Kench Hill.














































In **Nursery**, as part of our topic on **Space and Time**, we have been busy designing and making our own rockets. We explored the different parts of a rocket and thought about what they might need to travel into space. We used our creativity and imagination to choose materials, experiment with different shapes and designs, and bring our rockets to life. We also talked about space exploration; we learnt about how many moons different planets and the possibility of travelling beyond Earth! Through this activity, we developed our creative skills, problem-solving abilities and understanding of the world around us. We can't wait to imagine where our rockets might take us on our next space adventure!













Introducing Our Travel for Life (TfL) Team!

Year 4: Callum and Mira

Year 5: Isabelle and Robbie

Year 6: Nia and Kiaan

Our school is taking part in Transport for London's Travel for Life programme!

Our TfL Explorers Ambassadors will be working together to make a difference by:

- Tackling travel issues around our school.
- Promoting safer, healthier and more active journeys.
- Encouraging pupils to travel safely and independently.
- Organising fun travel competitions, assemblies and workshops.

Watch this space for updates on our exciting projects and activities! Together, we can make our school journeys safer and greener!













Our new **Language of the Month is Lithuanian!** Helen introduced Lithuanian as the new Language of the Month in a whole school assembly with the help of our Lithuanian speaking children; Mayus (5CP), Uma (Reception H) and their mum, Milla! During the assembly, the classes learned geographical and cultural facts about Lithuania and also language facts about how Lithuanian is spoken and written. Have a go at learning the Lithuanian words and phrases alongside the Makaton signs we will be using in class and around the school!





A huge well done to our runners who took part in the **Hackney Cross-Country League** at Springfield Park yesterday. A brilliant opportunity for our Running Club members to get involved in competitive running, challenge themselves and represent our school. Plenty of exercise all round, including the walk there, the race and the walk back! Special congratulations to Freddie who came 3rd out of 100 runners and to Poppy F, who came 9th out of 100 runners!

A massive thank you to all the parents who came along to support the children, and to Craig M for taking them and making the afternoon possible. We couldn't do without you! 🙌

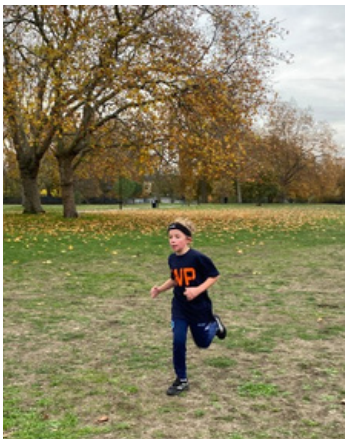
















This week, **Year 6** received books from the **Literacy Trust** and Queen Camilla - as part of the National Year of Reading! We love Katherine Rundell, having read The Good Thieves for story time and enjoyed her work in collating the Book of Hopes. We can't wait to get stuck in!





Reading Champions meeting and organising the books to hand out to all Year 6 children. They also worked very hard sorting and organising new books for the library. Thank you to our wonderful Reading Champions!







6M performed their **class assembly to parents** and pupils today (Friday 13.11.26). They spoke on the theme of hope: sharing ideas, poems, songs and creations inspired by their autumn term learning. All in attendance were impressed by their confidence, clarity and creativity! Many wise words were shared by the children, including what hope means to them and their key takeaways from learning about the inventor Garrett Morgan, a pioneer who saw opportunities to improve the world around him in many areas, from safety devices, to sewing machines, and traffic stop signals. We also discussed how he had to work particularly hard for all he achieved, in the face of the prejudice and discrimination he experienced as a global majority inventor in early 1900s America. Despite this, he never gave up hope, or his desire to help others, and 6M felt this was an important and inspirational message to share. Their final song - Bob Marley's Three Little Birds - was also a message of hope, and they sang (and signed) it so beautifully, that we felt fortunate to hear it twice. Many thanks and huge congratulations to 6M!







Neurodiversity Newsletter

We hope that you had a great time over the last few weeks of celebrations. Looking ahead, there are more celebrations as we get closer to the festive period. This can be a time where music is different, bright decorations pop up in lots of public spaces, and there can be many changes to routine. We would like to highlight Scottish Autism's guidance on preparing for the festive season. We think that it is full of really useful tips for adults and children, and has lots of ways to get ready for all the changes that may be coming up. We will share some more information over the next few Patten Pages.

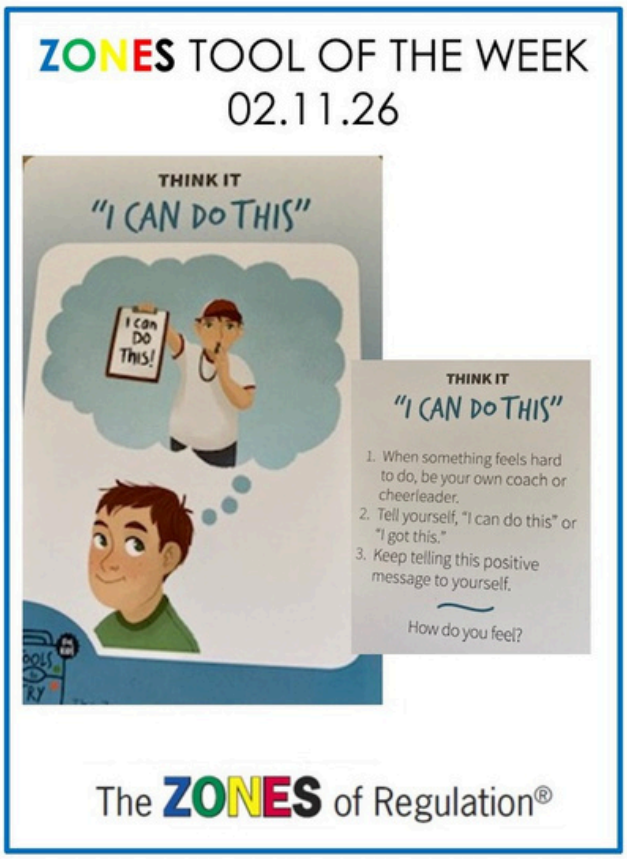


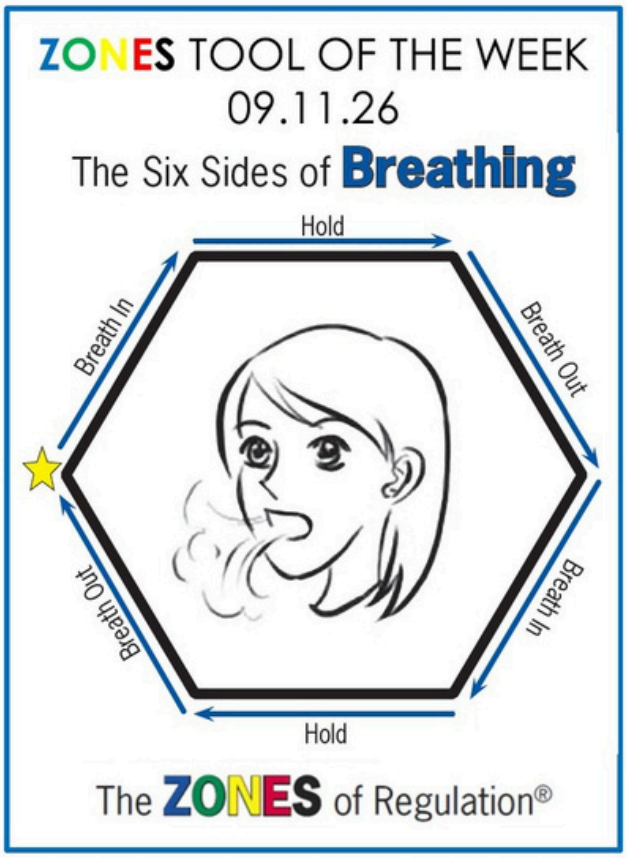
Bikes and scooters

It is lovely to see so many children travelling to school by bike and scooter. However, the racks at the Dynevor road gate are overflowing with bikes and scooters and taking up valuable playground space. If you come in through the Dynevor Road gate and find the racks full, please use the spaces by the Lancell Street gate or the racks at the front of the school. There are also public bike racks on the pavement outside the Dynevor Road gate for bikes with locks. We are looking into getting additional racks. Thank you for helping us keep the playground clear and safe.

Tool of the Week

Each week we introduce a new Tool of the Week. Posters go up around school and classes practise the new tool and discuss which zone it would be useful for. We will include the new tools in the Patten Pages so you can try them out at home. These are the latest ones:





Attend Today, Achieve Tomorrow



Every School Day Counts!

Attendance chart for w/e 6th November

Year group	Attendance
Year1	99.3%
Year6	98.7%
Year2	98.1%
Reception	98.0%
Year3	98.0%
Nursery	97.5%
Year4	97.0%
Year5	96.1%
	Average **97.9%**

Attendance chart for w/e 13th November

Year group	Attendance
Year3	98.8%
Year6	98.5%
Year4	97.8%
Year1	96.8%
Reception	96.4%
Year2	94.7%
Year5	94.1%
Nursery	92.0%
	Average **96.6%**

Congratulations to the children who recently received an EYFS Super Achievers award or a HT award certificate. Well done everyone!

Friday 6th November

Nur	Aisha and Gurveer
RA	Guy
RH	Henry
1M	Aria, Eliz, Louie, Maggie, Teddy
1S	Theo, Sara, Emika, Jacopo, Wilfred
2B	Bernie, Cody, Daniel, Felix, Sterling
2C	Wynn, Gabriel, Ezra MP, Amen, Sebastian
3A	Hugh D, Weston, Aoife, Jessa, Sebastian
3B	Darcey, Eki, Wilder, Ruojie, Bruno
4S	Buray, Anita, Yaqub, Noah, Zakia
4YC	Mimi, Filip, Misher, Zoe, Martha
5C	Isabelle, Ezgi, Eva, Kiran, Tommaso
5NS	Thiago, Naile, Dolly, Yahya, Rafe
6A	At Kench Hill
6M	Amaya, Felix, Ayan, Evan, Khush, Eugene

Friday 13th November

Nur	Firuza and Jacopo
RA	Jane
RH	Nilay
1M	Alisha, Freddie, Jayden, Maxima, Taliah
1S	Leo, Taio, Ruoxin, Bart, Aliya
2B	Clara, Gracie, Emil, Grace, Oscar
2C	Walter, Hannah Sarah, Shifa, Thor, Aiden
3A	Corinne, Hugh H, Ren, Navraj, Billie
3B	Zoe, Isla, Marina, Shanelle, Finn
4S	Nora, Lara, Leonel, Aela, Leo S
4YC	Rozh, Soan, Ruben, Callum, Cedric
5C	Kaouther, Hector, Margot, Nahom, Wilfred M
5NS	Martha, Casper, Matilda, Marloe, Alexander
6A	Dante, Suhayb, Kimora, Bobby, Nia
6M	Flora, Eddy, Mya, An Phu, Aster



Many happy returns to the children who recently celebrated their special day:
Max, Wilfred, Scarlett, Simay, Hunter, Frida, Maizie Belle, Stella, Oscar, Nilay, Pippa, Leonardo, Winston, Luqman, Rai, Callum, Zoe, Leire, Jagraj, Rafe, Isaac, Arlo, Hannah Sarah, Taedon, Zaida, Frances, Heidi and Hafsa.
Happy birthday everyone!