

W/C Monday 30th April 2018

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Our School Photographer

will be at Penrhyn on Thursday 10th May to photograph the Lower and Upper School children for the whole school picture. The photographer will also be with us on Friday 11th May but at Brookscroft for the morning to photograph all our Upper School class photos and individual shots.

Please see important communication about these two days that will be sent separately by email and a hard copy home with your child.

Only children in full school uniform. Including blazers and school summer hats for girls, will have their photos taken and be included in the whole school photo. Please contact Speedstitch for any items you do not have or speak to the school office. As we have been working with our new supplier we know that for children that joined more recently, there has been a delay with some items.

Garden Updates

Children at Penrhyn have been enjoying their new forest school seating area for lessons and new growing and planting areas.



Brookscroft have also had a lovely delivery today too!

School Uniform Summer uniform is compulsory for Prep and Elementary classes after the May 7th Bank Holiday.

We are pleased to announce that our long-standing relationship with 'Speedstitch' continues and not only will they continue to provide all our PE kit but our full school uniform too. *A 'one-stop' shop for all your child's school uniform requirements.*

Please email them directly:

shop@speedstitch.co.uk

www.speedstitch.co.uk/ or tel: 020 8531 4800 with your orders or questions. We would suggest you call them soon as some items may need to be ordered.

All Nursery and Kindergarten children must wear their school smock and bring their black plimsolls with them in their shoe bag each day together with a change of clothes. If you do not have a school bag or smock then please email the school office. Order forms can be found at the front door.

Is your child leaving WMS in July 18?

It is important that you have received a written acknowledgement from the school. These were prepared and distributed last Tuesday in response

to all written notices from parents received by the deadline.

If your child is leaving and we have been notified in time then a letter acknowledging this and further guidance would have been addressed to you in response.

If you have not received an acknowledgment letter then please email the school office.

Royal Wedding Garden Party



We will be celebrating the Royal Wedding with garden parties at both school buildings on Friday 18th May. Please keep an eye out for a letter that your child will be bringing home. We are looking for volunteers to help us make this a lovely and fun event. Can you do face-painting, balloon modelling, juggling.... We ask as we know we have lots of very talented parents! Please email the school office if you are free and can help on this Friday afternoon. All WMS children are invited to attend.

Curriculum Meetings

Thank you to parents with children in Prep and Elementary that attended their child's curriculum meeting with the class teacher. If you were unable to attend then minutes will be sent home to you so you have a full understanding of what was delivered by the teacher. If you have any questions or concerns around your child's class curriculum then please don't forget you are able to speak directly with Miss Lorna who holds her parent surgery on a Monday afternoon. Appointments can be made through the office.

Class Information:

Reception: Curriculum meeting - Wednesday 2nd May 9.45m

All parents (no siblings or children) are invited to meet with their child's class teacher to discuss the class curriculum and events for this term.

Elementary:

Our second week of term has been an exciting and busy time. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm of the children for their learning. It's also been exciting to see how well children who have moved up from Prep this term have adapted

to the Elementary environment. It's almost as if they have been in the classroom all along, and to see the children who have been in Elementary eagerly assist them with classroom procedures and lessons.

Last week, new children have been using their work plans, which help children to develop independence and responsibility for their work. Some children are completing dynamic operations with the stamp game and golden bead materials. Other children are using the checkerboard, bank game and test tube division material to complete multiplication and division operations. All work is also recorded in their books. Dr. Montessori said, "Give nothing to the mind, until you first give it to the hand." The Montessori materials in the classroom are sturdy and designed to be used again and again. They offer children a sensorial and visual representation of the work. They also assist the child to in completing their work independently, aid in developing deep concentration skills. Also, children are putting works back where they found them, so that they are ready for the next person, which assist children in care of the environment and respect for others.

Children this week are also working on a variety of parts of speech activities, identifying different kinds of verbs and conjunctions and using them in their writing.

Next, children are completing a variety of creative writing ideas, which is part of their Summer term work. They are learning to include the who, what, what where, when why and how of their story in their work. Children are learning to create plans for their stories and writing about them in their literacy books. Also, to celebrate Shakespeare's birthday, children have been reading facts about Shakespeare as well as reading a shorter children's version of Macbeth.

In Science, some children showed their posters they created of the human body, labelling the internal organs and we also worked on parts of the heart and the function of the heart.

This week, some children will work on decimals and word challenges in maths, while others will work on fractions, multiplication and division skills.

We will also continue developing creative writing skills and read a children's version of Much Ado about Nothing. In our science topics we will look more closely at the foods we eat and begin mapping where the foods are grown around the

world. We will also look at what foods contribute to a healthy diet.

Prep:

Last week, Prep class enjoyed learning more about the parts of a plant and started recording information in their books. We also learned about how to keep cut flowers fresh by understanding that plants need cold water to stay fresh. This week, the children will continue to investigate the life cycle of a plant. For Science, we will be discovering light and water through different projects. Thank you all for coming to the curriculum meeting. I hope you found it useful and to gain a full understanding of the term's curriculum and school events etc.

Reception:

Last week, the children have been learning names and main characteristics of each ocean. They have been looking at the map of the world and started to locate the oceans on the map. We have started to identify which fish and marine mammals live predominately in each ocean and during our class conversations we also discussed the food chain.

The weather on Friday was not on our side and sadly we had to cancel our out and about session. I am planning to have the session missed one day this week.

We have been working on our class display and in Art the children have made lovely and colourful fish inspired by their imagination. This week we will look at the creatures in the ocean and what marine mammals have in common with humans. I look forward to seeing you on Wednesday for the class curriculum meeting.

Kindergarten:

Oak:

Last week, Oak class learnt about the five oceans around the world. The children engaged very well by learning amazing facts about each ocean and they shared their own knowledge in relation to animals that live there. The children were presented with the continent puzzle map where they learnt that the land masses are continents and the bodies of water are called oceans. We also used the name cards to locate each ocean on the continent puzzle map and matched them with the correct phonetic sound. During our drama session we had lots of fun listening to songs about the oceans and expressing the size, temperature and taste of the water. For our Out

and About session, the children cut out a fish template and stuck leaves and twigs collected from our school garden. This week, we had the pleasure of listening to classical music by Beethoven throughout the daily routines.

This week, we will be focusing on the marine mammals. Our letter of the week is 'c'.

Sycamore:

Our topic last week was to explore the five Oceans, Atlantic Ocean, Arctic Ocean, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean and the Southern Ocean. The children used the Montessori puzzle map to learn lots of interesting facts, such as the Pacific Ocean means 'Peace'. They were also able to locate the different oceans whilst also looking at the continents closest to them on the puzzle map.



For our 'out and about session' the children gathered sticks, bark and leaves in the garden. We wanted to create a fish so the children glued the sticks, bark together and then finally we used red

leaves for the tail.

This week, we have more exciting activities planned for exploring different creatures in the sea. The letter of the week is 'c'. Please observe with your child different objects within their environment with the letter sound 'c' in preparation for discussion during circle time with their teachers and peers.

Beech:

Last week Beech class learnt about the five oceans and their characteristics. Children enjoyed the memory game about the Arctic Ocean's animals. We had a group discussions about the characteristics of the oceans each day and children located each ocean on the puzzle map of continents. In our out and about session this week we did the salt water experiment and children learnt how salt can alter the density and balance of our oceans and seas. For our PE lesson we had some activities about balancing and children enjoyed walking with bean bags on their heads! Children enjoyed making handprint clownfish in our art lesson.

This week, we will be focusing on the creatures of the sea (mammals).

We will also be enjoying a show and tell session on Wednesday. Please send in with your child

anything they would like to share and speak about with their friends during circle time.

Nursery:

Last week, nursery children were introduced to their topic this term which is transport. Children made collages containing different modes of transport and bus crafts by using cut out shapes. Everyone, especially enjoyed tyre printing by dipping cars, buses and trains in paint to create tracks on paper. Each morning, we all spoke about how we travelled to school and the children drew pictures of the weather in our weather diary. We also celebrated St George's Day by making flags and exploring those which we have at school. Throughout the week, the children have enjoyed listening to classical music and exploring the different sounds.

This week, we will be focusing on trains. The children will learn about different types of trains, look at maps and engage in role-play.

Please help your child by finding fun ways together to support the class topic at home which will support their work in school.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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