

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Happy Eid and Father's Day to

everybody that celebrated this festival and day over the weekend, including our WMS team who were celebrating Eid and shared some special and traditional foods with us all – it was quite a feast for the teachers on Friday!



Thank you to all our dads and someone specials that came along and celebrated with a special breakfast last Friday at the Upper School.



*Our lovely Father's Day helpers serving up some tasty treats!*



### Hot weather warning!

PLEASE ensure your child has sun-screen applied before school and a named sun-hat. We will keep them as cool and hydrated as possible so please send them in with a sun hat.

### Edgar's Visit to Cambridge University by Edgar

*Last Thursday, Eliza showed me around two of the colleges at Cambridge University, Gonville and Caius and St John's Colleges.*

*At St John's College we walked over the Bridge of Sighs while looking at the mathematical bridge connecting to Kings College (another part of Cambridge University). Just hours after we met at the Stephen Hawking Building in Gonville and Caius College.*

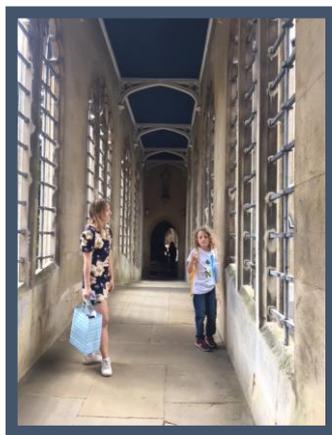
*After meeting we walked through St John's College and into Caius, in Caius we went into the 'tree' court and in the corner was Stephen Hawkings's office. Right next to his office was the Gate of Honour which you can only walk through if you are a professor or have finished your graduation.*

*Eliza told me that only professors can walk on the grass because 2 professors were walking across the grass to Stephen Hawking's office.*

*Next we went and saw the Masters Office and then looked into the dining room where the formal dinners are held. Eliza showed me her gown which you wear for graduations and formal dinner each evening. Then we saw two libraries, one with the first publications of every book.*

*Eliza also told me about the White House in Trinity College (another part of Cambridge) We then climbed a hill and then I went home and I thank Eliza for giving me an unforgettable trip. And I hope to go there again and see other great things like the gates of virtue and humility*

Edgar, Elementary Class  
15.6.18



## The Big & Little Toddle



Everybody enjoyed dressing up for our themed 'Toddle' day at WMS last Thursday. It was all about nature so another opportunity to take our learning outside. We loved how one nursery child carried their handmade plant around all day ready

for some ladybirds to find a safe home!

**Thank you for all your sponsorships received so far. If you have yet to collect from sponsors please could this be done ASAP but by Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June at the very latest.**

## School Photographs

Your orders have now been collected by the photographer. We will let you know when photos are ready to go home with your child. If you have not returned an order please contact the office for further instructions.



## Sports Day

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June**

Please remember school is closed next week on Friday we will all be off site at the sports ground.

Please ensure you have returned your slips indicating your attendance and orders for T-shirts. If you have sent in an order and do not receive your t-shirt by Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> June, then please let the school office know.

## For Sale

We have a few items of second-hand, but in very good condition, school uniform. We have school blazers. 1 size 5 and 2 size 4. We also have a girl's summer boater and a girl's winter hat. If you are interested then please email the school office.

## Class Information

**Music Assembly**

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2pm**



Please make a note in your diary for this date. We would like to invite our Upper School parents in for a lovely musical assembly. Children will share with you songs from the recent Music Festival as well as you having the opportunity to see how well the children are doing with their violin and piano lessons. Please arrive for 2pm so we can get you all seated ready for 'curtain' up at 2.10pm. The performance should last for approx. 35 minutes, finishing at 2.45pm.



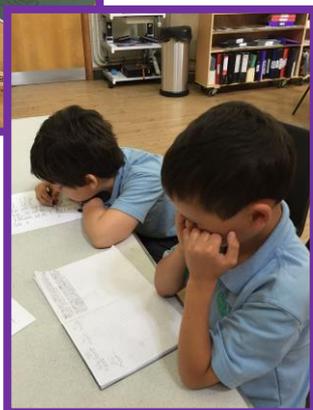
**Tennis:** Don't forget we also have our tennis 'open day' planned for Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> July. This is a lovely opportunity for you to join us over at the tennis courts at Lloyd Park and watch a tennis session.

## Elementary

Last week, in Elementary children were learning elements of poetry writing. Children were learning how to write similes and metaphors and

also looking at how some poets use rhyming patterns, personification and rhyming patterns in their work to create more descriptive poems. Some children wrote their own poems and others identified patterns in poems they read, while others chose to write some sentences or phrases with similes, metaphors and rhyming words. Children also looked at facts about the many different species of bees in Great Britain, as well as labelling the parts of a flower and learning about the function of the parts of the flowers. We also are continuing to rehearse song for the Waltham Forrest music Festival, as well as rehearse for the end of the year school play. In maths children have been working on elapsed time word challenges, multiplication by two digits, long division skills, decimal operations and graphing. Other children are working on telling time to the hour, half hour and quarter hour, as well as multiplication tables and long multiplication. Children are also working on weekly spelling words, editing their writing and various parts of speech activities. It has certainly been a busy and engaging week. This week, we will continue to rehearse for the play and music festival. We will also complete more work with fractions, angles, and geometry activities.

Sports Day is coming up on the 29<sup>th</sup> of June as well, so children will be getting ready during gym class for various sports day activities.



*Some of our Elementary children busy during the morning work cycle.*

## **Prep**

Last week, Prep class enjoyed learning about the different types of fruits and vegetables. Children learned how they are grown and many other facts. Thank you all for coming to the breakfast for Father's Day, we all had a lovely time in the garden.

This week, we will continue learning about money, recognising coins and making different amounts. Children will be able to recognise and name different amounts of money and use that knowledge to create a market. We will also continue with the quizzes and assessments for topic and science as well as spelling and numeracy. This will help to revise all the concepts learned during the term.

## **Reception:**

Last week, Reception were very busy and adventurous sailing the seas and oceans on ships and pretending to be pirates of the past whilst reading maps, looking for treasure, and searching for sunken ships and gold.

We have been talking about the features of a ship and what was it like as life on board a ship. We will be continuing this this week too and we will be discussing the crew and their roles.

The children have enjoyed cutting out landmarks and sticking them on a map giving their friends false clues regarding the hidden treasure and misguiding them while locating the real treasure elsewhere. Children had to write a little note to the pirates as well. Great fun! We all enjoyed Father's Day outside the garden and a different start of the school day!

This week, we will be continuing with our pirate theme and discussing the jobs in and on the seas. We will be looking at the life of a fisherman, a dolphin trainer, aquatic vets, scuba divers and more.

## **Kindergarten:**

### **Oak:**

Last week, Oak class focused on ships and boats. They looked at the different pictures of boats from around the world and had a group discussion in relation to the similarities and differences. We also talked about what boats are used for such as fishing boats, house boats and rescue boats. The children demonstrated good knowledge and they were able to explain with lots of detail about each one. In addition, we also looked at different types of fishing boats from

around the world. The children also enjoyed tracing the letter 'b' in the sand tray to reinforce the word 'boat', as well as tracing their own letters. This activity extended the children's knowledge of phonic sounds. On Thursday, we had a fun day in the garden for The Big Toddle. The children participated well acting out the story 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'.

We ended the week with a trip to the park. The children listened well to their teachers by following the instructions when we were outside of school.

This week, we will be learning about people that work by the sea. Our letter of the week is 'i'.

### **Sycamore:**

Last week, Sycamore class participated in some exciting activities and events.

The children produced some beautiful paintings of submarines, yachts and fishing boats. Our Out and about session was thoroughly enjoyed as the children coloured and layered sand then used a funnel to pour it in a bottle for Father's Day. On Thursday we all enjoyed our Big Toddle here in our beautiful garden at WMS. Miss Karen narrated the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', whilst the children acted out the sequence of the story.

This week, we will be continuing our topic seas and oceans focusing on people who work at sea.

### **Beech:**

Last week Beech class has been learning about the different types of ships and boats. We have looked at tankers, passenger ships, cargo ships, sailboats and houseboats. Children enjoyed making sailboats in our art lesson.

We had 'The Big Toddler' on Thursday, where children enjoyed marching in the garden and acting out the story 'We are Going on a Bear Hunt'.



We have been also making superhero cards for Father's Day!

Children made their favourite superhero card

for their Fathers. Our Lloyd Park visit was very much enjoyed and children were able to explore the beauty of nature by using their senses. We had our picnic lunch in the park too and played some games.

This week we will be learning about people who work in, on or by the sea.

### **Nursery:**

Last week, nursery children enjoyed learning about Father's Day and talking about those who are special to them. The children made cards, decorated rocks and learned a new song for expressing their love. On Thursday, we had lots of fun for our 'little Toddle' where all the Lower School children took part in 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' march in the garden. We sang songs about nature and everyone was excited to show their costumes.

This week, we will continue with our topic by learning about transport in different countries, we will be focusing on animals such as camels, elephants, dogs and yaks. We will also be practising our sports day races using a variety of props.

**Please help your children by finding fun ways together to identify the letter and topic of the week at home, to support their work in school.**

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**



## **Important Numbers**

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