

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

**From all the team at WMS,
have a lovely half-term
break!**

Brookcroft Garden Toot Toot!



*Look what's just arrived
at Platform 1 in the
Brookcroft garden!*



Today we had great fun on our new train in the garden at Upper School!

Fire Drills

During this half term children at Penrhyn and Brookcroft had a fire drill. Everybody exited the building safely and quickly. The teachers spoke to the children about the importance of fire drills and there were lots of questions from the children too!



Early Risers/Tea Timer Invoices

As you are aware, invoices will be sent home monthly. Your next invoice for clubs will be Monday 29th October with payment due on or before 2nd November. Please ensure your payment is returned with the remittance slip.

WMS Classroom Updates:

School Council

Presenting our Upper School council members for this term!

Following a period of creating manifestos and writing very detailed pieces on why they should be considered for such a role, today we had our elections!

The results were incredibly close and nail biting!

Following the voting our representatives are:

Reception

Eden
Shreya

Prep

Clara
Lachlan

Elementary

Uzayr
Kiana



They will be meeting with Miss Lorna during the first week after half term.

Elementary:

Elementary had a great time at the Wonder lab for their school trip. They participated in the hands-on laboratory which gave children the opportunity to explore freely and come one on

one with science in a playful and participatory way. Children explored magnetics, forces in motion, holograms, electricity, the Earth traveling around the sun and much more. It was lovely to see the true enthusiasm of all the children, and to see their love of learning sparked.

Back in class, children explored ideas about galaxies and planets, worked on fractions and multiplication and division skills in maths, editing stories, book reviews, parts of speech and spelling tests in literacy.

Next week is half term, and we hope everyone has a great break.

Prep:

As part of Black History Week, we read about Mary Seacole. Her story made children realise more about the inequalities that existed in the past and how lucky they are to live in a diverse society where everyone is treated fairly.

The children also met their new French and Italian teachers. It was quite amusing to notice some of their shocked expressions when they found out that they had a female Italian teacher – “It’s a she!”

In Maths, we explored the concept of Simple Division. Some of the children enjoyed working collaboratively using the Golden Beads while others continued to work independently using the Stamp Game and Division Board. The younger children continued working with addition of four digits numbers using the Stamp Game.

In Literacy, we explored the function of Adverbs throughout the week. The repetitive exercises have helped the children to recognise Nouns, Adjectives, Verbs and Adverbs in sentences.

This week we will be exploring Present and Past Tenses and will continue working with Division, this time exploring the concept of Remainders.

Reception:

We have had a busy week!



The children have all been busy helping in our classroom! Everyone really worked as a team to carry and then unpack and assemble things for our classroom!



We have a new nature table and a new snack table area and a trolley with everything we need.

In our Forest School session this week we made art using the ground as our canvas and any natural materials that we could find. We then admired each other’s pictures. We have begun learning about poetry and predicting words in rhymes this week and we all went to Miss Uzma’s poetry club!

On Tuesday we met our new French teach Madame Sofia and learnt the names of some animals and drew them

On Thursday we met Miss Tiziana, our new Italian teacher who comes from Milan.

We are all very excited that Freya is returning to our class this week! We have made cards to welcome her back to WMS



Please note that all children in Reception do need a descant recorder for after the half term for music on a Monday.

Beech:

Last week, Beech class enjoyed learning about hibernation. We looked at the many different animals that sleep during the winter and learned that they are called hibernators. We spoke in more detail about hedgehogs and ground squirrels and children coloured in their favourite hibernator. In our ‘out and about’ session last week, we talked about the hibernaculum, the nest or den that animals are making during Autumn for their deep sleep. Children enjoyed making a nest for our tortoise (toy) and were whispering so they didn’t wake him up! On Friday we made playdough in the classroom; we manipulated the dough to make hedgehogs.

This week, we will be recapping all we have learned about the Autumn and we will have some experiments about mixing the colours.

Sycamore:

Last week we looked at animals that hibernate and how they curl up in a safe place and stay there until winter ends. The children collected leaves, bark and various natural material to make a bed for a hedgehog. We acted out how different

types of hibernating animals fall asleep and even were whispering to each other.

During art the children decorated a hedgehog picture with wooden matchsticks. Also, we made play dough so that the children could manipulate the dough and make their very own hedgehog, adding googly eyes and they painted the nose black. The children were very excited to take them home. Sycamore class children were introduced to our Christmas concert play and this year we will be singing various songs from the play 'Humph the camel'.

This week, the children will be looking closely at flowers where they will explore the many different parts such as stem, leaf, petal, stamen, ovary and flower. They will have the opportunity to look and work with the parts of a flower terminology cards. This week, children enjoyed sharing the things that they will be doing during the half term holidays. We hope all the children in Sycamore class have a restful half term.

Oak:

This week, Oak class learnt about hibernation as a part of their Seasons topic. We talked about why animals and insects hibernate and how we can care for them during the hibernation season. We made lovely hedgehogs out of playdough, buttons and colourful sticks during our Out and About session. We did lots of art around natural world this week such as paper plate bumble bees. We also enjoyed our story of the week - The Ant and the Grasshopper - which taught us about seasons and harvest. It's been a short week, but we have been very busy.

Nursery:

Last week, nursery children were taught about their senses through different daily activities. We played a 'What's Missing?' game with different objects, felt different textures, tasted different food at snack time and explored the smell jars. We also played with instruments and focused on the difference between loud and quiet sounds. The children have also had lots of fun outdoors making potions, journey bracelets and paintings with brushes made out of sticks and leaves.

This week, the children have enjoying learning about facial expressions and feelings. They will also be creating art work with the letters of their name.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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