



W/C Monday 24th September 2018

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



### Jeans for Genes Day

Thank you for supporting this very important charity and raising money to help thousands of children with genetic disorders in the UK.

### Miss Wendy,

We have passed on all of your kind wishes to Miss Wendy. She is doing well and recovering and looking forward to coming back to School soon. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

### Harvest Festival Tuesday 2nd October

Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school at 9.30am next Tuesday.



The assembly is for children who attend school on a Tuesday. We promise to share photos and art work with you all.

Please be reminded that we welcome your food donations from **Monday 1st October**. The children will be creating a wonderful display and that after all your kind food donations will be donated to Mill Grove Children Home.

### Brookcroft Open Morning- 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

If your child is in Kindergarten, then this is a great opportunity to visit the Upper School and see our children working in their classrooms and meet our Montessori class teachers. Work will be on display and Miss Lorna will be able to answer any questions you might have. It is a working morning for our children so siblings or younger children are not permitted on the tour. Places will be limited.

### After School Club and Breakfast Club

You should have all received a text at the beginning of term to let you know that we will now be invoicing for our extended services Monthly.

If your child has attended any of these services since the beginning of term you will receive an invoice next week that will cover the last 4 weeks.

Please note that our Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8am and Afterschool Club is available up to 5.45pm.

### Absence from school

Please be reminded that if your child is to be absent from school it is important that you email the school office to advise by 10am on the first day. All absent requests due to planned holiday during term time should also be sent in writing to the school office (email will suffice). Please always let us know the reason for absence as we may have some children with underlying health conditions that parents may need to be made aware to support their care.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to Martha in Beech Class who last week became a big sister to a beautiful baby boy.

### Class Information:

#### Elementary:

This week Elementary enjoyed writing a variety of Cinquain and Haiku poetry.

Children also worked on adjectives and possessive nouns in their grammar studies, as well as editing skills with their creation stories. Children also loved partner reading and writing

book reviews from the books they are choosing in class.

Children also were working on a variety of maths operations in multiplication, division and addition with change, as well as finding equivalent fractions, simplifying fractions and identifying properties of 3D shapes.

This week children will be participating in practising Neve's play about the Big Bang theory, as well as completing some science experiments related to Montessori's First Great Lesson. Children will also be learning, writing and practicing songs and poetry to prepare for our school's Harvest Festival.

It was nice seeing many parents at the Autumn curriculum meeting, and it has been great start to the new term.

### **Prep:**

Last week some of the children were working collaboratively exploring the Collective Exercises of Addition and subtraction operations using the Bank Game. Others chose to do independent work using the Addition Strip Board to reinforce their knowledge of number bonds and two digit additions. We also had some children who were keen to explore the Multiplication Board and make their very own Multiplication Booklets. In Literacy, we revisited the Article Game and worked on our Diagraph Sounds. Some children chose to independently work with the Movable Alphabets and the Blue and Green Boxes. The children also enjoyed working together unscrambling letters to form the correct spelling of common Sight Words. During Science, we discussed as a group some of the facts of our five senses and how they help and protect us.

This week we will be looking at the life of Helen Keller. The children will be read daily about her extraordinary life during circle time. In Maths, they will be introduced to the Stamp Game and will be shown how to use it to form numbers and do Simple Addition and Subtraction of four digit numbers. In Literacy we will be revisiting the function of Nouns and Adjectives. The children will also be shown how to plan and sequence stories. We will continue to learn the spellings of common sight words using the Small Movable Alphabets.

### **Reception:**

In Reception we have been looking in more detail at the types of housing that we see. We have been measuring ourselves and looking at quadrilaterals and learning about equivalence with fractions. We have talked about syllabication and clapped the syllables in a word.

On Jeans for Genes day we made miniature jeans and decorated them.

This Week we are going to be talking about which items are most commonly found in each rooms in a house.

We will also be doing a pictogram survey of houses. Please make sure that 'Show and Tell' items come in on Wednesdays. This photo shows one of our class showing his 'Treasure chest' in 'Show and Tell' Last Week.



### **Beech:**

Last week Beech class was very busy learning about trees. We looked at the different types of trees. We learned about deciduous and evergreen trees and children did drawing for each type. Furthermore, we learned about the parts of a tree. We also looked at the Life Cycle of a Tree. Children looked at the different books about trees, For our Out and About session this week we did bark rubbing.

This week we will be learning about leaves and we will talk about Harvest Festival. We will make a leaf chart so please feel free to send in different leaves with your child.

### **Sycamore:**

This week we made a leaf garland and added get well wishes for Miss Wendy. The children demonstrated good hand eye co-ordination to use a needle to thread through the leaf.

On Friday we celebrated 'Genes for Genes Day' Sycamore class children came in wearing their jeans. During circle time we discussed how their £1.00 will be donated to help children with a genetic disorder. Our art activities extended with the children using scissors to cut out a picture of jeans and decorating them.

### **Oak:**

During this week we concentrated on learning about tree life cycle, as well as learning about different parts of a tree, We looked closely at sycamore seeds and acorns. Children enjoyed an Out and About session where we planted our own sycamore and oak trees in our lovely garden. We also had a Little Acorns Music and Movement session where children had an opportunity to extend their musical understanding, explore and

learn sounds and how they can be changed.

During Jeans for Genes day, Oak class participated in several creative activities, such as designing and decorating jeans.

This week we are excited to be learning some songs for the Harvest festival next week as well as created some art work around it.

**Nursery:**

Last week the children practiced various skills in grace & courtesy activities as they continued to settle in their environment. We spoke about walking in the classroom Carrying a chair safely, Walking around floor mats. How to put away their work and how to watch a friend who is working.

For our Out and About sessions, The seedling children made natural brushes out of sticks, leaves and flowers and used them to paint pictures. The Acorn children went on a mini beast hunt using magnifying glasses and they also observed fish in our tank. For Jeans for Genes day children decorated a pair of jeans and made mini jean book marks.

This week we will introduce our topic, All About Me where the children will learn new songs and poems. The art activities will involve foot prints, Handprints and salt dough. Children will have an opportunity to talk about their families through a family tree activity.

**Please help your children by finding fun ways together to support the class topic at home, to support their work in school.**

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**



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