

W/C Monday 25th February 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Welcome back, we hope you all enjoyed your half term break and are ready for a very busy rest of the Spring term.

Lower School Assembly

Well done to all the children and staff in the Lower School on delivering an informative and entertaining assembly. All the children participated, and we were blown away with their abilities and talents at such a young age. Thank you so much for coming along, it was a full house!

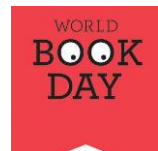


Fire Drill



Before the half term break, both school buildings had fire drills. All the children listened to their teachers and exited the buildings in a calm and orderly way, resulting in safe and effective fire drills throughout.

World Book Day



World Book Day is **Thursday 7th March**.

If you would like to read a book with the children please put your name down, a list of available time slots has now been displayed on both the school doors.

Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Monday 8th April to Friday 12th April 2018.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete a booking form. The deadline for completed forms is **Monday 4th March**. These are available at the school front doors.



Everywhere Bear

had a very exciting and active week and went on lots of adventures with Ami and Mio! Miss Kasia shared these adventures with the rest of Oak class.



Composer of the Week

The composer of the week is Beethoven. Ludwig Van Beethoven was a German

pianist and composer, he was widely considered to be one of the greatest composers of all time. Most of Beethoven's most accomplished works were created during the time he was deaf.

Environmental Health Inspection



After a full unannounced inspection by environmental health, we are delighted to report that WMS was awarded a 5* rating – the highest possible grading.

Nursery Trip – Lloyd Park

on Tuesday 19th March Nursery (Seedling and Acorn) will be visiting Lloyd Park for a Nature Explorers Trip. If your child attends nursery on a Tuesday, you will be receiving a letter with a permission slip for you to sign. Please sign and return this slip by Monday 4th March. Thank you.



Safer Internet Day

We will be having a Safer Internet Day on **Thursday 21st March**, this will be led by Mr Nicos and Miss Alex. Further information about the day will follow.

Red Nose Day

This year red nose day is on Friday 22nd March. We are busy planning lots of exciting fund-raising activities to help support this wonderful charity.



Chicken Pox

We have been notified about a case of chicken pox at Penrhyn. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children. It starts with red spots, that can appear anywhere on the body. Chicken pox is contagious until all the sores have crusted over which normally takes between 7-10 days. We have displayed a notice regarding symptoms on both school doors for your reference.

Sickness Policy This is a reminder that if your child has vomited or has diarrhoea, that they should not return to school for 48 hours.

After School Club Invoices

Invoices for any after school clubs attended between Monday 4th February until and including Friday 1st March will be issued on Monday 4th March. Please ensure that these invoices are paid in full by Friday 8th March to avoid any late payment charges.

Summer Term School Fees

Please be advised that your child's Summer term school fee invoice will be issued on **Monday 18th March** with payment due (50%) on or before **Monday 25th March**. If you would like to pay in two instalments, then the second instalment would be due on or before **Tuesday 23rd April**.

Glass Jars Needed

Kindergarten are doing an art project this week and need some spare glass jars. If you have any small to medium sized glass jars, please hand them to staff at the school doors.



Class Information

Reception

The week before the half term break we made beautiful Valentine cards and we addressed them to our family and friends.

During our Art lesson, we created hearts and paper animals. We began to study and classified animals of vertebrate and invertebrate. We read the book 'A Very Hungry Caterpillar' and we looked at the life cycle of a butterfly. We also read 'A day at Greenhill Farm' and we met all our favourite

domestic animals and their young. During our morning session we worked with 'contracted words', which we came across in the books we read ourselves.

We also watched the behaviour of a couple of yellow Ladybirds and we managed to make them a house which they could use as a habitat. We then read more about Ladybirds and realised that Ladybirds do not need any help to survive the winter.

Prep

Before the break we worked with verbs in the present and past continuous tense and looked at some of the spelling rules when working with *-ing* endings. We also looked at the format of postcards. The children then set about writing a postcard describing their trip to Mars, the alien they saw and the trick it played.

In Maths, we continued to work with fractions. Some of the children worked on labelling and writing fractions while others challenged themselves with either calculating fractions of different amounts or solving problems relating to fractions. The children have also been working with the multiplication and division board.

During our topic session, we discussed and learnt some interesting facts about Planet Venus and continued creating our fact sheets. In Science we learnt about how shadows are formed and why shadows keep changing sizes.

Hope you all had a happy and restful half term break!

Elementary

Before our half term break the children continued enjoying listening to the myth of Beowulf. The children have been writing literacy reflections about the bible and discussing the events in the story. The children also learnt about a variety of types of performance poetry and practised how to recite poetry out loud for performance purposes. Next, the children worked on joined up writing activities as well as editing skills for clarification.

In maths some children are working on ore-algebra skills, test tube and stamp game division and a variety of multiplication skills.

This week, we will be starting to study rivers in geography, as well as continuing our study of living things in science.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

The week before the half term break Beech class talked about the continent Australia. We looked at the flag of Australia and New Zealand, the animals that they live in and weather conditions. We learnt that when in UK is summer in Australia is winter and that people celebrate Christmas on the beach! We also learnt that the capital city is called Sydney and it is best known for its Opera House building. On Wednesday we had our lovely assembly, the children read a



beautiful poem about different people and we sang the song 'We Have got the Whole world in our hands'. For our art session we made a didgeridoo, the Australian instrument. And of course, we talked about Valentine's Day! Children enjoyed making their own heart bracelets.

Oak:

We had a very busy week before the half term break. Oak class visited Higham Hill Library on the Monday. We had a browse through books about different continents and countries of our planet Earth, which were prepared for us by the librarians.



We selected a book of the week in the library, which was called 'The Hug'. This story is about friendship and love, and that there is always someone for everyone to hug!

On Wednesday we had a school assembly, which was attended by our family and friends. We prepared a presentation on one of the countries we learned about this term - France. We talked about the capital city of France called Paris, as well as traditional French food and the most famous landmark Eiffel Tower. We worked



really hard on learning our lines and performing in front of the whole school and we were very proud when everybody clapped and smiled for us!

On Thursday we celebrated St. Valentine's Day by baking cookies and making heart garlands for our families. The sound we concentrated on this week was "r", and the topic we were busy learning about was the remote continent of Australia.

Sycamore

We all enjoyed our continent assembly where each child participated in representing India. The children enjoyed imparting their knowledge on Indian culture, including different types of foods consumed and the types of clothing worn.

To mark St Valentines Day, we all discussed the occasion and made cards for our loved ones.

We also learnt about the continent Australia where the children demonstrated excellent expressive art and design skills and hand eye co-ordination as they made their didgeridoo instruments.

This week we will be concentrating on the continent of Africa. We have some exciting activities planned including writing our initial name using hieroglyphics just like the Egyptians.

Nursery:

We had a very festive and joyful week full of celebrations. The nursery children prepared and performed the 8 planets song for the Assembly. They had loads of fun creating the planets in our solar system, learning their names and their colours. For our 'out and about' session we

learnt about different types of sports and we practiced playing football and tennis. We all enjoyed the nice weather during the week, spending more time in the garden where we explored a variety of ball games. We celebrated Valentine's day by singing songs about love and creating love hearts which the children decorated with tissue paper.

This week, we will continue our topic, focusing on architecture around the world. We will be looking at cards representing housing in different continents and the children will have an opportunity to create their own home using pre-cut shapes in different sizes and colours. We will be talking about the parts of a house and their functions.



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

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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