

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Nursery Trip to Lloyd Park

All of the children in nursery visited Lloyd Park last week. Vicky the environmentalist delivered a morning of activities which taught the children how to look for signs of spring, the different types of plants you can find and importantly which ones we use to make different foods and ones that we can eat.



The children had the opportunity to explore and to get their hands dirty by

making coloured prints using different fruits and vegetables and also planting their own corn seeds which they have taken back to WMS so that the children

can water them and watch them grow.



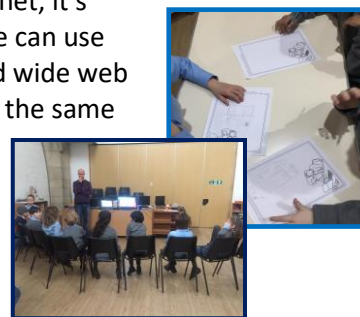
Teacher Parent Meetings

We are looking forward to welcoming Nursery, Kindergarten and Elementary parents / carers to our parent's meetings tomorrow Tuesday 26th March. To ensure that the afternoon / evening runs smoothly please ensure that you arrive on time for your meeting.

Please be reminded that no WMS children or siblings will be able to attend these meetings. If you require your child to attend Tea Timers Club on Tuesday 26th or if you have an early morning meeting and your child needs to attend Breakfast Club, please call the office to book your child into these clubs as spaces will be limited. Thank you for your understanding.

E-Safety Day

All the children from Upper School and Kindergarten, took part in an E-Safety day last Thursday. Mr Nicos delivered age appropriate workshops which covered how to use the internet, it's function and how we can use and access the world wide web while staying safe at the same time.



Reminder that our last day of Spring Term is Thursday 4th April. School will finish at 12.30pm the children will not need a packed lunch. Breakfast club will be running on the 4th but please note there will be no lunch time or tea timer's clubs



Mothering Sunday

We would like to wish you all a lovely Mother's Day this Sunday.

Diary Dates

Our end of Summer term concert this year will be held on **Friday 19th July at Forest School, Snaresbrook, E17. This is a whole school event, please pop this date in your diary now!**



We are just finalising sports day arrangements so will share these with you as soon as we can.

School Photos

The school photographer will be at the **Lower School on Thursday 9th May** and at the **Upper School on Monday 13th May**. More details to follow. Please ensure you have the full and correct summer uniform for your child.



Leavers' Assembly

Any children who are leaving WMS at the end of the Spring Term will be invited to attend a special leavers' assembly to celebrate their time at WMS.

Composer of the Week

Igor Stravinsky (1882-1971) was born near St. Petersburg and learned the piano as a young boy.

In 1951 he wrote one of his most famous operas, *The Rake's Progress*. The words are by British poet. W.H Auden, who Stravinsky met when he moved to USA in 1939.



School Uniform

Any school uniform items for Upper School children can be purchased on line from our uniform supplier Speedstitch at www.speedstitch.co.uk

Smocks for the Lower School are available from the school office along with lower school back-packs and book bags.

Payment of Invoices

This is polite notice to remind parents / carers, that when the school issues an invoice that full payment of that invoice should be made by the date stated on the invoice. If for any reason this is not possible, we would be grateful if you can contact the school office and speak to either Miss Wendy or Miss Celestina to discuss a revised payment day. Chasing outstanding invoices by office staff waste valuable time and resources that could be used in a more productive way.

Summer Term School Fees

Invoices for the summer term have now been issued and 50% of the invoice needs to be paid by today **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**. **Please ensure your payment remittance is completed and returned to the school office.**

School Notice Period

May we respectfully remind you that you are required to provide notice, in writing, if your child will be leaving the school. This written notice should have been received by the school



office on or before the first day of the new term. Therefore, if your child is leaving us at the end of the summer term 2019 and not returning in September 2019, we should receive notice on or before Tuesday 23rd April 2019. After this date school fees for the summer term will be invoiced and payable, as per your signed terms and conditions.

Lost Property

As the end of term approaches please could you ensure you check the lost property bins for any items your child may have mis-placed during this half of the term. Please could you check before Tuesday 2nd April as after this time we will be removing the items left and donation to charity



Class Information

Elementary

Last week the children began to explore the idea of sound in science. Children went on a silent sound walk, starting inside the school and then going out into the garden. Even the instructions were done in silence by using gestures.

It's really quite amazing the sounds heard when truly quiet and paying extra attention to the sounds. We also began learning about the History of Numbers for History, which is a Montessori great lesson that demonstrates how ancient civilisations began writing and recording numbers and how the numbers are now in modern day.

Some children are continuing to work on their first draft of a letter to their local official, Stella Creasy, with their ideas to persuade her to do something to help people living in poverty. The children really have some wonderful heartfelt ideas. We hope to extend and expand on these ideas in an enterprise week.

Reception and Prep

We have had another busy week in Reception and Prep Class.



On Thursday, we had our Internet Safety Day led by Mr Nicos and Ms Alex. We learnt what the Internet was, who controlled it, what we use the internet for and most importantly how to be safe on the internet. The children engaged well with the topic and were able to answer questions correctly with some of the knowledge they have already acquired through their ICT sessions. Mr Nicos ended the session with an interactive story which helped reinforce the potential dangers of giving out personal information on the internet.

In class, we continued with our topic on transportation - this time focusing on distance and speed. In particular we talked about Stage Coaches and as a group discussed

how long it would have taken to travel a specific distance and how travelling has changed today.

In Literacy, some of the younger children have been working really hard on improving their letter formations. Others have been working on writing sentences with sight words and some have been editing sentences using capital letters and full stops. The older children have been practicing their cursive formation and are beginning to practice writing sentences in cursive.

In Maths, some of the younger children worked through the Golden Beads and Large Decimal Cards activities, others explored the Addition and Subtraction Boxes and some were introduced to the Addition Snake Activity and Linear Counting using the 100 chain. The older children continued to explore activities using The Stamp Game, Multiplication Board and Division Board. Some of the children have been introduced to Dynamic Operations using the Stamp Game while others are working through long divisions using two-digit divisor.

In art, we looked at the work of Piet Mondrian particularly his composition with Yellow Blue and Red. The children had a go of creating their own abstract art using squares and rectangles.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week Beech class talked about North America. We looked at Mexico, the capital city, the language, flag and their traditional foods. We also talked about Frida Kahlo the Mexican painter.

We also learned about five oceans of the world. We had a very busy week recapping the letters and the numbers we have been learning and some children were writing sight words on the large movable alphabet.

This week we will start talking about South America.

Sycamore:

Last week we continued our activities based around St Patrick's day. We also learned about Mexico and its location in the North American continent.

We discussed important facts such as the North American continent sharing its borders with the United States of America in the North and Belize and Guatemala in the South. The children were able to use descriptive words when describing the green, white and red flag.

After a group discussion with their teachers and peers the children were able to convey the representation of each colour i.e. independence, unity and religion.

We looked at some beautiful landmarks including Chitzen, Itza and Acapulco.

There was a comparative discussion about the landmarks we have here in London including London Bridge and The London Eye.

We discussed about culture and the types of food that we eat in England. It was then compared to the dishes eaten in Mexico. The favourite dish amongst the class was Chili Con Carne!

We were all treated to an extra special event called 'Internet Safety'. We learnt about the functionality of the World Wide Web and how to stay safe.

This week there are some exciting activities planned around South America including Brazil and Peru.

Oak:

Last Monday, Oak class started learning about another country located in the continent of North America, called Mexico. We looked at the puzzle map and the globe to learn where Mexico is located. We also learnt about the Mexican flag, looked at pictures of Mexican landscapes and Mexican people. During our P.E. session on Monday Oak class practised identifying numbers as well as hopping safely from one place to another.

On Tuesday we talked about a famous Mexican artist called Frida Kahlo. We looked at her paintings and learnt about Frida Kahlo's work and life. We also talked about colours and how drawing can help express our emotions and our thoughts. We practised describing our drawings using different adjectives to help us learn new words and meanings. On Wednesday during our 'Out and About' session we painted flowers in a still life technique, as inspired by Frida Kahlo. We experimented with colours and how they can be combined together to create new shades. On Thursday we learnt about the five oceans of the world. We looked at the sandpaper globe and discussed how much space on our planet is taken by land and how much by water. We also joined the rest of the Kindergarten in a lesson dedicated to the Internet Safety Day, where we discussed the World Wide Web and how to be safe online. On Friday we got introduced to a new country in North America, called Canada. We looked at the pictures of Canadian landscapes, discussed Canadian weather, national languages as well as its flora and fauna. The sound we were concentrating on during the week was "t". "The Tiger who came to Tea" by Judith Kerr was our book of the week.



Nursery:

It was a week filled with new learning adventures in our nursery community. Last week we greeted and celebrated the beginning of Spring. Our trip to Lloyd Park was very well received and the children were excited to be outdoors, exploring nature. They had a tactile experience of the plants we eat and later on



they had an opportunity to plant corn seeds in little pots. They have also enjoyed making vegetable and fruit prints. Part of the presentation was



dedicated to the celebration of Holi, the festival of colours and they had an opportunity to draw Rangoli symbols with chalk on the ground. Throughout the week we were talking about the

Spring season, focusing on the changes in the weather, plants and spring flowers.

This week we will continue with our topic about Spring and we will be learning about insects and animals related to this season.

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

Important Numbers



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