

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



I can see a rainbow or two!

The Children were privileged last Thursday as a double rainbow was spotted at WMS! Rainbows are a meteorological phenomenon taking the form of a multicoloured circular arc. Double rainbows are rare and are formed when sunlight is reflected twice within a raindrop!

World Book Week

The staff are busy preparing for World Book Week starting with these artistic board and book displays.

We have a week of activities planned around World Book Day on Thursday.



On Wednesday a parent will be delivering a special musical session to Beech Class around the Julia Donaldson books.

Please remember that all children can dress as their favourite book character on Thursday, World Book Day. Thank you to the parents who have signed up to read with the children this week, there are a few spaces left so please call the office if you can spare an hour. We will also be having a 'Book Swap Day' on Thursday, your child can donate a book which they can swap at school.

Reminder that our last day of Spring Term is Thursday 4th April. School will finish at 12.30pm. Breakfast club will be running on the 4th but please note there will be no lunch time or tea timer's clubs

Upcoming Trips;

Nursery, Lloyd Park

Tuesday 19th March. Please return your consent forms asap.

Prep and Reception Class



Visit London Transport Museum at Covent Garden on Wednesday 13th March – Letter with all the details to follow.

Elementary Class

Visit to Soanes Centre, Tower Hamlets on Friday 15th March. – Rocks & Weathering Workshop – Letter will all the details to follow.

Easter Holiday Club

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

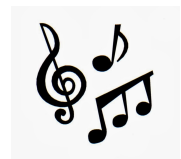
If you would like your child to attend, please complete a booking form. The deadline for completed forms is **Monday 4th March.** These are available at the school front doors.



Everywhere Bear

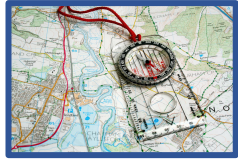
Composer of the Week

The composer of the week this week is Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868). Rossini was the greatest Italian composer of his time. He wrote 40 operas by the time he was 38, making his debut at the age of 18 with 'La Cambiale di matrimonio' the 'Bill of Marriage'.



Geography Day

This **Friday 8th March** will be our geography day throughout both schools. Miss Alex will be delivering lots of exciting tasks, which will mainly focus around maps, map making and simple orienteering.



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

Will be issued today for any after school clubs attended between Monday 4th February until and including Friday 1st 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**.

Class Information

Reception and Prep

Reception Class and Prep Class have formally merged. We are using both rooms to work and it is lovely to watch the children working collaboratively with each other.

In Maths, the younger children worked with the Golden Beads and Large Decimal Cards. We

worked through several exercises, which enabled them to become more familiar with the different place value categories and quantities. Some of the children were also introduced to addition using the Golden Beads. The older children worked with Time although we did have some younger children joining in. The children worked collaboratively with a partner and challenged them to tell the time to the hour, half past, quarter to and quarter past. Aside from working with time related activities, the children have also been repeating activities relating to fractions.

In Literacy, the younger children have been practicing their letter formations and working hard with the movable alphabets. The older children continued to work with verbs in the present and past continuous tense and we reviewed some of the spelling rules when working with *-ing* endings.

The children were also introduced to the work of French Artist Henri Matisse. During circle time we read a book entitled Matisse's Garden by



Samantha Friedman which showed how the artist's never-ending curiosity and continuous process of trying new things helped turn a small experiment into a new form of art. They enjoyed looking at the beautiful illustrations of some of his famous work and created their own Matisse inspired creations for art.

World Book Day is on Thursday, 7th March. Please have children dress up as their favourite book character and bring in their favourite book!

Elementary

Last week elementary continued learning about features of rivers, as well as researched and drew maps with major rivers in Britain. Some children picked other rivers to learn about in the world. Some chose to learn about the Nile River and others chose to learn about the Amazon. Next, in Literacy, children are creating writing plans for their own myths. Some children have

began to put their plan for their myth in action. They are learning how to use creative story elements in their writing, such as creating a problem, a solution, as well as using creative imagery to describe their characters and setting. We are also working on proper use of speech marks, commas punctuation and editing skills for our stories.

In maths some children are working on pre-algebra skills, long multiplication, static and dynamic subtraction, money work, clock work and division skills.

World Book Day in next week on Thursday. Children should come dressed as their favourite character from a book, and bring the book with them to share. Children will be participating in a variety of activities related to their books.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Oak:

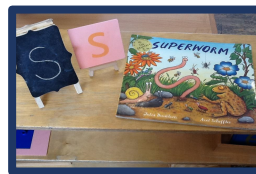
Oak class got back from the half term holiday and got straight into our new continent - the great continent of Africa. We discovered that Africa has many countries in it such as Algeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Madagascar, Morocco, Nigeria and many others. We discussed amazing variety of African landscapes which include the greatest desert in the world called Sahara, the longest river in the world called the Nile and breathtaking Victoria falls. We learnt about Egypt and its magnificent pyramids, that were built over 4000 years ago. We looked at different animals found in a safari and we made our own animals

out of playdough, sticks and pipe cleaners during our 'Out and About' session.

On Thursday we joined the rest of the school for the presentation on Morocco - a country in Northern Africa.



We saw, touched and smelled different objects found in Moroccan culture, such as Moroccan teapot and cups, Moroccan slippers Babouche, Moroccan dress Jalaba, traditional black soap Beldi and beautiful Moroccan lamp. We really enjoyed learning so many different words in another language! On Friday we talked about St. David who is the main saint of Wales. We commemorated St. David's Day by making daffodils using yellow paper, cocktail straws and cupcake liners.



Last week we concentrated on sound "s" and the book of the week was "Superworm" by Julia Donaldson.

Sycamore:

Our continent exploration focussed on Africa this week. We learned about different countries including Egypt and Morocco. There was some amazing discoveries about the Sphinx and the great pyramids in Egypt and the tallest mountain Mount Kilimanjaro. We also looked at Egyptian fashion and made our own Egyptian collars. The Egyptians communicated by using hieroglyphs, pictorial images. Sycamore class manipulated the playdough to create their own hieroglyphs. Our exploration continued on the country of Morocco. All of Kindergarten joined together to learn about different landmarks and places including the beautiful Atlas mountains. We also tried on traditional Moroccan outfits and learnt about the Souks markets and Moroccan food.



This week we will continue our discussions on Morocco and we have some exciting activities planned including making Moroccan tea light holders.

We are looking forward to Pancake Day on Tuesday where the children will have the opportunity to prepare fruits to accompany their pancakes.

Nursery:

We had a really good start to the rest of the Spring term. The children learned about housing and architecture around the world, they discovered the most famous buildings and landmarks of London. For our 'out and about session' we brought "The Three Little Pigs" story to life. Children engaged into building houses out of straw, sticks and bricks. A big success was creating sculptures by using feathers, pipe cleaners and lollipop sticks which the children pierced onto a pieces of clay. The children also engaged with imaginative play by building towns and cities using wooden blocks.



This week, we have a lot to celebrate. We will be focusing on the world book day where the children will have an opportunity to participate in various reading sessions and dress up in their favourite book characters. They will make insect book marks and learn about the structure of a book by creating their own books. We will also celebrate Pancake day on Tuesday and Geography day on Friday with planned activities throughout the week.

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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