

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



This will be our very last newsletter for the Spring term.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a very happy Easter break. We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 23rd April 2019 after a well-earned rest, along with the staff! It is always sad when we have to say good-bye to our children and families that are moving on, but we wish them all the very best. We are also looking forward to welcoming our new WMS families.

Please be reminded that our last day of term is on Thursday 4th April 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 or tea timers clubs.

Please see below a couple of Easter activities that are taking place over the holidays.

Waltham Forest are offering free Easter Cycling School from 8-18th April children aged 4-9 years old. Visit cycleconfident.com to book your place!



Easter egg hunt and decorating at Walthamstow Wetlands from Saturday 20th April to Monday 22nd

April, visit www.walthamstowwetlands.com for more information and Easter events.

Teacher Parent Meetings

Thank you to all the parents / carers who have attended parent meetings over the last couple of weeks. You would have been given a Parent Meeting Feedback Slip to complete, we would be grateful if you have not yet completed the slip to do so and return to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Sports Day

This year WMS Sports Day will be on Thursday 4th July at 'The Feel Good Centre' in Walthamstow.

Upper School children will be having some athletic training at the centre before Sports day. More details to follow. If any of our parents have some athletic skills that may be of use we would love to hear from you.



Lunch al fresco

The children enjoyed having their lunch in the garden on Friday, as the weather was so glorious! Hopefully the Summer term will bring the start of warmer weather.



Please ensure your child has sun-screen applied before school and a named sun-hat. Please do not put bottles of sun screen in your child's school bag. Thank you

Jack Petchey Award

Congratulations to Edgar in Elementary who has received the Jack Petchey Award from his drama school at Arcola Theatre.

Edgar's class voted for him and he received £250 to spend on the drama group. Edgar has been invited to an awards ceremony where he will be presented with his medal.



Everywhere Bear

Had a very busy weekend, he helped with the shopping, visited a garden centre and even went on a march in London!



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!**



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.

Composer of the Week

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was born in Hamburg, Germany and began writing music as a child. One of his most famous pieces is based on Shakespeare's play *A Midsummer Night's Dream*. He composed it when he was only 17.

After School Club

Invoices will be issued on Monday 1st April, **payment due no later than Thursday 4th April**. These invoices will cover any after school clubs attended during March.

Termination of a Place

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 donating to charity



Class Information

Elementary

It was another busy week in Elementary. The children have been working hard, completing term reviews and taking end of the term assessments in Maths, English and our topic work of Science, Geography and History.

It's been a real pleasure looking back and seeing all of the things children recall, and especially their enthusiasm in all of their topic areas.

It was so nice to speak with parents at the parent's meetings and share with you the children's books.

This week, children will participate in Easter activities and some exciting science experiments that they have been requesting to complete.

I wanted to take this opportunity to share a sincere thank you to all of the Children, families and staff at WMS and to wish you all a wonderful and happy break.

Reception and Prep

Last week, we spent some time reviewing the work that the children have been doing this term.

There has also been a lot of collaborative work amongst the children. The older children have enjoyed showing some of the children how to build the Roman Tower and the Trinomial Cube.

In Maths, the younger children have been working with the hundred board, the Addition Snake, the Addition and Subtraction Boxes and working through some of the Linear Chains. Some of the older children have been working really hard with long division (two digit and three digit divisor) using the Stamp Game. Others continue to work with the multiplication box and board.

In Literacy, the younger children have been working on phonics and rhyming activities. They have also been copy-writing words and short sentences in their books. The older children continue to practice writing sentences in cursive.

In art, the children made a special card for Mother's Day.

We hope you all have a lovely Easter Break.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Towards the end of the spring term, this week we started talking about our last continent, South America. We looked at Brazil and Peru and located them on the puzzle map of South America. On Thursday Beech class joined the other classes in a Capoeira session.

Capoeira is Brazilian martial art, that has its roots based on a female Angolan dance. It was really good to see all

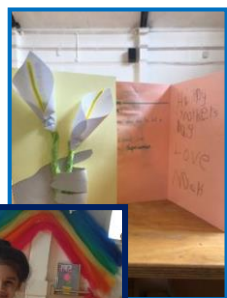
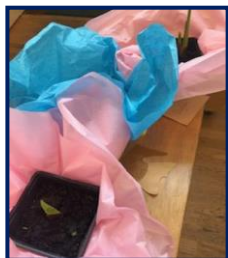
students being engaged and answering geography and botany (plant biology) questions about Brazil and generally South America and Africa. Students also learned some historic facts of Brazil, of which Capoeira is a part of. Specifically, the transferring of people from Africa by Spanish and Portuguese colonisers, in order for the first to work in coffee and sugarcane plants. Furthermore, children were introduced in the story and #

the styles of Capoeira, and to the fact that though it started as a dance, it is indeed a martial art and can be used for self-defence. For that, Mr Nikos showed in a video and a real presentation the different ways of

practicing Capoeira. Also, he presented some of the basic instruments like the Berimbau and got students to describe it. Lastly, students were presented with the martial art side of capoeira, by teachers who performed self-defence moves. It was also nice to see some students asking to come and do a cartwheel or throw a kick in front of all the others.

We also made some Mother's Day cards and decorated the pots which they planted flower bulbs before.

This week we will continue talking about South America and will have an International day the last day of school which is 4th of April. Children can come in dressed in their traditional clothes! We will have some activities around the topic and listen to different music from around the world!



Sycamore:

As the warm weather approaches once again, Sycamore class have been enjoying some exciting outdoor learning. We all sat in the garden on the logs and participated in the silence game. We all enjoyed an environment enriched with language as each child shared descriptive words about the sounds they could hear.

We also learnt about the continent of South America. There was much discussion about Brazil and the types of foods consumed including Pao de Queiro a delicious cheese bread, Guarana a drink made with small red berries and FeiJoada, a bean stew made with pork and rice.

The children observed lots of images which formed the basis for discussion about foods we eat in

different cultures. We also learnt that Brazil is the largest continent in South America.

Our exciting week continued with a discussion about Peru and its geographic location between the Pacific Ocean and Columbia. There were lots of images of wildlife where the children shared with the group about their experience visiting the zoo.

We hope you enjoyed our lovely Mother's day cards that the children made.

This week



we will be engaging in some lovely activities for our continuation of the country Argentina located in South America.

Oak:

On Monday Oak class recapped all the knowledge we had learned on the continents and the oceans of the planet Earth. Then we flew to a new continent - South America. We looked at the pictures of South American people, nature, buildings, landscapes and animals. We discussed possible similarities and differences between living in London aligning in South America.

During our PE session we practised kicking a football. We split into two teams and kicked the ball to each other. This was good fun, as well as a good chance to learn how to play in a team!

On Tuesday we learnt about the biggest country in South America - Brazil. We looked at pictures of traditional Brazilian food and famous landscapes. We talked about Amazon forests, its tropical climate and rainforest animals. We enjoyed listening to one of the children sharing her experience of visiting Brazil.

On Wednesday we started getting ready to do Mother's Day celebrations by making necklaces out of pasta which we painted for our Mums. We also made beautiful cards using paper, glue and buttons.



On Thursday we had a presentation on Brazilian martial art called Capoeira. Mr Nikos talked to us about origins of Capoeira and why and how it is used in modern days. He also showed us some Capoeira moves, which was very impressive!

On Friday we had a lovely weather, so we all had our lunches outside, which was amazing! We learnt about the South American country called Peru and we decorated pictures of Peruvian llamas using yarn, cotton wool and glue.



Nursery:

Last week, nursery children spent a lot of quality time outdoors enjoying the nice weather.

Children made a Spring display board by drip painting and sticking leaves, sticks and tissue paper to make flowers. Also, children enjoyed digging and taking care of our outdoor plants as well as learning about insects and animals in spring.



Each child made a Mother's Day card and a poem about mothers, which we read.



This week, we will be celebrating the coming of Easter by identifying the symbols of Easter, decorating eggs and doing our traditional egg hunt in the garden.

We will be saying goodbye to Miss Lucy at the end of the term and we would all like to wish her all the best for the future and to thank her for all her hard work and dedication. She will be missed by everyone at WMS.



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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