

W/C Monday 17th June 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Fire Station Trip

Last week some of our Kindergarten children enjoyed a very exciting class trip to the Walthamstow Fire Station. The children had a tour of the fire station by 'Blue watch'. They watched a firefighter slide down their firepole then all the children had the opportunity to sit in a fire truck and they had a chance to use a fire hose. It was a very exciting morning and the children learned about the important role that firefighters play in our community.



Bakery in the garden

All of nursery, took their learning outside on Friday. The pastry chefs Miss Marta and Miss Lidija helped the children set up their own bakery. The children took it in turns to select and buy cakes and bread from their shop.



DT Lesson

This week, the children in Reception class made individual handwoven carpets, the children then placed them all together and created one big, colourful magic carpet!



Everywhere Bear

Florence ensured that 'Everywhere Bear' had an active and creative weekend, he participated in lots of fun filled activities.



Polite Reminder: The school day ends at 3pm and this is when children should be collected.

Father's Day...

is a celebration honouring fathers and celebrating fatherhood, paternal bonds and the influence of fathers in society. We hope you all managed to celebrate and enjoy this special day.



Police visit

As part of our topic this term in the Lower School the children have been learning about different professions and the roles these professions play in our community.

To support this understanding, on Tuesday 16th July, P.C. Karen Killick will be delivering a short assembly to the children, covering road safety, keeping safe and talking about her role as a Police Constable within the Metropolitan Police.

Performance from Palisander

Our Upper School children will be taking part in a special interactive musical performance from Palisander - 'a recorder revolution concert' on

Tuesday 25th June at Walthamstow Assembly Hall.

Please ensure that you return your child's permission slip to attend this event.



Sports Day T- Shirt

THURSDAY 4TH JULY



Please remember to complete your slip, if you will be attending our annual sports day event on Thursday 4th July and to place your order for a school T-shirt if your child does not have one.

We look forward to seeing all our families at the off-site venue: **The Feel Good Centre, 170 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, E17 5AA**

Summer Concerts

The children at both schools have started to practice in earnest for their summer concerts. Lower school are performing 'Chicken Licken' this year and our Upper School are performing 'The Moon Thieves'.

A lot of hard work and dedication goes into these performances and we are very excited to see the final production.

Autumn Term Fees

Invoices will be issued from Monday 24th June 2019

Payment should be made on or before Monday 1st July to secure your child's place for the Autumn term and then the second instalment on or before the Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the school term in September.

School Contact details

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Class Information

Elementary

Last week, Elementary class practiced poetry in English, learning about relative clause and main clause and continued speech intonation while reading their lines for the script. In Maths children continued working with the fraction materials, revising addition and subtraction and also doing division of fractions. Last week's PSHE topic was about advises and regimes, a 2-day lesson, which will be completed next week. Students read 12 lines that give advice and expressed their opinion and understanding on them. It was amazing to see all these ideas coming up and being expressed. In science, students learned about the centrifugal and centripetal forces, and how these are applied, e.g. washing machine, astronaut training etc. In Geography we learnt about different martial arts and their country of origin, while in RE we continued our topic on Buddhism and its characteristics. The children were also given their parts for our summer concert and continued preparations for shooting their film.

This week, students will be focusing on volume calculation and Improper fractions along with practicing their literacy skills, by reading their lines of the script, as well as working on the summer concert. And of course, we have our exciting school trip on Tuesday to a working production company.

Reception and Prep

Last week we learnt about bees and why they are so amazing. Children have been learning different facts about bees and why they are so important to us. We have decided to make part of our bug hotel especially for solitary bees to come and stay. We unfortunately haven't had a chance to start our bug hotel because of the wet weather but hopefully we will have some better weather in the coming

weeks. We have also spent time looking at different insects and discovering their habitats.

Children have been working on fractions. They have been learning about halves and quarters and using this knowledge to shade fractions of a circle. Children have been looking at various word problems and we have also continued work with money. We have started looking at symmetry and we will continue next week with the children designing their own symmetrical butterfly. We will also be learning about different insects from around the world and some of the rarest insects.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week Beech class started the week talking about healthy eating. We celebrated 'healthy eating' week by reading the story 'Carrot Club' and making the characters of the story out of dough. Children manipulated the dough into their favourite character in the story and painted them with water paint. Furthermore, we continued talking about our topic, 'people in uniform' and also this week's topic firefighters! We discussed in a group about what the firefighters are doing, how do we contact them, what equipment do they use etc. Children coloured a fire engine by using their phonic knowledge, colouring parts of it according to the colour code.



We also made cards for Father's Day. This week we will talk about dentists.

Sycamore:

Last week was very enjoyable for us here in Sycamore class.

We had fun at the fire station where the children participated in a role play firefighter activity. There was lots of equipment at the fire station and we all took turns to explore the firefighter's hose and sit inside the fire truck.

We learnt about different numbers to dial and what actions to take in the event of an emergency.



Our enjoyable week continued, and we made some lovely crafts and cards for Father's Day. We also looked at Father's Day celebrations in different countries and how they mark the special day.

We also learned about capacity and the measurement of millilitres. In turn, we filled the glass with water according to the teacher's instructions, full, empty and half empty.

This week, our topic on 'people in uniform' will continue with the dentist. There will be lots of opportunity to learn new language in association with teeth including molars, incisors and canines.

Oak:

Oak class started last week by recapping everything they had learnt the previous week when we



concentrated on the topic of healthy eating. We read a story about Carrot Club, a story that taught us that

everybody is important and unique no matter how they look on the outside. We then made salt dough carrots using our Math knowledge and fine motor skills. On Tuesday, we looked at the different physical exercises firefighters have to do to stay fit and be ready for the time of emergency. We practised balancing on a bench, climbing over obstacles and rolling on a mat. It was good fun and we got to practise our balance and gross motor skills in a group activity.

On Wednesday during our 'Out and About' session we painted the carrots we made out of salt dough earlier in the week.



Thursday and Friday, we dedicated this time to creating presents for our Daddies or a father figure. We made beautiful cards by painting soles of shoes of different sizes and stamping them on paper. We also

made tasty cookies using flour, dairy free butter, baking powder, vanilla essence and brown sugar - they made the whole school smell delicious!

The sound of the week was "f" and the book of the week was "Firefighters".

This week we will be learning about dentists, the tools they use and how they can help us to keep our teeth healthy.

Nursery

Last week the nursery children were learning about flour, where does it come from and what we can make from flour. Children had a sensorial exploration of flour, learning how to describe its texture, colour and what happens when we add water to it. Our exploration went further with introducing a recipe for making bread and together we made bread, learning the name of the ingredients, adding, mixing and baking. They were all excited to taste the bread they helped make. We introduced the classified cards for our pastry shop and learned the names of products made of flour. At the end of the week we set up a pastry shop role playing game in the garden and the children took turns in being a customer, baker and cashier.

This week we are going to talk about milk and milk products. The children are going to have a sensorial exploration of milk and describe its texture, colour and features. We are going to talk about where the milk comes from, learn about the cow and its body parts as well as the products of milk we use in our everyday life. The children will have an opportunity to participate in an art activity of making a cow from cardboard and we are going to make an experiment of milking a cow using rubber gloves.



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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