

W/C Monday 24th June 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



It's getting warmer!

We are looking at a very warm and sunny spell with high temperatures. Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school. We will ensure that they have their school smock on to cover their arms but PLEASE do send your child in with a named sun hat. It is essential during the lunch time period. We will make sure that the children are drinking plenty of water.

The smocks are perfect for wearing with all the water play which again keeps the children cool as they dry very quickly when the children come in for their lessons.

DT Lesson

Last week in Elementary class all the children made their own wooden robots.

The children used hammers, drills, screwdrivers and pliers to help them construct these delightful robots!



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.



All Upper School children to arrive at school by 8.50am. If you child attends Breakfast club, please note we will be walking to the Upper School at 8.30am.

River Film Studios

Elementary class visited River Film Production company last Tuesday. The children witnessed first-hand the production and post production of advertisements and films in a professional environment.

They had hands on experience in drawing with professional tools and software such as Photoshop and a wacom tablet, working in 3D animation and lightning and compositing, while also seeing the pre-visualisation and editing process. It is worth to mention that the employees of the company were amazed by children's demonstrable knowledge on the whole film production process.

Below are some of the drawings the children produced on the computer, each drew something of their own, then all of the drawings were combined in a single picture/composition.





Art Project

Some of our Upper school children have produced some lovely artwork which is currently being displayed at a local shop near Lloyd Park by Winn Ave. Elementary's artwork is influenced by William Morris, while Reception class designs are reproduced in the style of Andy Warhol.

Some amazing work from our very talented pupils!



Sports Day

Reminder that next Thursday 4th July is our annual sports day event, being held this year at the 'Feel Good Centre' in Walthamstow.



Please ensure that you return your slip to inform us if you will be attending this event no later than Tuesday 25th June. It is important, as part of the venue's health and safety procedures, that we inform them of the number of people who will be attending in advance of the day.

Autumn Term Fees

Invoices will be handed out today Monday 24th June 2019, if you do not receive an invoice for your child please let the office know.

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 photos have arrived and are being handed out. If you ordered school photos and do not receive them in the next couple of days, please call the office to let us know.

Goodbye to Miss Lilia

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Miss Lilia on Friday. We will all miss her a lot and it's a real shame she is off on her travels with her family and new life in another country, but we support and wish her much happiness ahead. Please keep in touch Miss Lilia!

School Contact details

Please be reminded that to contact the school office by email, please use this email address:

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Class Information

Elementary

Last week Elementary class focused on their film topic. Specifically, students filmed many scenes of their upcoming movie, and in this way practiced their expression skills while acting. Following the topic work, in science students learned about how light and camera work, and in PHSE they understood the value of teamwork and mutual respect, as they were collaborating on set for each scene. In Math children revised addition and subtraction of fractions with different denominators and learned how to calculate the volume of 3D shapes. In English they continued practicing their reading skills on different topics. In Art children practiced photography and its principals, while filming one of their scenes and in ICT they continued practicing text typing and video editing. Students also were given their parts for the school's summer concert and also practiced for their Sports day at Feel Good Sports Centre.

This week, students will continue shooting for their film, will work further on volume calculation and focus on improper fractions. They will also work on prefixes and suffixes, along with reading in Literacy.

Reception and Prep

Last week the children have been looking at symmetry. All the children had opportunity to create their own symmetrical butterflies we had some lovely creations. We started looking at some unusual mini beasts which the children enjoyed, and they were keen to learn lots about them.



We have been talking about doubling, halving and sharing. All the children did really well and most of them wanted to extend and work with bigger numbers.

We have been reading Dr Seuss, which led to a discussion about rhyming words. Some children made their own list of rhyming words and then

created their own rhyme. Children have still been enjoying their hunt for insects in the garden!

We spent time at the Feel good centre where the



children had the opportunity to use the track and practice some races.

We also started to practice for the summer concert!

This week we will begin to construct our bug hotel, if you have any bricks or tiles that we could have please let us know.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week Beech class learnt all about the role of a dentist. We discussed about what we need to do to look after our teeth. How do we clean our teeth and how many times a day do they need to be cleaned. We read 'The Enormous Crocodile' by Roald Dahl and counted the teeth.



Furthermore, the children had the opportunity to brush the teeth on a life size model of a mouth with an electric toothbrush.

This week, we be talking about builders and construction.

Sycamore:

The role of a dentist went down a treat last week here in Sycamore class. The children learnt all about what happens at a dental surgery and the people who work there to help us keep our teeth healthy. We explored lots of new language relating to teeth including canine,

incisors and molars. Our practical cleaning teeth activity enabled us to have a better understanding about the importance of oral health care and the negative effects that bacteria can have on them. After the practical activity, we observed the anatomy of the tooth's structure. Most of the children have an understanding that a tooth consists of the enamel, crown, dentine, root, pulp and the bone.

With the unpredictable weather ahead of us, we made the most of the sunshine by having a PSED activity in our lovely garden. The sorting activity named good friend, bad friend, enabled the children to place different images into two different categories. As a group, the children demonstrated a growing maturity as we discussed the outcome of each pictorial card. The have a good understanding of what makes a good friend and that we shouldn't hit or kick anyone. They also

understood the importance of making everyone feel inclusive by inviting a child to play if they are alone.

This week we will be discussing the role of a builder. Can you please observe key characteristics of the front door in your home with your children ie, colour and numbers. We will be trying to re-create your child's front door on paper during one of our planned activities. Clearly labelled photographs are also welcomed to assist the children during this exciting project.

Oak:

Last week Oak class were busy concentrating on one of the most important aspects of health and self-care, which is brushing our teeth. We began an activity, where children had to use their critical thinking skills to be able to arrange a sequence of brushing teeth - from squeezing a pea-sized amount of toothpaste to rinsing our toothbrushes at the end. On Tuesday, we enjoyed the 'Counting Crocodile Teeth' activity, where we had an opportunity to practise our math skills by counting beyond 20. We also read The Enormous Crocodile by Roald Dahl and discussed why crocodiles needed so many teeth and what would happen if they did not have any. On Wednesday we practised our fine motor skills by cutting out pictures and creating colourful collages

with them. We also learnt how to use an electric toothbrush by practising brushing a life size model of a mouth.



On Thursday we had another fun activity where we had to arrange cut out paper teeth according to their size and colour. We discussed different shapes of teeth and their individual names and roles in our mouths.

Finally, on Friday, we played a game of pulling out teeth made out of playdough. We had to throw a dice, name a tooth and pull it out, just like real Dentists! We recapped some sounds this week, concentrating on "t" for teeth. We really enjoyed reading a book called "Dinosaurs Love Underpants".

Nursery

Last week, nursery children had fun learning about milk and where does it come from. They had a look at different types of milk and milk products, focusing on cow's milk. They made a cow craft, identifying different body parts of the cow and had a turn at 'milking the cow' so as to understand the concept of it. They all put a straw hat on pretended to be farmers.

The letter of the week was 'c' and children had to think of things beginning with that sound. 'cow' was one of the most popular.

This week, nursery children will have a further opportunity to learn about fruit. The children will be taking part in a cutting banana and cucumber activity, identifying different fruit and vegetables and their importance in our diet. Further on, they will learn about different types of pasta and they will have a sensorial exploration of the same by transferring and threading pasta as well as distinguishing raw and cooked pasta.

The week will finish with an imaginative role play of creating a farmer's market in the garden where children can buy and sell all the different foods that they have learned about.



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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

