

W/C Monday 30th September 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Suntrap On Tour!

Reception and Sycamore class had a wonderful time last week taking part in an animal handling workshop.

The children had the opportunity to handle a corn snake called Cynthia, as well as a Fire salamander and some exciting mini beasts including a hissing cockroach, Indian Stick insect and a giant millipede.



The children learnt some interesting facts. Corn snakes have slender bodies and can reach up to 72 inches in length and they are usually orange. The fire salamander lives in a forest and they like to eat, insects, spiders and even small frogs!!

Composer of the Week

Felix Mendelssohn (1808-1847). Mendelssohn was born in Hamburg, Germany and began writing music as a child. One of his most famous pieces was based on Shakespeare's Play, A Midsummer Night's Dream, which he composed when he was only 17.



Harvest Festival

Tuesday 1st October

Please ensure your child arrives promptly for school at 9.30am.



The children are all practicing hard for their harvest festival assembly. The whole school will come together at Penrhyn to celebrate.

Please be reminded that we welcome your food donations from Monday 30th September. The children will be creating a wonderful display and all your kind food donations will be donated to Mill Grove Children Home.

Everywhere Bear

Had a cosy weekend with Macou and his sister.

Everywhere bear had a fun filled time.



Autumn Half Term Holiday Club

We are planning to run our holiday club during the October half term break from Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th October.

Booking forms will be available at the school door. Please ensure you complete your booking form along with full payment to secure your child's place in the Holiday Club.

Themed Assembly, 'Space and Autumn'

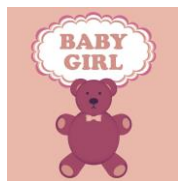
Will be on Wednesday 16th October at 10am. All the children in the Lower School will participate and it is a lovely opportunity for you to see what your children have been doing in Nursery and Kindergarten so far this term.

Parents are invited so please complete your attendance slip and return to the school office by Friday 11th October.

Upper school will also be having a 'Themed Assembly' after the half term break, the date will be confirmed soon.

Congratulations

To Miss Kasia on the birth of baby Julia, who was born on Saturday 28th September. Both mum and baby are doing well.



After School Club Invoices

If your child attended one of our After School Clubs (Breakfast, Lunch & Tea Timers) during September, your invoice will be issued to you today by email.

If you need a printed copy please let the school office know.

Please note these invoices need to be paid in full by Friday 4th October to avoid a late penalty charge.

Used Uniform Sale

We are planning to hold a secondhand uniform sale on week commencing 14th October.



Please contact the office if you would be willing to help with this event.

2019 Tea Towels, Fundraiser

We will be taking part in our annual Tea Towel fundraiser again this year. Some of you may already be familiar with the tea towel fundraiser whereby each individual child in WMS will draw a self-portrait of him/herself and they will all be printed onto a tea towel.

You will be able to purchase these tea towels, which would make a lovely Christmas present or a treasured keepsake.

Hand, Foot and Mouth

We have had a confirmed case of hand, foot and mouth disease. Please keep an eye out for any symptoms.

Early symptoms of hand, foot and mouth disease include:

- a high temperature (fever) – usually around 38-39°C (100.4-102.2°F)
- loss of appetite
- cough
- abdominal pain
- sore throat

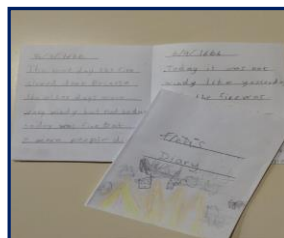
Occasionally, hand, foot and mouth disease can cause vomiting, particularly if it is caused by the enterovirus 71 strain. These early symptoms can last 12-48 hours.

Class Information

Elementary

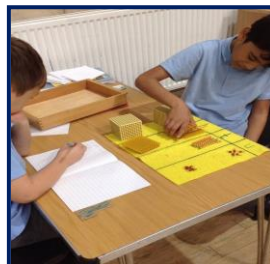
Elementary class had a lovely and productive week. We worked on acrostic poems and prepared and decorated them with beautiful leaf rubbings in Autumn colours, ready for our harvest festival.

For our topic work we have been creating our own diaries in the style of Samuel Pepys as part of our Great Fire of London work.



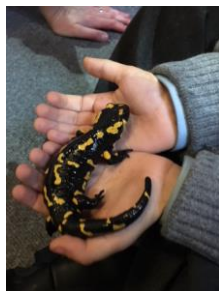
Some children were reviewing place value and addition using the Montessori materials.

Last week we enjoyed PE inside by using the obstacle materials. It was exciting because we had to complete the track against the clock.



Reception

Last week the children had a lovely hands on session when Suntrap visited us on Thursday. Children had the opportunity to handle an Indian stick insect, giant African land Snail, Madagascan hissing cockroach, giant train millipede, fire salamander and Carolina corn snake. It was a lovely session which they all enjoyed.



The children have been word building and discovering words with 'u' in the middle. We have been talking about capital letters and full stops. The children then spent time arranging words into sentences. The children have also been learning about odd and even numbers. They were then able to cut and sort numbers into odd and even.

The children have been practicing songs for our Harvest Festival and making some lovely harvest pictures.

Kindergarten:

Oak Class

Oak class has been exploring and focusing on planets. Last week, we made different paper mache planets where we learnt about their sizes and positions. We absolutely enjoyed making Planet Mars and we learnt it can also be called the Red Planet. It has the largest volcano any planet has ever had. In addition, we experimented as we took turns creating lava with our volcano kit. We further discussed about different planet weathers and their colours. Alongside this interesting topic, we have also been learning about harvest.

Furthermore, we focused on numeracy, where we counted up to 10 and identified numbers between 0 to 5. We also traced and copied number 1. This week, we will continue to discuss more about harvest and its importance. We are also looking forward to our harvest assembly on Tuesday.

Sycamore Class

Last week, we all explored our creativity by making paper mache planets.

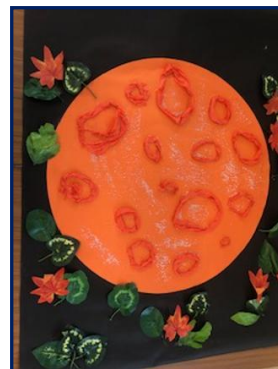
We discussed each planet in turn before the children helped to make the planets, painting each one in the relevant colour.

The children were able to recall past events when asked about the relevant planets

The children were able to verbalise that Mars is a cold and rocky planet and that it has seasons like planet Earth.

We also discussed about the planet Jupiter, the biggest of all in the Solar System.

Our week finished with a treat from the staff at Suntrap. We were very brave as we explored some exciting minibeasts including a hissing cockroach, Indian Stick Insect and a giant African land snail. We also enjoyed exploring a Fire Salamander and a corn snake called Cynthia.



This week we will be looking forward to our yearly harvest assembly.

Sycamore class will be sharing their knowledge and artwork in relation to

the Harvest moon.

Nursery

Last week, nursery children had fun learning about harvest and preparing for the harvest assembly. They enjoyed learning some songs, such as "Big Red Combine Harvester" and "Mr. Scarecrow". Children loved exploring the harvest shelf where they identified fruit and vegetables growing in autumn. They also created many fruit and vegetables crafts in three dimensions that we will use to decorate our harvest basket.



For the out and about session, children made art by using natural paint brushes made of sticks, various leaves and flowers.



This week, nursery children will create a big autumn collage for our display board. We will be using sticks, leaves of various colours and shapes as well as other natural materials. The environment will be prepared with autumn activities such as leaf threading, sweeping crushed leaves and classified cards of parts of the leaf. Our assembly will take place on Tuesday where

children will have an opportunity to dance and sing to the well-practiced songs as well as watching their older peers taking part in it.

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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