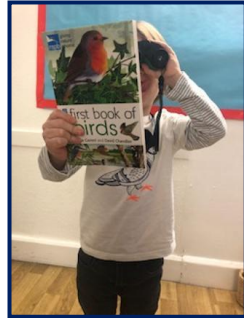


# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Trip to Lloyd Park – Bird Watching

Both Upper School and Kindergarten visited Lloyd Park last week as part of the RSPB Big Garden Bird Watch. The trip was led by Vicky the park's Educationalist. The children learned about the many birds that visit and live in Lloyd Park and some interesting facts about their habitats. Working together the children spotted and counted the different birds they had seen and heard,



which included Robins, Parakeets and a nesting Dove. They also spent time feeding and identifying the different ducks in the moat.



**Please be reminded that we break for the February half-term on Friday 14th February.**

### Pump House Museum

Our upper school children are visiting Walthamstow Pump House Museum this Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January.

**Please remember to drop your children off at our Lower School for 8.30am**

### 'I Colouri Delli Emozioni'

Last week's Italian lesson was all about our emotions. Signor Stefano shared a book called 'I Colouri Delli Emozioni'. The children learnt the words for colours and also the emotions that are associated with them. Blue for sad, yellow for feeling happy etc. The children were able to share in Italian how they were feeling!



### Upper School Trips:

The following trips / visit have been arranged for the children at our Upper School. Letters with more information will be sent out shortly.

**Pump House Museum** – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

**Labour MP Kizzy Gardiner** – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February

**William Morris Gallery** – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> March

### Composer of the Week



Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was one of the most important opera composer of the Romantic period. Wagner built an opera house in Bayreuth, Germany, where his operas were performed at a festival every year. This festival continues today.



### Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January**. Children will be invited to school wearing red and will be taking part in some fun activities to celebrate the year of the Rat!

## Everywhere Bear

Had a lovely weekend with Poppy. On Saturday they went to a magical forest in search of 'the Gruffalo'. On Sunday they visited a Garden Centre, and bought some beautiful plants, apparently Everywhere Bear and Poppy just wanted to play 'hide & Seed'!

## School Smocks

If your child is in Nursery or Kindergarten can we ask that they wear their school smock. The smocks protect their clothing especially during messy play and when they are participating in their art and craft sessions.



You can order your child's smock via the school office and they cost £20.00 each.

## Wellies and Raincoats.



Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of wellies which can be left at school. As part of our Montessori teaching the children will often take their learning outside and the children will participate in their 'Out and About' sessions. Please ensure your child has a raincoat and or a full rain suit.

## Elementary

For Bird watching week, we did some research in Wildlife Britain magazine to find British birds. Each child found one bird and shared an interesting fact about it with the rest of the class. The children then drew their bird and recorded their fact. The children discovered some new words, such as camouflage, incubate and plumage. The children also found out that in the world, the Bee Hummingbird is the smallest bird, measuring 57mm while the Ostrich is the largest bird attaining 6 feet.



The children had a trip to Lloyd Park where Vicky, the park's educationalist, took us on a bird walk to identify some of the birds in the park. The children enjoyed ticking the birds they saw on their list. Some of their comments were, "It was fun, I liked seeing so many birds". "I saw birds that I have never seen before, like the Coal Tit" and "It was great, I learnt a lot about birds".



The children have also been reading through some collections of Walthamstow memories and finding how life was in the past. Learning about the coal man, milkman and rag and bone man making deliveries with their horse and carts. We also learnt how people cleaned their houses, what games children were playing outside and how the way people lived their lives has changed.

This week we are looking at transport in Walthamstow and we will be visiting the Pumphouse Museum on Wednesday, where we will be able to see a variety of old vehicles and exhibits of Walthamstow industrial past.

## Reception

Last week, the children learnt about how the architecture of the houses in Walthamstow evolved, as well as the main family who started building the so-called Warner houses, which children spotted on our way to Lloyd Park, where we observed different species of birds. Children loved the experience and they learnt many facts about birds; It was great fun!

Furthermore, as part of our topic Walthamstow, the children have been discovering what people in the past used to do, their jobs and their way of living.



They make a great effort every day to surpass themselves, and that's something we are very proud of.

The children have been doing lots of work so as to improve their writing skills.



## **Kindergarten:**

Last week we learnt about different Landmarks in London. Only to mention a few, the children enjoyed using an array of materials to make our 3d structure of Big Ben. Formerly known as the Clock Tower, the structure was renamed the Elizabeth Tower in 2012, in honour of the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. It is the bell within that is named Big Ben. The children also learnt that the first chime of Big Ben was on July 11, 1859.

There was much focus on the famous structure of the London Eye. Also Known as the millennium wheel, the structure is 135 metres (443 ft) tall and the wheel has a diameter of 120 metres (394 ft). We made a replica of the London Eye using wooden sticks and card alongside different paints to complete our masterpiece.

Last but by no means least, the children demonstrated a good sense of curiosity and fun during our bird watching trip to Lloyd Park. The children saw some lovely birds including a robin, a magpie and a sterling. Our trip was made extra special by using binoculars to locate different birds in the park.



This week we will be looking at different types of homes. There are lots of different activities planned around the topic which also include making our own stained glass window using different craft materials. The artist and designer William Morris (24 March 1834 – 3 October 1896) will provide a good basis for discussion during our activities.

## **Nursery:**

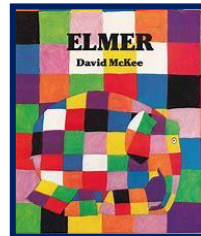
Last week we introduced the children to the land and water globe. They had a sensorial experience of the globe, learning to



distinguish the pieces of land and pieces of water by colour and touching the rough and smooth surfaces.

For our 'out and about' session, the children enjoyed creating a 3D model of a globe using the paper mache technique. We went on exploring the continents globe where the children were introduced to the continents through "Show me the continents" song. We continued learning the names of the continents and identified them on the puzzle map of the world, explaining the difference between the globe and the puzzle map. Our focus will be on Europe so the children were introduced to the Europe geography folder, looking at pictures from the continent we all live in.

This week, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We are going to introduce the story "The Great Race" and line up the animals according to the Chinese zodiac. The children will have an opportunity to create Chinese lanterns and dragons as well as money envelopes, explaining the meaning of these envelopes. We will be listening to Chinese music throughout the week.



## **Book of the week:**

**'Elmer' David McKee**

### **Home Links**

Please help your children by finding fun ways together to identify the letter and topic of the week at home, to support their work in school.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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