

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



**Welcome back**, we hope you all enjoyed your half term break and are ready for a very busy rest of the Spring term.

### Diary Dates

Lower School Assembly – Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Upper School Assembly – Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March  
**Please note that these are not as previously mentioned on the Diary Dates.**

Sports Relief – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

*More details to follow*

### Teacher/Parent Meetings

Lower School - Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March  
Upper School – Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

### Composer of the Week

The composer of the week this week is Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Vivaldi was born in Venice and become one of the most famous composers of the Italian Baroque. Vivaldi composed over 500 concertos, the most famous is *The Four Seasons*, a set of four violin concertos published in 1725.

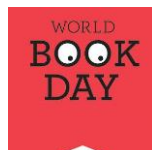
### Summer Term School Fees

Please be advised that your child's Summer term school fee invoice will be issued on **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March** with payment due (50%) on or before **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March**. If you would like to pay in two instalments then the second instalment would be due on or before **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April**.

### World Book Day

World Book Day is **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**.

If you would like to read a book with the children please put your name down, a list of time slots will be displayed at the school doors from week commencing Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.



### Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> by eating pancakes! The children will be taking part by preparing their topping by squeezing oranges and lemons and slicing bananas.



### Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April. Places are limited and will be on a first come first serve basis. We are able to accommodate children aged 2-5 years.



If you would like your child to attend, please complete a booking form. The deadline for completed forms is **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. These are available at the school front doors.

### Elementary

Elementary class have been learning about directions with the children's drawing of a compass rose and also discussing the location of the sun in order to understand where east, west, north, and south are located. This has then been transferred in DT when the children are busy building models for the map of Walthamstow that they had created. They will also be using this knowledge when they draw their own map of the school and it's surroundings.

In science, we made Hoop Gliders using paper and straws.

The challenge was to see how far they can glide through the air. Once everybody had their practise trial, we went on to experiment further by making changes to the gliders and made predictions on how this would affect their flight. We found the glider with the small hoop in front flew the furthest because the air flow was distributed better.



This week the children will be learning about nature in Walthamstow and looking at the importance of Epping Forest.

## **Reception**

The children in a Montessori classroom are allowed to explore activities and concepts at their own pace. This naturally encourages children to try more challenging areas, which accelerates their learning experience. Learning occurs at a comfortable pace for each student, rather than inflicting the same rate on every student in a classroom.

In this way, the children have been exploring the shelves and introduced to new materials that will help them improve in areas such as maths, literacy or natural science, among others.

The children have also been doing lots of reading and they have also been getting familiar with high-frequency words that they use on a daily basis.

For Valentine's Day the children designed their own cards to give to their families.



## **Kindergarten:**

### **Beech Class**

In Beech class we were learning how to recognise and write the numbers 11-19 and 21-29.

The children started to learn some songs about London ready for their assembly.

We thought about love and feelings as we approached Valentine's Day and we described how we feel about our friends and show them acts of kindness.

Beech class made Valentine's cards and thought of words beginning with 'v'. Miss Lorna gave us all a rose. We have been practising some of the ballet that we learnt.

This week we will be looking at our half term diaries.

We have some exciting new activities in our classroom to develop our understanding of pattern and tessellations.

We will be celebrating Pancake Day together and tossing a pancake.

We are missing Ela and are making her cards to wish her better.

### **Sycamore Class**

The children have learnt about the frog life cycle. We learnt that frogs are amphibians, and that they can live in water or on land. They go through several stages of life before they become adult frogs and during those stages, they live only in water.

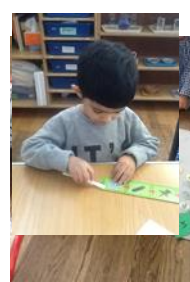
We observed images and discussed at circle time the different stages which include the egg, followed by tadpoles then the young frog that transitions into the adult.

This week we will be focussing on Transport with some exciting activities planned including road safety. We will also be celebrating Pancake Day.

## **Oak Class**

We have continued to learn about British Minibeasts. Before the half term break we focused on learning about the life cycle of a frog. The children learnt that tadpoles hatch from the eggs and live in the pond. The tadpoles then turn into froglets where their body shrinks and legs form. Froglets then grow into a frog!

We observed from the pictures and using a frog replica that the



froglet's tail shrinks and their back legs grow which helps them develop

into a frog. We were very fascinated by this life cycle as we continued to take part in various activities relating to frogs. We explored colours and how colours can be changed using blue and yellow to make a green frog. Some of us added white to our mixture and we realised it made our green lighter. We were also shown how to make it darker if we chose to.



Furthermore, our numbers were reinforced using a frog counting activity where we practised matching numeral and quantity correctly using number leaf and frog counters.



We ended the activity by making a frog hat where the life cycle of the frog was again reinforced using pictures.

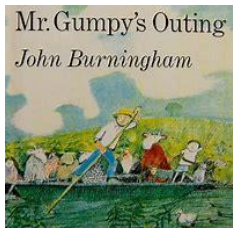
We also learnt about Valentine's Day and why it is celebrated. We chose to make cards for our loved ones at the end of the presentation.

This week, we hope to continue learning more about Great Britain, particularly focusing on transport and safety. We will be looking at various means of transportation around the country and how to stay safe.

## **Nursery:**

Nursery children learned all about England. We started the week by introducing the English flag where children described it and identified its colours. Then the children made their own flag by cutting and sticking red strips of paper onto white card. Then, the children had an opportunity to look at the classified cards of England and discussed its food, geographical features, architecture, people, etc. We also discussed English music and ended the week with a Beatles party. For St. Valentine's Day, the children made cards and learned about this day and how it is celebrated.

This week, the children will continue with their topic, focusing on London and its landmarks. Many books about London will be read and we will have our culture table filled with small wooden models of London landmarks. The children will use various different art techniques to make some of the landmarks in three dimensions. We will be talking about the Queen and children will be making crowns.



### **Book of the week:**

### **'Mr Grumpy's Outing' by John Burningham**

#### **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**

#### **Important Numbers**



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