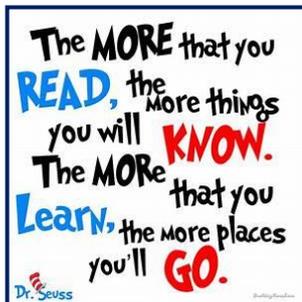


# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



### World Book Week

was celebrated in style throughout the week at WMS!! The children participated in lots of activities, from making book marks and miniature hot air balloons to setting

up their own library. Thank you to all the parents who came in to read a book with the children, which always creates a lot of excitement.

On Thursday, the children and staff were encouraged to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and we



had some wonderful creations, helping to bring a book to life!!



*Little hot air balloons by Reception Class based on Dr Seuss- 'Oh the Places You'll Go!'*

Each child wrote and attached their very own wish of a place where they would like to go to.

### Art Lesson – The Forest

Upper school children's art lesson last week was to produce a forest. The children started off with cutting out the tress structure from re-cycled cardboard, they then started to paint the leaves to their trees. They still have the branches and tree trunks to finish before their forest is complete. The forest will stand and



partially surround the map and buildings of Walthamstow. These will be on display during our Upper School assembly on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March for you all to see.

### Upper School Trip

On Wednesday, the Upper school attended the 'Inspired By Nature' workshop at the William Morris Gallery. The children were given a brief introduction to William Morris, his life and love for nature, through spending a lot of time observing plants and animals in Epping Forest.

The children were then taken on a guided tour through the gallery to view some of William Morris' work, from drawings, colour selections, through to the finished designs.



The children were given a worksheet to complete along the way, drawing plants and birds they could recognise in the designs.

The children participated in hands-on activities to have a closer look at wallpaper, fabric designs and stamp blocks to understand how the designs were achieved. They were then given the opportunity to create their own designs using smaller printing blocks, which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

### Sports Relief Day

This Friday 13<sup>th</sup>

March, we will be supporting this charity that helps people living incredibly tough lives in the UK and around the world.

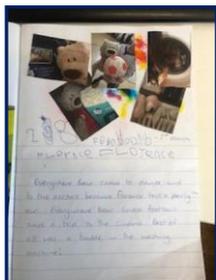


*Come to school dressed in your 'sportswear' on Friday for a small donation and be prepared to get active throughout the day.*

***Reminder that our last day of Spring Term is Thursday 2nd April. School will finish at 12.30pm so no pack lunch is needed. Breakfast club will be running on the 2nd but please note there will be no lunch time or tea timer's clubs.***

## Everywhere Bear

Thank you to Florence, Imogen and Freida, who looked after Everywhere Bear. He was kept very busy with so many fun activities!



## Teacher Parent Meetings

**Lower School - Nursery, Kindergarten (Oak, Sycamore and Beech) and takes place on Tuesday 24th March at Penrhyn building.**

**Upper School – Reception and Elementary on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at Penrhyn building.**

Time slot sheet for these meetings will go up on Wednesday at both school doors. If you are unable to make these dates please speak to your child's teacher or contact the office to arrange an alternative time or date.

***Please be reminded that no WMS children or siblings will be able to attend these meetings. If you require your child to attend Tea Timers Club on Tuesday 24th or Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March, or if you have an early morning meeting and your child needs to attend Breakfast Club, please call the office to book your child into these clubs as spaces will be limited. Thank you for your understanding.***

## 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**



## Inside the Montessori Classroom...

This activity is what we call a 'Practical Life' activity. The main aim is mastering a real life skill (in this instance the skill of moving a liquid from one container to another using a deep ladle).

The exercise also aims to develop eye-hand coordination, concentration and self-confidence. The liquid begins in the left hand container (to encourage left-right orientation in preparation for

reading and writing). The liquid is transferred carefully using the ladle. The small sponge is there to assist the child in mopping up any small spillages on the tray and to ensure the exercise is then returned to the shelf ready for another child to use. Variations on this exercise include using different implements to transfer the liquid and also in measuring the amount of liquid and dividing it equally between the containers.

## Book of the Week

Our book of the week in Kindergarten is 'Peace At Last' by Jill Murphy.

We have been learning about titles and authors and illustrators this week.

Eliás in Beech Class copied the front cover of the book beautifully!

## 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 20th April**.

## Tennis



Will be resuming for our Upper School children on Wednesday afternoons from 22<sup>nd</sup> April, with Hilary our tennis coach at Lloyd Park tennis courts.

We will hold our annual tennis open morning at the end of the Summer term, date to be confirmed.

## Elementary



Elementary children had a very busy throughout Book Week, with a variety of activities. We made bookmarks and made our own books to record all the activities for the week. We read Dr Seuss book 'Oh The Places You'll

Go' and the children made balloons to share their hopes and dreams of where they would like to go.

On World Book Day the children dressed as book characters and shared their favourite book review with the class. We would like to thank Uzayr's mother for coming to share a book with us, which she read together with Uzayr's help.

We have also enjoyed the 'Inspired by Nature' workshop at the William Morris Gallery, which gave us an insight into the creative world of a very important

man that has played a part in making the town Walthamstow. Having learnt about designs at the gallery next week we will be focussing upon symmetry and patterns.

We ended the week with International Women's Day, which is celebrated on the 8<sup>th</sup> of March. It is a collective day of global celebration and a call for gender equality. We read about some women and their struggles for recognition, then discussed this as a class. The children then spoke about a woman or girl that inspires them.

## **Reception**

This week has been full of activities that the children have enjoyed very much.

First of all, the world book week has taken place. Reading allows children to be transported from our own world to another. Between the pages of a book, we can become immersed in the lives of fictional characters and learn about a culture entirely different from our own. We can also learn new words and phrases, experience a range of emotions, and acquire skills and knowledge.

Reception children have also been practicing and getting familiar with the new words that we have learnt. Thank you to the parents came into school to read a story to the children. It was such a great experience to have the children loved having you around.

On Wednesday, we went on a trip to William Morris gallery, in which the tour guides showed us around the gallery and proposed some nice activities for the children to get familiar with William Morris' techniques.



up a story, while adding their own ideas and joined in with the singing!

As part of the curriculum, reception have carried on learning about trees, plants in Walthamstow, and they have also learnt the different parts of them.

## **Kindergarten:** **Beech Class**



In preparation for world book day we learnt about the information on the front of a book and what a title, author



and illustrator do.

We had some lovely storytelling sessions from parents, thank you very much!

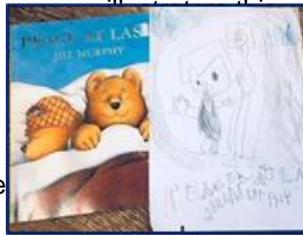
On World Book Day we had a little library in our class and we were able to visit the library and exchange our ticket for a book

We learnt about borrowing and returning and different types of books

We have learnt about Sycamore, Beech and Oak leaves and their differences in shape as well as how the veins work.

Our book of the week in Kindergarten is Peace at Last by Jill Murphy

We have been learning about titles and authors and illustrations this week.



Eliás in Beech Class copied the front cover of the book beautifully!

Everyone came in with fantastic costumes for World Book Day! We read a lot and learnt a lot.

## **Sycamore Class**

Our topic continued last week with Great Britain and a look back in time at the transport system. The focus was mostly geared towards London buses both old and new. We discussed what a London bus is and why we have and need it in the city. With the use of picture aids, we all participated in a discussion about how London buses work. We also enjoyed a role play activity using an oyster card.

The topic extended to the colour red. We used a Montessori material called a colour tablet from dark to light red. We used a colour box to help us. They also went to a little discovery hub within their environment to see how many different items they could find with varying shades of red like our London Buses.



On Thursday we all dressed up in our costumes for world book day. There was lots of stories and craft activities throughout the day including cup printing caterpillar. We decorated and designed some lovely wellington boots prints to coincide with our story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt'. Thank you to Raf's mum who came in to read a book to the children.

This week we will be focusing on British trees in particular deciduous and evergreen. We will also be focusing on the apple tree with a lovely activity to explore our sense of taste by sampling different apples.

## Oak Class



Last week, we learnt about British Transport where we focused more on London transports. We saw different pictures about the London bus such as the new and old London buses, the bus station, oyster card readers and oyster cards. The children took turns in pretending to touch one of the teacher's oyster card on an oyster reader that we made. We proceeded to learn about other transport methods such as an aeroplane where we mainly focused on British Airways. Some of us shared our ideas and experiences when flying on board while a few of us preferred travelling on ferries rather than on aeroplanes.

We also celebrated World Book Day and Nadia's mum came in to read to us beautiful and interesting stories which we all enjoyed listening to.

This week, we hope to learn and identify different British trees both deciduous and evergreen leaves!

## Nursery:



It was a lovely World Book Week with various activities and reading sessions. We started the week by bringing "The Three Little Pigs" to live on our 'out and about' session. The children had fun watching the show and interacting by blowing down the houses made of straw and sticks. We also had a puppet

show using props to support "The very hungry caterpillar" story, followed by a song with actions. Children had fun making caterpillar bookmarks and participating in various reading sessions of their favourite books. We had some of the parents coming to read and it was a great success. For the world book day most of the children came dressed as their favourite book characters.

They were able to describe what are they wearing and what they represent. We finished the week by making books where children drew their story and were able to describe it.



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read with the children.

This week we will continue with our topic and the focus will be on Scotland. The children will learn how to find Scotland on the puzzle map and learn about the flag, followed by making of the flag. They will have an opportunity to learn about this country by describing the pictures of Scotland that represent the geographical features, people, traditional food, instruments, traditional clothing and castles.



**Book of the week:**  
**"A Dragon in a Wagon"**  
**by Lynley Dodd**



### **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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