

W/C Monday 11th May 2020

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Good Morning

We hope you had a lovely Bank Holiday weekend. Please do share with us any VE Day celebration photos that you may have taken. The children enjoyed many activities last week on this topic. Miss Lorna's father, who is 81, joined in the classes' zoom lesson on Tuesday to share with the children his own experiences about growing up in Walthamstow as a little boy and about his VE Day celebrations.

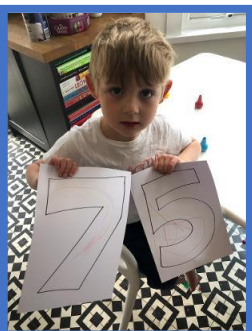


Peggy has been very interested in this topic. Particularly the flags that the children wave. She was able to practice her letters 'w', 'v' and 'e'. Peggy even designed her own medal and celebration card.

Miss Karen loves a display board at school and this is no different as she works from home. This is something she worked on last week and proudly displays in her house!



We ended the week with a whole school VE Day zoom party. Thank you to everybody that joined us. There were some fantastic outfits, hairstyles and makeup as well as some great music and dancing from all.



Let's clap for Wulfstan

We are incredibly proud of the work Wulfstan has been doing to support our NHS.



Wulfstan has been busy helping to make scrubs for the NHS.

If you haven't heard of the Scrub-Hub project already, it's a nation-wide network of home seamsters making scrubs for the NHS. If you would like to learn more about this fantastic charity then please visit:



<https://scrubhub.org.uk/>

Waltham Forest donations page:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/makescrubsforthenhs>

Please help spread the word!

Autumn Term - Notice

If your child is not returning to WMS in September for the Autumn term. Your written notice should have been received on or before 21st April and formal acknowledgement from the school will be emailed to you this week. If you do not receive a formal acknowledgement please let the school office know by emailing e17montessori@aol.com on Wednesday.

We have already asked but if you would like to increase the number of sessions your child attends WMS for, or see if we change the days for you, please email the office this week as places are limited as we have many new families joining in September but as always want to give our current families priority.

WMS Birthday Walk

At Walthamstow Montessori School we like to celebrate birthdays in a very special way which



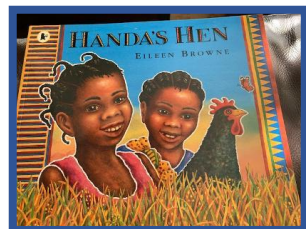
allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time. When it is approaching the time of your child's birthday please could you remind your child's class teacher who will then decide on which day it is best to celebrate. We begin the celebration by a 'birthday walk' during which your child will walk around a candle which represents the sun. The birthday child walks in the shape of an ellipse, whilst carrying a small globe. The other children sit around the edge of the ellipse and watch. Each complete 'orbit' of the 'earth' around the 'sun' represents 1 year.

Last week we celebrated Uta's 2nd birthday with her class via zoom. A slight variation to how we describe above but still very special.

Uta also painted this lovely picture during her art class with Miss Lidija to demonstrate symmetrical art. Uta then sent it to her Granny in Japan.



Class Information:



Did you enjoy the book of the week in Nursery and Kindergarten?

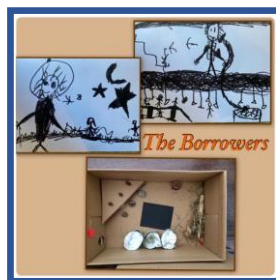
DT and Art



Last week, we made a Puppy Marionette using toilet rolls and strings. The children have been excited that the little dog they made moved happily around.

Zoe continued her work after the lesson and made a cat – I hear perhaps that was inspired by the newest member of your household!?

Elementary:



Last week in Elementary we finished our class reader 'The Borrowers'.

Throughout the reading of this story, the children have been drawing their visualisations and have made predictions at various stages through the story.

They have created comic strips and scenes in a shoe

box. Elementary have done well with picturing the different world of the Borrowers and humans.

The children have had a week of weather observations using their weather stations. They have been taking regular readings, although for some it has been difficult to keep to the same time daily.

There have also been some mishaps with some of the instruments, it's trial and error, and they have made changes and adaptations to make them work.



They have been finding out what causes the seasons, also listened to and researched Vivaldi's, Four Seasons. The children conducted a water cycle experiment to demonstrate the processes of evaporation, condensation, and precipitation.



We finished the week with the celebration of the 75th anniversary of VE Day. We wrote messages using Morse code and had great fun decoding them.

Reception:

Reception children had a very busy week with a variety of activities. Since we have been meeting up on zoom every morning, reception children have carried out multiple activities which we would like to share with you all. On Monday we talked about feelings. Children were asked to do carry out an activity called "I am an amazing person" which would allow them to work on their writing skills, reading skills and social

development, as well as to learn how to be a good citizen. On Tuesday we learnt some animals in Spanish, do you remember? Cat=gato , dog = perro , lion= león! and I could see and hear some children pronouncing the words beautifully! Buen trabajo chicos!

On Wednesday we had a bit of fun! We played Simon says, carried out a maths race in which children had to work out some sums and take away, and we also played I spy with my little eye. Children did really well, they got all the answers right!!! I was very pleased!

We commemorated VE day on Thursday and Sylvie very proudly shared some interesting facts about her grandfather in the war many years ago. Well done Sylvie!

Lastly, there is a "cheeky monkey" in Reception that deserves a special mention this week: And an extra special mention to Wulfstan who is in our class. We are very proud of the great work you are doing supporting our NHS.

Here are some pictures of our work that we would like to share with you.



We had lots of fun dressing up and dancing at r our whole school VE Day party.

Kindergarten:

Oak:

Our topic last week was Victory in Europe. The children learnt the meaning of VE Day and why it is celebrated. Parents have been very supportive and have also continued to update us on their children's home learning while sharing some pictures too.

The children enjoyed to the story Handa's Hen, which was the book of the week, this was

associated with counting and identifying different animals.



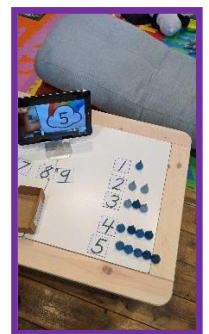
The children demonstrated good concentration skills as they designed their Union Jack Flag during one of the



zoom sessions. They also beautifully painted some Poppies using potato stamps. And we all waved our flags during the VE Day party on Thursday.

During story time, we read a book called Scat the Cat. The children learnt to embrace their unique selves and that being themselves is the best thing to do because there's nobody exactly like them. We then linked this story to some rhyming words.

We also learnt about fractions where we focused on whole and half using various items such as paper, fruits etc. The children were very engaged and at the end of the session most of them said they enjoyed cutting. The children have been fascinated with numbers and we are learning to identify and count. Last week, we did the number cards and counters activity where the children were able to recognise the numbers and count the required counters to match the number. Children explored their counting skills as they used different materials such as toy cars, pasta, coins, pompoms, pegs and coloured counters.



Sycamore:

It was a very special week for us here at Walthamstow Montessori School as we focussed on our topic for the 75th VE Day Celebrations! We developed our Understanding of World by learning about World War II and how the soldiers fought to save our country! We also learnt about

Winston Churchill, war time foods, different war aircrafts including the Submarine Spitfire, de Havilland DH.98 Mosquito and Gloster Meteor.

Our Celebrations included two lovely fun filled Zoom sessions, the first we were treated to a craft activity where we used our creativity and mark making skills to create our very own poppies! We were also treated to some lovely photos including one of Miss Karen's brother who is a Group Captain in the Royal Air Force. We had the pleasure of seeing him meeting our Queen and shaking her hand. She also shared some other photos of her war descendants.



The session finished with some factual slides and pictures about Winston Churchill and how VE day was celebrated in the 1940's.

We looked at clothes then and now discussing the similarities and differences between the two. We concluded the session by listening to the Victory Day poem with a favourite song by Vera Lynn "We'll Meet Again!"

A very busy week including activities in the curriculum area of learning. We learnt about telling the time and also played one of our favourites called the memory game.

Last but by no means least, we finished with a whole school Zoom party! it was great seeing all of our friends and teachers again! Thank you all for coming!!

This week our focus will be on Castles, Knights and Dragons where we have lots of exciting activities planned!

*Day of joy and of sadness,
Day of sorrow and of gladness,
Day of cheering and of drinking,
Day of crying and of thinking.*

*Day of prayer to God above,
Day of prayer for those we love,
Day of prayer for those we've lost,
Day of counting up the cost.*

*Day when Allies fight is done,
Day when victory is won,
Day for peace - so long expected,
Day for children - long neglected.*

*Day with factory wheels at rest,
Day with people in their 'best',
Day of crowds and shouts and noise,
Day of returning girls and boys.*

*Day of Liberty, day to pray,
Day of Victory, Victory Day.*

Beech:

Last week we focussed on learning about VE Day and what it was like for a child living in Walthamstow in the war. Miss Lorna's Dad joined us and he told us about the blackout and air raid shelters and rationing. He also shared pictures of his VE Day party 75 years ago.

We prepared for the VE Day anniversary by making bunting and baking and dressing up.



We have also been looking at odd and even numbers, the letter 'g' and months of the year.

Our book of the week was Handa's Hen.

Nursery:

Last week, the Nursery children continued to learn about nature, focusing on art with nature.



We created paint brushes using sticks and leaves and observed what happens when we mix two different colours.

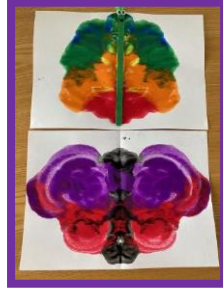
The children had an opportunity to create rainbows using flowers and leaves and learned the 7 colours of the rainbow.



The children were amused to draw a circle for a head, create faces with different emotions and stick leaves and flowers as hair.



We have also framed some flowers using card board frame and cling foil.



This week, we will continue to learn about nature, focusing on fruit. The children are going to be presented with the classified cards of fruits, learn to name and identify them. We are going to have a sensorial exploration of fruits, practice our fine and gross motor skills while cutting and peeling them, do some science experiments with fruits, make snacks with fruits and try fractions with apples.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Please visit our Face Book page which is updated daily with lots of school news.

Montessori at home – for all!

Peggy's little brother Ronnie is enjoying finding out more about what his big sister does at school. We already know he love's our music lessons!

