

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Welcome back to school

It was wonderful to welcome our Upper School and Kindergarten children back to last week. The children were so excited to be back and adapted quickly to the measures that have been put in place to keep everyone safe.



We look forward to welcoming our Nursery classes back on Tuesday this week.

Our lovely new designated nursery class garden is ready for our little explorers to use!

We have our own growing area, a cabin café and shop, to encourage role play and conversation. Cars to ride and a petrol pump for refuelling.



The area is very shady under the tree to sit and rest.

### Autumn Term Fees

Please note that school fee invoices for the Autumn term will be issued to all parents from 23<sup>rd</sup> June with 50% due on or before 3<sup>rd</sup> July and a final 50% due 1<sup>st</sup> September – all fees will need to have been paid by this date for your child to return. As previously advised, notice period is as per your T&C's.

### It's getting warmer!



We are looking at a very warm and sunny spell with high temperatures this week. Please remember to apply sun cream to your child before school. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat. We will make sure that the children are drinking plenty of water to keep them hydrated.

Due to the extreme temperatures forecast we have decided that on Wednesday and Thursday we will only open for the morning to make it easier for the staff and children.

Therefore, the revised timings for collection on Wednesday and Thursday will be:

Oak Class 12:10  
Sycamore Class 12:20  
Beech Class 12:30  
Seedling: 12.35  
Acorn: 12.40

Should the situation continue on Friday (which currently looks a bit less hot) we will apply the same timings.

### Class Information

#### Elementary & Reception

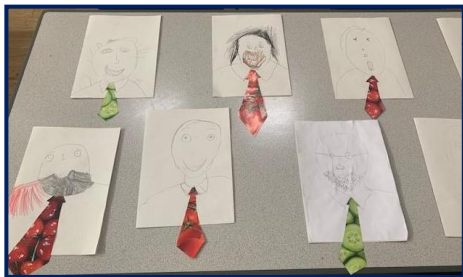
It was lovely to welcome our Upper School children back to school.



All the children were excited to be back and have shown a lot of enthusiasm and an eagerness to learn.

We started the week by going through some of their online teaching. We then focused on reading and handwriting as well as some more complex maths such as problem solving. In science the children have been learning about fossils. Did you know that the biggest complete one ever found was the fossilised skeleton of a Brachiosaurus? It measured 23m from the tip of it's tale to the end of its nose.

To celebrate Father's Day the children were asked to make cards. They first drew their dad's face with some joyful characteristics and wrote some lovely messages for them as well.



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

We came back to school on Thursday, the children have been brilliant and have adjusted well.



We have already got into a strong routine and the children loved the activities.

On Wednesday we had our 'show and tell' session, during our Zoom call and we all learnt lots of exciting things.

We are looking forward to Hugo's caterpillars growing and changing!

Beech class really enjoyed the topic of Jack and the Beanstalk this week.

We looked at the characters and how we could vary the story.

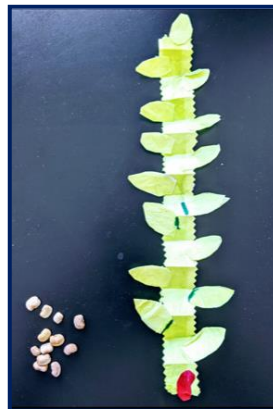
We planted our beans and are hoping they grow into huge beanstalks.



In school we made Father's Day cards and thought about our Daddies.

### **Sycamore & Oak Class**

This week Oak and Sycamore class have enjoyed the tale of 'Jack and the beanstalk'. We joined together



on Monday for Zoom and did a lovely Beanstalk art activity.

We extended our knowledge by talking about what is needed for the plant to grow (water, soil and sun).

It was lovely for us to return to school on Thursday and all the children were so excited to see their friends and teachers. We talked about our 'bubble' in class and how things will be different.

We enjoyed our first day doing cutting, sticking, colouring and making our Father's Day cards.



We finished the week with planting our own beans. We will watch them grow over the coming days/weeks and extend the children knowledge by asking different questions like - what would happen if the bean had no water or light? This gives the children an understanding of growth and decay over a period of time.



The children planted their own beans!



We look forward to this week's tale, which is 'The Enormous Turnip'.

### **Nursery:**

The Nursery children enjoyed learning about sea creatures through a variety of interesting activities. On our zoom session on Monday, we looked at the classified cards of sea animals and learned to identify and name them.



We created our paper plate port holes, creating a colourful under the sea collage.

The children had a sensorial experience of creating seashells and rocks imprints on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, during our zoom session, we did an experiment of float and sink. We dipped different objects in a bowl of water and observed whether they are going to float on the surface or sink to the bottom of the bowl.



On Thursday the children learnt about the body parts of an octopus and created an octopus collage. We sang "The Slippery fish" and "The Pirate ship" songs together and we watched an animated version of the story "Who sank the boat?".



On Friday we created some sea creature snacks and had a lovely dancing party.

This week, we are going to be exploring which animals live in the jungle. The Nursery children will have an opportunity to learn about the Crocodile, Tiger, Snake, Toucan bird, etc. through pictures, videos, songs and some art activities.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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