



# Walthamstow Montessori School

# Newsletter

# **`Anyone for tennis?'**



Last week, the Upper and Lower school children enjoyed their tennis lesson with Miss Hilary, the school's tennis coach.

Tennis is great fun but also helps with children's gross and fine motor skills. It is also excellent for hand eye coordination, balance and agility.

The children had a lot of fun and we look forward to our PE lesson with Hilary again this week.





## **DT Lesson**

During last week's DT zoom lesson, Elementary children made a Ferris Wheel.

There was a lot of creativity and designing required for the lesson. The wheels are made of cardboard,

and spin around the axis in the middle. Everyone attached some gondolas which also have their own axis and spin inside the wheels without turning upside down.



## **End of Term**

The end of the summer term is approaching. Please be reminded that the last day of term is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July. School will close at 12.30pm. Children **do not need** a school lunch on this day. Staff training will start immediately so please ensure you make arrangements for your children to be collected promptly on this last school day.

# **Class Information**

### Elementary & Reception

Last week, the children looked at different concepts which some of them were very fun for them to discover. The Elementary children are learning about climate change and how this is affecting us all. The children therefore had the opportunity to design and script their lines for the first scene in a film. The film is about the effects of climate change on the antarctica. The children are having great fun filming it and learning about it in a wonderful way.

The children have been doing some spellings of words and taking those new words on sentences of their own making. Elementary children have also been working out some multiplications and divisions with the help of our Montessori materials, which helps Reception children to work out some maths word problems. These lessons have been challenging the children appropriately in this area.

We have also learnt about plants and animals on Earth and their habitats. Some children have been introduced for the first time to this concept. Most of the children showed a keen interest in learning more about this subject.



#### <u>Beech</u>

Beech Class loved the work on the story of The Little Red Hen last week. We have been busy observing and nurturing our beans and recording the results in our bean diaries. We have been continuing our work on adjectives and prepositions in our stories.

In maths we looked at patterning and created lots of our own examples.

Beech class made a 'waving hand' card during our last DT session.

The card has a hidden mechanism at the back which contains a lever and a linkage. By pulling the lever out then pushing back in again the hand starts to move from side to side.







Our week ended with a performance of a song for our grown-ups!



Miss Marta read the story of 'The Little Red Hen' in Macedonian.

#### Sycamore

Last week Sycamore class were engaged in the tale of 'The Little Red Hen.' The children have done lots of work around the colour red and words beginning with 'r.'

We have looked at the life cycle of a hen from the nest to the laying of the egg to the hatching of the chick to the chick becoming a hen.

Sycamore made their own 'Little Red Hens'.





For our out and about session this week the children enjoyed collecting leaves and sticks to make our own nest. We talked about what is needed for the nest and how it is made.

The children enjoyed their tennis lesson on Wednesday with Miss Hillary. Lots of balancing skills required.



We finished our week by making our own Little Red Hens.

This week we will be looking at 'Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs.' We will be talking about emotions and how we are feeling, together with taking about the danger of talking to strangers.

#### <u>Oak Class</u>

Last week Oak class enjoyed the tale of "Little Red Hen". We talked about the importance of helping others especially when they ask for help. During our lessons we focused on the sound and letter "I". The children practiced tracing or writing the letter and letter recognition.



The children practiced their counting skills, they identified the numbers and showed good knowledge of geometric shapes i.e. triangle, square, rectangle, pentagon.

During the week we talked about the "Life cycle of a Hen". We learned about farm animals and talked about mothers and their young farm animals. Where they live on the farm and who take care of them. We read and another lovely story "Handa's Hen".



On Wednesday we met Miss Hillary, our PE Coach and we have had a tennis lesson. We had so much fun.

On Thursday all children worked very hard to make our own their own Red Hens with lots of painting, colouring, cutting and gluing.

#### Nursery:

Last week, nursery children enjoyed learning about the characteristics of summer. We started the week by learning about seasons. Children made a tree collage and discovered how it changes throughout the seasons. We talked about hot weather and how to protect ourselves from the sun. Children made sun masks and dressed up paper dolls in summer clothing. We then experimented with ice and created paintings using the coloured ice cubes. The week was finished by making strawberry and mango ice lollies which we enjoyed in the garden under the tree.



This week, children will have a real outdoor fun! Children will create tennis rackets using paper plates and a balloon, they will engage into a car wash play and give our cars a good scrub. Children will then create a treasure map and find the hidden objects in the garden. We will continue by turning our shop into a library so children can have an imaginative role play of being in a library. We will finish the week by playing various parachute games.



Ice cube painting!

Best wishes, WMS Admin Important Numbers

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