

W/C Monday 29th June 2020

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



**Thank you** for your understanding last week during the hot weather. Our priority was the children's well being and the early pick up times from Penrhyn ensured that everyone stayed safe during this time of extremely hot temperatures within the building.

The weather is slightly cooler this week but please still ensure your child has a named sun hat and any sun cream is applied before school.

Just a reminder of the new drop off & pick up times for the rest of the term;

<b>Beech</b>	<b>9.15am – 2.45pm</b>
<b>Sycamore</b>	<b>9.25am -2.35pm</b>
<b>Oak</b>	<b>9.35am – 2.25pm</b>
<b>Seedlings</b>	<b>9.45am – 2.15pm</b>
<b>Acorn</b>	<b>9.50am – 2.15pm</b>

**Please note the last day of the Summer term is on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, school will close at 12.30pm**

### Autumn Term School Fees

All autumn term invoices have now been emailed and the first instalment is due on or before Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.

If you have not received your invoice please email or call the school office.

Please let the office know if you are unable to make this payment as a late payment penalty charge will be applied to all payments not received by the deadline.



### WMS Summer Holiday Club

We will be running the holiday club for 3 weeks during the holidays.

If you are interested in your child attending, please ensure you complete and return your booking form by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.

*There has been a big demand for places and only a few sessions remain available for 2 year olds and 3 -4 year olds on some of the days.*

**Booking forms are available at the school gates but everybody should have receive the email with it attached.**

### DT Lesson

During last week's DT lesson, the children made a Fly Box. The fly can actually be opened to put little items inside. With its huge eyes and nose, which can move, the fly spots all delicious things around it.

Other children made a Green Tree Frog. The Green Tree Frog is a frog which lives in a rainforest in Australia. Unlike our usually brown earthy frogs this particular one is a vivid green. With its long legs the frog loves to jump from leaf to leaf.



A Green Tree Frog

A Fly Box



## Class Information

### Elementary & Reception

The children have adjusted well to the new classroom routine and know in advance what they will be doing throughout the day, which is important since they get to distribute their own time to do the different activities which offers them more independence.

Both classes came together on Monday for Zoom and did some work on spelling. Both classes were asked to choose two of the words we had just learnt and write two sentences using them.

On Tuesday we extended our knowledge by learning some other sounds such as -'ake' and 'oa' and the children started using the possessive nouns to show that something belongs to a noun by adding an 's to the noun.

Elementary children had a discussion on radiation from the sun and how it is absorbed and reflected by different colours. They also carried out a project by using two CD cases and two pieces of paper inside them, one black and one white, the children could see that after a few hours in the sun, the black paper inside the CD case had absorbed much more heat, so it was very hot, whereas the white one was practically cold.



On Friday the children enjoyed their first tennis lesson of the Summer.

*Tennis and Sports will be on Wednesday mornings. Please ensure your child comes to school in sportswear and appropriate footwear.*

### Kindergarten:

**Oak, Sycamore and Beech class children will be enjoying out door sports every Wednesday afternoon. Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for their PE lesson.**

#### **Beech Class**

Beech Class have worked hard inside and outside school! Our beans have just started to grow which is very exciting! We have made 'Bean Diaries' to record their growth. We looked at 'The Enormous Turnip' last week and enjoyed acting out the story.



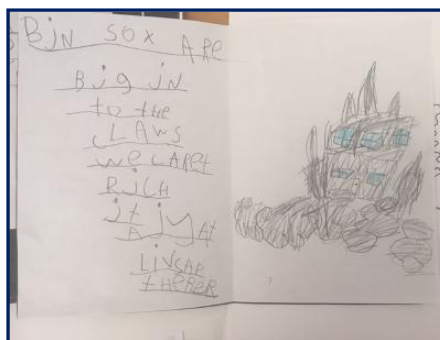
We looked at turnips and made still life pictures of them looking carefully at their details and colours. The children sorted and classified fruit and vegetables discussing the characteristics of each.

We looked at sequencing in maths and practiced this skill in lots of different ways.

In DT, the children made lovely 'fly boxes' with Miss Alex which involved cutting and folding and sticking.

In school the children are in a good routine and enjoying being together.

In the garden some of the children created a show for the rest of the class.



*'Bean stalks are beginning to the clouds we can't reach it a giant lives there'*

Above is some lovely emergent writing by one of our 4 year olds on the subject of growing our bean stalks and Jack and the Beanstalk

#### Sycamore

The class have settled well into the routine of being back at school.

Last week sycamore class enjoyed the story of 'The Enormous Turnip.'



The class enjoyed the story and engaged in lots of sequencing activities and were able to retell the story using the character cones. In conjunction with the turnip story we also created a fruit and vegetable shop and the children were engaged in sorting the fruits and vegetables. This led to a discussion around their colours and shapes. The class then created their own shopping list with pictures of their favourite fruits and vegetables.

We finished the week off by looking at the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. He was well known for painting portraits of people made out of different types of fruits, vegetables, meats and fish. The class created their own fruit and vegetable pictures using paint.



The children are also enjoying seeing their beans grow and we are watching them daily and making sure they are watered. We have re-enforced how plants grow and what is needed for growth.

This week we will be looking at the tale of the 'Little Red Hen.'

## Oak Class

Last week Oak class had a very busy week full of positive emotions. Our topic was, 'The Enormous Turnip' and the children really enjoyed it.

During our morning sessions we worked with the letter and sound, 't'. We searched for the sound at the beginning of the word and found the letter in our name cards and the names of fruits and vegetables. We practiced tracing and writing the letter 't'.

The children practiced their counting skills and arranged pictures from the smallest to the largest.

We have provided a selection of real fruits and vegetables for the children to weigh, compare and measure.

We talked about different vegetables and how they grow; where the people go to buy them and also how long it takes the vegetables to get to the shops. On Thursday we visited our fruits and vegetables shop and we really enjoyed shopping.

The children decorated a turnip role play mask and stick puppets. We used play dough to make our own turnip. On Friday we cut different vegetables to see how they look on the inside and then we made vegetable prints using the vegetables dipped in paint.

This week we will meet the new characters from the story, 'Little Red Hen'.

## Nursery:

Last week, we welcomed children in both, Acorn and Seedling class back into their classroom. The children were excited to engage with all the activities in their classrooms.



It was a very nice and enjoyable week. The children enjoyed learning about jungle animals. We started the week by looking at classified cards of jungle animals and making tiger masks. We continued by creating swinging monkeys, snakes, crocodiles and toucans, talking about their body parts as we were making them, and telling interesting facts about each animal.

We read books relating to the animals and sang songs too.



The children are enjoying using their new garden area, which encourages lots of role play and imagination.



This week, we will celebrate summer. We will talk about the seasons and the weather in summer, how to stay protected from the sun and what kind of clothing we wear in summer. There will be a nice memory game with items related to summer. An experiment followed by an art work will take place too. We will finish the week by making ice lollies and having a picnic in the garden.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

**Important Numbers**



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