

W/C Monday 28th September 2020

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Autumn Term Displays

The children have been busy in both nursery and kindergarten, helping to create their colourful autumnal displays.



DT Lesson

Last week's DT session was all about the arrival of autumn. We briefly talked about the autumn equinox before the children chose two different leaves each. Children were able to name nearly all of the tree leaves they could choose from.

After the leaves were cut the children glued them onto paper then cut many little paper pieces to place them around the main two leaves. The focus lay on cutting and staying focused as they had quite a few little paper pieces to pick up and glue down, creating a paper mosaic is a good motor skill and concentration curve.

Autumn Paper Mosaics



Safe Parking

Please park carefully and respectfully around the school buildings, particularly at Penrhyn. Please **DO NOT** endanger children's lives by pulling up at speed over the school gates as witnessed. This is not a designated parking bay. Thank you.



Harvest Festival

Our annual harvest festival will take place on Tuesday 6th October.



We are asking parents to kindly donate items of food so that we can create a wonderful harvest display. These items will be donated to a worthy cause, which we will be able to tell you more about by the end of the week. **Please do not send anything in just yet though.**

Composer of the Week



Our composer of the week is Franz Schubert (1797-1828). By the time he died at the age of 31, Schubert had written over 600 songs, 9 symphonies and over 100 piano pieces. Classical music helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.

2020 Tea Towels, Fundraiser



We will be taking part in our annual Tea Towel fundraiser again this year. Some of you may already be familiar with the tea towel fundraiser whereby each individual child in WMS will draw a self-portrait of themselves and they will all be printed onto a tea towel. You will be able to purchase these tea towels, which would make a lovely Christmas present or a treasured keepsake.

Please note our Autumn Half Term dates, school finishes on Thursday 22nd October and resumes on Monday 2nd November

World Mental Health Day

We will be taking part in #HelloYellow, World Mental Health day on Friday 9th October as part of our 'Wellbeing' curriculum.



Our theme for the week will be 'being kind'. The children will be invited to wear yellow for the day.

Croup Cough

We have been notified about a case of croup cough.

Croup is an infection in the upper airway that blocks breathing and causes barking cough.

Transmitted through airborne exposure. It can last for several days or weeks

It is commonly caused by viral infection and sometimes by bacterial infection. The infection is in the upper airways and obstructs breathing and causes irritation, coughing and difficulty in breathing.

Meet the teacher

Miss Karen – Sycamore Class Teacher

Miss Karen is currently studying for her degree in Early Years Education while teaching in Sycamore class.



Class Information

Prep Class

Last week the children learnt about the different types of transport. We discussed their use, if we used them, which one carries people or different materials, differences, and similarities between them... and we even had a transport hunt around the school! We all loved it!

The children have enjoyed each of their lessons very much but last week with a focus on music. Miss Ruth always displays a wide variety of instruments. She teaches us how to play them, how to look after them and, of course, how to enjoy music in general. We have been enjoying different activities related to autumn, each of them linked to a different story.



One more matter, remember to come dressed in your PE kit every Wednesday. We don't need to get changed at school anymore. Thank you! And bring your special object every Thursday for *Show and Tell*, please!



Sycamore Class

Last week Sycamore class looked at autumn leaves. We talked about shape and size and extended our knowledge by looking and naming the trees the leaves are from. As well as our work cycle, the class enjoyed music on Thursday with Miss Ruth. The children listened to classical music and used shakers to imitate weather sounds.



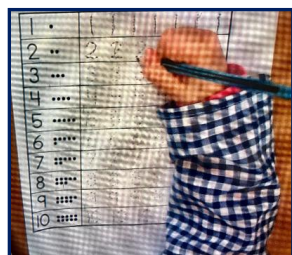
For our art session the children enjoyed leaf stencilling. Painting around the leaves to create the leaf shape. This week, we will start to look at Black history month and in particular Garrett Morgan (traffic light inventor).

Oak Class

Last week we learned all about leaves, we focused on their parts. The children picked different types of leaves and looked at their differences (colour, shape and texture). We also worked on the main parts of a tree by puzzles and visual targets. We talked about nature and we created a tree too.



The children have also been working on their numeracy and writing skills.



Nursery

Last week, we continued learning about autumn through various art activities, reading sessions, and singing songs about this season. Children enjoyed making apple crafts, leaf and pinecone printing as well as learning various autumn songs and stories in relation to this season. For our out and about session, children enjoyed creating patterns on logs using collected leaves, sticks and flowers.



This week, we will start preparing for harvest. The children will learn what harvest is and how do people celebrate it and they will have a sensorial exploration of different fruit and vegetables. The children will do an apple stamping, a dancing corn experiment, scarecrow craft and learn various songs and poems about harvest. We will continue to observe the weather and the nature and notice and discuss all the changes.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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