

W/C Monday 19th October 2020

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Half Term Break

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break.



Please note that school finishes this Thursday 22nd October and resumes on Monday 2nd November. Breakfast and Tea Timers Clubs will run as normal on these days.

Thank you from 'Mill Grove'

We have received a lovely thank you letter from Mill Grove, for the gifts of the harvest produce which we delivered to them.

Mill Grove is a local charity that helps local families, by providing them regularly with food, friendship and support.



Fire Drill

Upper school children and staff had a fire drill last week. All the children listened to their teachers and exited the building in a calm and orderly way, resulting in safe and effective fire drill throughout.

Lower school will have a fire drill this week.

Composer of the Week



Our composer of the week is Tchaikovsky. Tchaikovsky will be playing throughout the school; this helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.

Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), was the best known Russian composer of the 19th century. His ballet music is some of the most popular ever written including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and the Nutcracker.

Halloween Party

We will be having a Halloween party this Thursday before we break up for the half term. There will be lots of Halloween art and craft activities and themed music and DT lessons – as well as pumpkin carving. We will finish the afternoon with a Halloween dance disco.



All children that attend school on a Thursday are welcome to come dressed in the favourite costumes. Please do not feel that you need to purchase anything special – anything goes!

Thank you for your donations on World Mental Health day, we collected £55.80 which will go to #Hello Yellow – Young Minds charity.



No Cutlery needed

If your child stays for lunch, please can we ask that you **do not** provide any cutlery. We have plenty of cutlery that the children can use and this avoids any of your cutlery getting lost which is often very difficult to then identify. Thank you.



Book Corner

Thank you to Phoebe's parents who have kindly gifted us a couple of lovely books.

'The Family Book' by Todd Parr, which celebrates all kinds of families & 'Julian Is A Mermaid' by Jessica Love are beautifully illustrated books which gently challenges gender stereotypes.



School Emails

Thank you to all the parents who have been using our new email address:

office@walthamstowmontessori.com



Please note that as from Friday 23rd October any emails sent to our old email address:

e17montessori@aol.com

Will not be received or actioned as the mailbox will be closed.

Class Information

Prep Class

Upper school children have had a very productive and busy week in all areas of the curriculum supported by the lovely Montessori materials.

As part of our ICT curriculum, Prep class children have been introduced to typing letters when writing by using keyboards. The younger children were able to type in their own names while the older children tried to type in whole sentences by using not just the letters, but also different keyboard parts.

In science, we learnt about the strength of different materials and participated in an experiment in which we demonstrated that the same material (paper) can increase its strength by just folding it in different ways.

The children will be asked to do some homework over the weekend, which will be handed out every Thursday and should be handed in every Monday.

Every Monday the children will be given some spellings which they will need to learn throughout the week, and they will be tested on these words on the following Monday.

You will be receiving a letter from us which will explain a bit more and help you understand how you can support your child with their learning.

Sycamore Class

Our topic 'Autumn' continued this week with some exciting activities relating to the horse chestnut tree and exploring different conkers.

During circle time, some of the children imparted their knowledge by sharing information with their teachers and peers about different trees in their own

gardens. Children also participated in the parts of a tree terminology cards which is also known as 3-part cards. This material, which is made up of a picture of an object and its name, assisted the children in building their vocabulary and concepts about different parts of the tree which they enjoyed with much enthusiasm.

In the sensorial area of the Montessori materials, we explored the geometric solids to further enhance the children's stereognostic experience of 3D shapes. The children were able to identify that an egg shape is called an ovoid.

Our 'out and about' session extended our learning in making paintings using conkers rolled in paint. Each child in turn was given the opportunity to saturate their conker before rolling it into the paint.

The children were very engaged in our literacy activities where they learnt the rhyme "I am a big tree"



We also learnt how to use a compass to help us learn about migration. To finish of the activity, we made our very own compass art.

This week, we will be learning some more about Autumn.

For our grace and courtesy activities, we will be focusing on the care of books. The children will practice carrying books safely to and from the book rack, as well as how to turn pages carefully. In addition, we will also be reinforcing our letter of the week 'e' by linking the sound with the environment.

Oak Class

Last week Oak class children learned about animal migration questioning about which animals migrate; what it is the cause; which directions are they following and for how long. Also, most of them asked if humans can migrate too. To expand the knowledge about how animals have to move to one place to in another, we talk about the cardinal directions (N, S, W, E). We made a compass with



recycling materials and children played a game where a butterfly was moving, for example, from the North to the West.

During the week children have been improving their maths and language skills. We also have been talking about manners and how to handle our emotions.

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Oak class children thoroughly enjoyed the book of the week: "Found and Lost", by Oliver Jeffers.



**OU BOOK OF THE WEEK
THIS WEEK IS:**

**Meg and Mog by Helen
Nicoll**

babies". Some children suggested making a nest for the babies, using sticks and leaves that we had in our nature basket. We finished the week by painting with spices which left the entire school smelling of lovely curry spice.



This week it is going to be very spooky! We will be talking about Halloween and creating a shelf with all the symbols that represent Halloween. If you have any spooky objects or books around your house, please bring them for our shelf. The week, will be packed with Halloween songs and books. We will create skeletons, spiders and carve a pumpkin. Children can wear a Halloween costume on Thursday for our party and eat a spider snack. Happy Halloween!



Book of the week

*'Funnybones' by
Janet & Allen Ahlberg*

Nursery

Last week, the nursery children continued learning about autumn through various activities and games. We started the week by painting with conkers. The children



were invited to shake the tray so the conkers could leave paint marks on the paper. Some children preferred rolling the conkers with their fingers for mark making.

The children then enjoyed doing yoga in the garden, trying hard to make all the autumn poses that were part of the story.

We continued the week by making owl crafts and children loved watching the puppet show of "Owl



Best wishes, WMS Admin



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