

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Hello Yellow

On Friday we dressed in yellow to support #Hello Yellow, a charity that supports young people's mental health for World Mental Health Day!

Thank you so much for your kind and generous donations to this charity.

The teachers talked to the children about mental health and the importance of being kind in both our words and actions to each other.



Oak class
'be kind' display

Sycamore class
handwritten ideas
to promote our
mental health
well-being



Harvest Festival

Thank you so much for all your generous food donations, which have now been delivered to Mill Grove children's home.



On Tuesday, each class held their own mini 'Harvest Festival' assembly. The children sang harvest songs and learnt about the season of autumn with the gathering and harvesting of crops. Children gave thought to what they gave thanks for. **Arnold's was for the lovely fruit snack he shared at snack time with everybody and rainbows!**

Italian Lunch Club

Our upper school children enjoyed dramatizing the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', 'A Caccia dell'Orso', during their lunch club last week with Signor Stefano.



*A caccia dell' Orso andiamo
Di un Orso grande e grosso
Ma che bella giornata
Pauro non abbiamo.*

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

Composer of the week

The composer of the week this week is Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Vivaldi was born in Venice and become



one of the most famous composers of the Italian Baroque. Vivaldi composed over 500 concertos, the most famous is *The Four Seasons*, a set of four violin concertos published in 1725.



Conjunctivitis

Please be aware that we had a confirmed case of this eye infection last week. It is very contagious within a classroom so please ensure you have started treatment before sending your child into school. A child does not normally need to remain off school unless poorly with it.

Wet Weather

The wetter autumn weather has started, and we are keen for the children to still get outside as much as possible to play and also enjoy some lovely art and craft activities.



Please ensure your child has a pair of named wellies at school and also some wet weather clothing, jacket and if possible trousers.

Please can I ask that you label any of your child's items. As well as lunch boxes and any items they bring into school – especially winter hats now it's getting cooler.

Class Information

Prep

Last week the children had a very busy and active week. We were involved in so many activities.

We all enjoyed our harvest festival celebrations on Tuesday sang some songs, talked about why we celebrate it and we coloured some vegetables too. Mr Graham drew a scarecrow to remind us how much fun we had. Thank you for all the food donations you brought to school.

On Friday we dressed in yellow to support "Hello Yellow", we talked about being kind to each other, a variety of good actions that we could make, we talked about our dreams and we even had the chance to give some ideas about how to cheer up people! Thinking in

positive mental health messages to share with others.

Also, it was Black History Week, and we were very excited getting to know wonderful people that made such great and hard changes in the past. We have spoken about Rosa Parks, Ruby Bridges, Martin Luther King and Muhammad Ali. We learned about fairness and human rights. We all agreed that we are all equal and we have to follow the same rules. Great job Prep Class!

We appreciate very much the effort that you make reading every day with your child and writing feedback on their reading records.

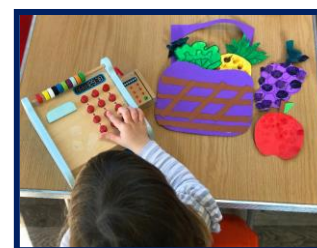


Kindergarten:

Sycamore Class

Last week we celebrated Harvest Festival with a lovely assembly.

Miss Karen led a discussion about the harvest festival where we learnt about different foods and how they are harvested. Some are harvested using a combine harvester whilst other foods such as grapes are hand-picked due to their delicate nature.



We enjoyed the lovely story about Handa's Hen.

The assembly finished by exploring different foods and why they are packaged to preserve their shelf life.

After we demonstrated good communication and language skills by sharing our thoughts and ideas about different things that we are thankful for.

On Friday, we acknowledged mental health day themed 'hello yellow'. First, we discussed what it meant to be kind, then we created yellow hearts and a poster with our yellow handprints.



Our poster included handwritten ideas about how and what we can do to promote Mental Health and wellbeing.

This week we also looked at the phonetic sound 'f'. We also observed different objects that have the beginning sound 'f' as well as tracing the sandpaper letter.

We finished by practicing how to write the letter in our writing books.

This week we are focusing on the letter sound 'g'. Please can you also discuss with your child about any relevant objects relating to the letter 'g' in preparation for our circle time discussion. Why not play the eye spy game relating to the letter 'g'? It's a firm favourite with the children at school.

We will also be continuing our topic on Autumn and looking more at Black History month.

Oak Class

Last week Oak class children enjoyed learning about hibernation. We read books about bears, talking about their characteristics-types and how bears survive the winter. We built, as a group activity, a cosy "cave" with leaves, sticks and mud.

The children were so excited to celebrate the annual Harvest festival bringing food to donate and share with their friends and talk about what are they thankful about this year. Likewise, we used this theme to play a role game where the children have to go to the market and buy some vegetables and fruits.



On Friday it was a special day because everyone was wearing yellow clothes to celebrate World Mental

Health Day. We emphasised "be kind" every day, and how we react nicely with others. We also created a "kindness chart" for the classroom.

We finished the week by learning how to spell our names and how to identify the letters on the alphabet. We used visual targets and songs to motivate the children to work with the letters and their sounds. Our sound of the week is "h". Please encourage your child to look around their environment to think of words beginning with this sound.

Nursery:

Last week the children enjoyed discussing the Harvest Festival. We enjoyed dancing, singing, and developing our creativity through different art activities. Thank you to all parents who donated the food for the charity.

Children had fun joining the Autumn Scavenger hunt in the garden where they looked for different objects and colours using their autumn checklist. We collected different leaves and enjoyed creating a leaf man, discussing shapes, colours, and parts of the leaf.

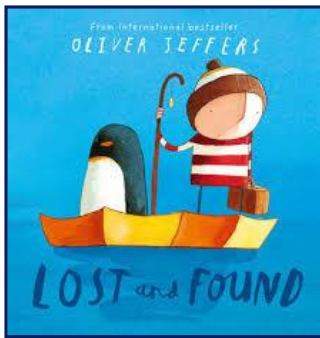
Our letter of the week was "h" for harvest. We practiced feeling the sandpaper letter using our finger and looked for objects around us beginning with "h".



On Friday we celebrated world mental health day. Thank you for all your donations and wearing yellow for the day. Children enjoyed our discussion

about being kind and friendly and respectful towards each other. We will continue having these discussions this week, because learning to recognise, verbalise and manage children's feelings is an important part of their social development. Verbalising and providing support and explanations of good and bad emotions through the stories and discussion will help children manage and understand these feelings better.

Nursery book of the week:



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Best wishes, WMS Admin

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