

W/C Monday 1st February 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Art Cabin

On Friday Oak and Beech Classes were the first to be introduced to our new art cabin in the garden!

The children extended their learning in their outdoor classroom by creating some lovely work to support the topics they had discussed in the classroom.

The children were all very excited, and all classes will be using the Art Cabin on a weekly basis.

Our Art Cabin is ready!



Please be reminded that we break up for the February half term on Friday 12th February and school resumes on Monday 22nd February 2021

A full list of term dates can be found on our website www.walthamstowmontessori.com

Chinese New Year

We will be celebrating Chinese New Year on **Tuesday 9th February**. Children will be invited to school wearing red and we will all be taking part in some fun and educational activities to celebrate the year of the Ox!



Inside the Montessori Classroom...



This activity is what we call a 'Practical Life' activity. The main aim is mastering a real life skill (in this instance the skill of moving a liquid from one container to another using a deep ladle).

The exercise also aims to develop eye-hand coordination, concentration and self-confidence. The liquid begins in the left hand container (to encourage left-right orientation in preparation for reading and writing). The liquid is transferred carefully using the ladle. The small sponge is there to assist the child in mopping up any small spillages on the tray and to ensure the exercise is then returned to the shelf ready for another child to use. Variations on this exercise include using different implements to transfer the liquid and also in measuring the amount of liquid and dividing it equally between the containers.

'Squares and Circles', In Art Sycamore class looked at Kandinsky's 'Squares and Circles'. Wassily Kandinsky created bright and colourful paintings which are ideal for young children to imitate due to the simple shapes he used.

After dividing the paper in four squares the children drew one circle per colour in each square and produced their own Kandinsky masterpieces!



Zoom Lesson

Today we offered a zoom lesson delivered by Miss Kate and Miss Lorna, which was attended by some of the children not yet attending onsite lessons due to isolating. It was a lovely way to connect school and home learning and I know was enjoyed by all!



Béla's collage inspired by today's lesson.

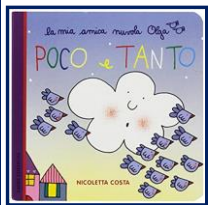
Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 23rd February by eating pancakes! The children will be taking part by preparing their topping by squeezing oranges and lemons and slicing bananas. We will be able to practice our 'tossing' skills too with our frying pan!



Italian Lesson

Last week in their Italian lesson with Signor Stefano, Nursery and Kindergarten children read two lovely books, 'Poco e Tanto' 'A little and a Lot' & 'Sopra e Sotto', 'Over & Under' by Nicoletta Costa.



Infection Control

In an effort to minimise any contact, if you are required to sign any slips for your child (nappy, accident, Early Risers, Tea Timers etc) can we please ask that you use your own pen where possible. We will also have a supply of pens at the school door which you can use if needed. These will be wiped down with an anti-bacterial wipe after each use.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Composer of the Week

Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was one of the most important opera composers of the Romantic period. Wagner was born in Leipzig, Germany. He wrote his first play when he was 13.



Wagner wrote songs, piano pieces and orchestral music, but is best known for his operas.

Meet The Teacher



creative projects!

Miss Libera has joined us as a teacher in Seedling nursery. She is a very experienced and qualified Montessori teacher. Miss Libera is also a Salsa teacher and is part of dance troupe, she also loves arts and crafts and enjoys taking on new

Miss Libera is also fluent in Italian. Benvenuta.

After School Club Invoices

If your child attended any of our After School Clubs during December and January, you will be emailed an invoice by Tuesday 2nd February.

Please note these invoices will need to be paid by Friday 5th February to avoid a penalty charge. All invoices are now emailed to you. If you require a paper copy please let the office know.

Watch Your Speed

This is a polite reminder that if you are driving to school and dropping off your children, to drive slowly and carefully when parking near the school.



Please ensure that you do not pull up in front of the school gates.

Parents Corner

One of our parents hired this at the weekend and their child loved it!

'The lady we hired it from is a new local business and it was very good value. Wanted to share in case this was something other parents might be interested in.'



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Class Information

Prep Class

Last week we focused on landmarks and countries and the history behind them. We learnt that a landmark literally meant a prominent, easily identified geographic point, (like a mountain, a cliff, or a river) used by explorers and others to find their way back or through an area.

This week, we have learnt about the Statue of Liberty, and the USA. Prep class children were keen to discover facts about the meaning of the flag, the name of the new president and the population of the country. Some of the children made some lovely replicas of the landmark at home such as Eesha, Jane and Aariz, among others.

Prep class also welcomed Laurence, who has joined Prep class. The children are very happy to have a new friend around and have been showing him the materials we like to work with.

During our art lesson the children continued with a drawing showing the Statue of Liberty in front of a colourful skyline.

Regarding the rest of the subjects, Prep class is making steady progress in their learning and is becoming more independent and confident in their Montessori activities.

Sycamore Class

Last week the children in Sycamore class created a self-registration box where every day we recognise our name, and we introduce it in the box.

Also, we have been working with the Superworm story looking at his superpowers. This time we ordered the pictures of the story and we looked at the parts of a story.

On Wednesday we talked about the continents, we even felt them thanks to our Montessori World Continents Puzzle. After our learning, we created our globe using a balloon and sticking the continents around.



During our art session the children talked about mixing primary colours and which colours could we make with them, so we just mixed them to see what colours we could create. We created a new

colour out of mixing 2 of them. So, we decided to make a rainbow and Miss Sara helped us to design it.

On Thursday 4th February remember to wear your Superhero costume! Don't worry if you don't have one, wear a T-shirt or a hat

anything that has superheroes. Or maybe create your own costume and we can discover our kind actions are our 'Superpowers'.



Beech Class

Last week Beech class learnt about the Pacific Ocean. We coloured the Pacific Ocean on the map and also identified the names of the continents on the Montessori puzzle map.

We used our communication and language skills to form a discussion about the size of the Pacific Ocean and the types of sea creatures that live there. There was a lovely craft activity where we



extended our knowledge about the Clown fish.

On Friday we read a beautiful story about the Rainbow fish for our art activity we created our own Rainbow fish whilst we discussed the importance of sharing just like the Rainbow fish did with his scales.



This week we will be continuing with more lovely activities under the sea.

Can you please discuss at home our sound of the week 'b'.

It will be lovely for your children to discuss their ideas.

Next week, we will be celebrating Chinese New Year and all children are invited to come to school dressed in red on Tuesday 9th February.

Oak Class

Last week Oak class children learnt about the oceans and seas. We focused on Pacific, Indian and Atlantic oceans, their characteristics and where they are located on the map. We also talked about which sea creatures live in each Ocean.

We did a floating egg experiment where the children discovered how saltwater is denser than freshwater and the egg does not end up sinking like it usually does. Oak class children gained a better understanding of how salt can alter the density of the sea.

In circle time, we ask children if they have ever seen the sea; and their experiences. They made a lovely picture of the sea and sea life. They used their creativity to do a whale, seal and clownfish craft.

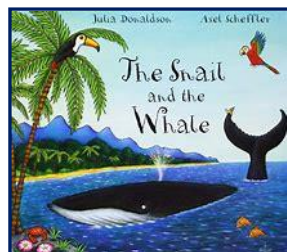
We continued working on our writing skills with the letter of the week "o"; and our counting skills with Montessori work.



At the end of the week, we made a lovely Starfish activity in our new Art Cabin. The children used different colours and glitter to decorate their playdough starfish. They enjoyed it a lot.

Book of the week

The Snail and the Whale
By
Julia Donaldson &
Alex Scheffler



Oak Class Spring
Term Display
Board

'Under the Sea'

Nursery

Last week we continued to learn about people who help us. There were lots of art & craft activities where children enjoyed discussing police officers and their roles. We also learned about shapes, colours, and how to work in a group.

The children enjoyed turning into detectives where



they searched for hidden objects in the garden. They were excited to learn about what fingerprints are and how we use them for investigation.

This week we will continue with the People who help us topic. We will learn about firefighters and fire safety.

Letter of the week is "f"

Book of the week:



No Dragons for Tea
By
Jean E. Pendziwol.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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