

W/C Monday 8th February 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Snow Procedure

Can we remind you please that if we do have significant snowfall either this week or in the future, and you are wondering whether the school is open or not, the following procedure would apply:



**A Parent Text will be sent before 8.00am.** We would only find it necessary to close the school if the snowfall prevents the staff from getting to school, or we feel that it would be unsafe for the children. A decision is usually made before 8am and as such a parent text will be sent out to all parents. We are able to do this remotely.

We are unable to respond to individual messages or enquiries out of school hours, so this system has been devised so that all parents are informed as early as possible. If you do not receive a parent text message then the school is OPEN.

Please refer to our website [www.walthamstowmontessori.com/new-policies](http://www.walthamstowmontessori.com/new-policies) for our Snow procedure policy.

### Zoom Lesson

We have been continuing with our zoom lessons and working together connecting home and school to support the children's learning.

Below are some examples of the children's lovely work they have created.

*"Olive really enjoyed working on the class topic at home".*



*Ola's art work*



### Béla Police Car

*"He helped a lot designing, painting and gluing it!"*

**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](http://www.walthamstowmontessori.com)**



### Children's Mental Health

As part of Children's Mental Health Week, we have been engaging with the children through various activities, discussing the importance of being able to express yourself and the different emotions we all feel.



The children took part in some yoga and relaxation exercises and also a kindness activity.



### Pop Up House

In Sycamore Class we made a house pop up card. When the card is opened the house comes out (pop ups), out of the background paper.



The children needed to fold the paper and use the scissors. It was fun seeing the children experimenting with the degree the house opened in relation to the card being opened up.



## Chinese New Year

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



## Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 23rd February in school by eating pancakes! The children will

be taking part by preparing their toppings by squeezing oranges and lemons and slicing bananas. We will be able to practice our 'tossing' skills too!

## Class Information

### Prep Class

Prep class children were very busy last week learning about different topics and subjects. One of the topics we are learning about in science is plants. This week, the children will be observing through an experiment the importance of watering the plants regularly and the correct amount, and how too much water can be as bad as too little water.

The children were eager to learn more about this fact, so I thought it would be a good idea to ask your child to look after a plant and record their findings. But what are the skills children learn from nature and how does gardening help



and more; Growing the love of nature: putting love in

what they grow; Teamwork: friends or family and Math: counting days, measuring nutrition, light exposure and more.

We have also been learning about China and the Great Wall, and Prep class children have done amazing work to get their projects done. The children can also remember facts about previous landmarks and want to visit them in person they say!

Lastly, I personally wanted to thank you all for your lovely birthday wishes.

### Sycamore Class

Sycamore class have been learning about different subjects. The children started the week by taking part in an experiment relating to the Oceans. There were some animals trapped in ice cubes and we used our superpowers to melt the ice and save them! The children came up with really good ideas to help the ice melt faster.

Another important day was our Superhero Day! We had lots of fun during our catwalk pretending we are superheroes and talking about different ways to use our powers to help others.



In Maths we looked at the Montessori coloured beads, we matched each bead with the correct number, paying attention to the different colours too.

For Mental Health Week we had a lovely circle time smiling at each other, realising that it is contagious! We even thought about what makes us happy and we agree that we love being tickled and hugged!

Thank you very much for bringing your child wearing their smock to school each morning.

*At Brookcroft, Upper school children have been enjoying the new garden equipment especially our new driving bench that arrived last week.*



## Beech Class

Last week Beech class were very busy practising the letter of the week 'b' and thinking of words beginning with 'b'.

For Children's Mental Health Week, we have been thinking about how important it is to be kind and talk about all the different ways we can show kindness to one another at school.



The children have also been looking at the puzzle map of the world and learning about some of the different continents. Can you think of a continent that begins with 'a'?

This week we will be celebrating Chinese New Year. We are asking you to wear something red to school tomorrow as we learn about some of festivity that takes place to celebrate it.

## Valentine Hearts



## Oak Class

Last week we discussed the sea and which creatures we can find in the sea.

We practised how to create small and big waves and how to cut a fish shape.

We also played a matching various sea creatures game. We learned different vocabulary, such as octopus, squid and a starfish, and a very popular activity was 'Finley Fish problem-solving'. The children learnt about capacity, compared quantities and objects and how to solve problems.

Also, Oak class children challenged themselves to move like different sea creatures in a range of ways like slithering, jumping, running, rolling and skipping.



At the end of the week, we talked about the importance of self-care. We made a lot of activities to express our feelings; learning how to control our emotions and what can we do to take care of our own mental health.

The children also played a memory game about feelings; creating a glitter jar, made a breathing buddy; and did some Yoga.



## Letter of the week 's' from sea.

## Nursery

Last week, we continued to talk about the people who help us, this time we learnt more about fire fighters. We talked about what fire fighters do and about fire safety through a variety of fun activities. The Nursery children were excited to create fire fighters from hand prints, they enjoyed a sticking activity where they made a fire engine and looked how the fire spreads through a science experiment.

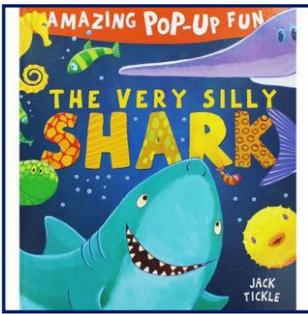


We have also introduced letter "f" for fire and we also tried to think of other words beginning with the sound "f".

In order to acknowledge Children's Mental Health Week, the Nursery children enjoyed a matching emotions game and we talked about expressing our emotions in a variety of ways, like singing, dancing, drawing, painting and storytelling. The children enjoyed singing and dancing to the song: "Sandy Girl" as well as some yoga postures and breathing exercises.

This week, we will be celebrating the Chinese New Year. This festival is always a great opportunity to learn more about China and its culture. The children will learn about the Chinese Zodiac signs through the story "The Great Race" and the classified cards. We will make some lanterns and play the lucky money game. There will also be a fun craft of creating an Ox using a paper roll and creating dragon puppets.

**Book of the week:**



**The Very Silly  
Shark  
By  
Jack Tickle**

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

**Important Numbers**



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