

W/C Monday 1st March 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Pancake Day

The whole school celebrated Pancake Day last Tuesday. The children learnt that this day signifies the beginning of Lent for Christians and that pancakes were eaten on Shrove Tuesday as a feast before the fasting

of Lent commences on Ash Wednesday. All the children set up a mini kitchen in their classrooms and prepared their own batter, Chef Oscar talked to children about his uniform and helped the children cook their pancakes. The children enjoyed flipping the pancakes and preparing the toppings of fresh fruit. The children enjoyed squeezing their oranges and lemons and slicing the bananas to eat with their pancakes.

They were delicious!



Happy St David's Day to all our
Welsh families



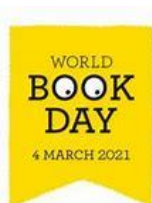
DT and Art

In DT, Sycamore Class continued with their current project A lever is another working part in our topic on moving images. A lever has a pivot point, in our case only one. The paper fastener holds the handle in place which starts to move in the opposite direction of the (in our case ship) attached on the other side. The children cut out the little sailing boat which moves and floats over the sea. The children then put the paper fastener into the prepared hole which connects the handle to the actual card.



World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on **Thursday 4th March the children will be invited to dress up as their favourite book character on this day.** There will lots of fun and educational activities running throughout the week for the children to take part in to encourage a love of books and reading.



In Art, the children of Sycamore class worked in pairs. Two children sat opposite each other and shared one piece of paper. After communicating with each other on the objectives of the exercise, they took turns to draw a shape each. Children were not to draw the same shape after each other. For example, one child started by drawing a circle, next came a triangle, then square, then oval, then square and so on. The children had to think of shapes, listen to each other and take turns.

Prep class continued with their topic on famous buildings in Art and DT. They made a slightly more complicated lever this week containing the Tower of Pisa. When the handle is pushed the

*Beech class children
enjoying a book in their
reading corner.*



tower moves from right to left.

Previously in an art lesson the children had painted Barcelona with lots of colour, Last week, La Sagrada Familia (the famous basilica in Barcelona) was cut out of black paper and as a contrast and glued in front of the colourful city.



Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club will run from Tuesday 6th April until Friday 9th April.

If you would like your child to attend, please complete and return a booking form with payment. The deadline for completed forms is **Friday 5th March**. Booking forms are also available at the school doors.

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.

After School Club Invoices

If your child attended any of our School Clubs during February (i.e., Early Risers, Lunch Club or Tea Timers), you will be emailed your invoice by tomorrow Tuesday 2nd March.

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

Summer Term School Fees

Please be advised that your child's Summer term school fee invoice will be issued on **Friday 12th March** with payment due (50%) on or before **Monday 22nd March**. If you would like to pay in two instalments, then the second instalment would be due on or before **Tuesday 20th April**.

No grapes

Please ensure that you do NOT give your child grapes in their packed lunch, as young children can easily choke on grapes.



Fire Drill

Lower school had a fire drill today. 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. We were very proud of the children.

Class Information

Prep Class

Last week Prep class children were busy learning about Italy and the Leaning Tower of Pisa. We located Italy on a map, learnt about its flag and the meaning of it, discovered the reason why the Tower of Pisa is leaning and also found out why the well-known Margherita pizza is called that.

We have also been talking about animals and their diets. We have learnt about carnivores, animals that eat meat, herbivores, which eat plants, fruit and seeds and omnivores, animals that eat both, plants, and meat. We also added a new material to our science shelf for children to practice these three new concepts.

Although prep class children have done lots of work throughout this week, they also had a great time making some pancakes! Children got the opportunity to measure the quantities of the ingredients, mix them together and make the batter, to later on toss their pancakes. It was so much fun! Some other children were in charge of cutting the fruit, something that gives the little ones the opportunity to refine their fine motor skills.

Lastly, Prep class children are making steady progress in reading, which makes me feel very proud of them. Well done Prep class! Keep up the good work.

Sycamore Class

Last week we continued to talk about superheroes but this time about real ones. So, we have started with doctors and nurses. First, we talked about our experiences with them and how do they help us. We looked at the first aid kit that we have at school and talked about things that are inside for us to use at school when needed. Also, we talked about

germs and the importance of washing our hands regularly.

We did an experiment with glitter simulating that they are germs and see how quickly it could be spread.

Last Tuesday, we made pancakes. It was so fun! We mixed the ingredients, and we all had a pancake with some fruit for our dessert!

Thank you to Chef Oscar who helped us to make the pancakes.



On Wednesday we made a stethoscope and became real doctors! In maths, we traced numbers 2, 3 and 4 and we did some outdoors

learning with Miss Andrea and the maze with the rods!

Get ready for World Book Week as we will be doing lots of fun activities and don't forget to dress up on Thursday as your favourite book character.

Beech Class

Last week, children in Beech class enjoyed various new activities. We started the week by arranging flowers and decorating each classroom with a nice vase of daffodils.



Children then turned into little chefs and prepared a batter for pancakes identifying and measuring each of the ingredients. Chef Oscar was there to



demonstrate how to flip the pancakes over. Children chose their toppings and enjoyed eating their delicious pancakes.

New activities that covered each area of Montessori learning were introduced and children enjoyed exploring and learning more about magnetism, visual discrimination of size in one, two or three dimensions, formation of letters and making large numbers using quantities and symbols.

The children loved spending quality time outdoors with our lovely Spring weather. Various games were played, among which "Duck, Duck, Goose" was a favourite. Children were happy to have their lunch in the sunny garden.

This week we will acknowledge St. David's Day and World Book Day. The children will have an opportunity to learn about St. David by identifying Wales on the puzzle map and looking at each card that represents this special day. Children will also be creating one of the national emblems - a daffodil using a three-dimensional technique.

The week will be filled with various reading sessions. Children will learn about the structure of a book by creating their own books and book-marks. A world book day party will take place and each child can come dressed in their favourite book character and describe their costume. The week will finish by creating stories using story stones where children can use their imagination to think of a story and share it in a group.

Oak Class

Last week we celebrated Pancake Day. The children helped teachers to prepare all the ingredients for the pancakes. They also had to measure out the correct amounts for each ingredient with the scales and they helped with cutting the fruit and squeezing the lemons. The best part was when children dressed up as a chef and flipped their pancake with the help of Chef Oscar and Miss Lorna.



In terms of learning, we focused on learning things about an Octopus. We asked children questions such as, 'What does an octopus look like?', 'Where do octopuses live?', 'How many arms do they have?', 'Do they have good eyesight?'. These



questions helped children work on their communicative skills and develop their confidence to talk in a group.

To make the craft, children went to the art cabin to paint pasta and threading the pasta in straws to make the octopus tentacles. They had a good time, and they progressed in their fine motor skills too.

During the week, the children continued with their literacy and numeracy skills. They learned about the letter 'a'; tracing it using a sand letter and writing the letter in their book. Also, we learnt the numbers 1 to 10.

Nursery

All children enjoyed celebrating Pancake Day where they helped to prepare tasty pancakes for themselves. The whole nursery turned into pancake house.

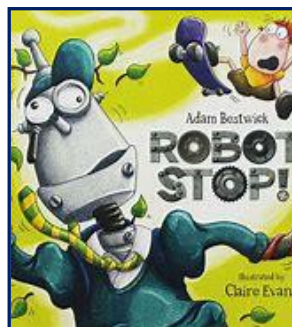


During the week Nursery was discussing people who help us. Last week we spoke about teachers and the role of a teacher.



We introduced sound and letter "t". Children enjoyed group discussions, expressing own ideas and thoughts when having group discussions. They were developing their fine motor skills while learning how to draw a face, and different art activities. We finished the week talking about : When I grow up, I would like to be.....

This week we will be celebrating World Book Day. We will have lots of interactive activities and talk about our favourite books. Children can bring their favourite story to the Nursery and we are looking forward dressing up as one of our favourite book characters this week!



Book of the week

Robot Stop!
By
Adam Bestwick

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers



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