

W/C Monday 29th March 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



This is our very last newsletter for the Spring term. Please be reminded that our last day is this Thursday 1st April and the children will be dismissed at their allocated times as below. Remember, the children will not need a packed lunch. Breakfast club will be running as normal but please note there will be no lunch or tea timers club.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 20th April 2021 after a well-earned rest, along with the staff! It is always sad when we have to say good-bye to our children and families that are moving on, but we wish them all the very best. We are also looking forward to welcoming 13 new WMS families.

Lower School

12.15pm Oak Class
12.25pm Beech Class
12.30pm Willow & Seedling Nursery
12.40pm Acorn Nursery

Upper School

12.30pm Sycamore & Prep Classes

*We would like to wish all our families
a wonderful Easter break.*

Diary Date: Sports Day

This year WMS Sports Day will be on **Friday 2nd July** at 'The Feel Good Centre' in Walthamstow. We have used this fantastic venue before. The children enjoy using a real athletics track! We have our fingers crossed for some lovely events this summer so please diary this whole school family event.



School Photos

We are also hoping that the school photographer will be able to facilitate this safely. We are just investigating how this can be coordinated and dates and we will let you know. It is likely to be mid-May time.

Please ensure you have the full and correct summer uniform for your child and a school smock.

Royal Visit

We couldn't help but share a WMS memory from 9 years ago today. It was a beautiful sunny day too and we all headed up by invitation to the Walthamstow Town Hall to meet the Queen. It was such a lovely local trip. Here you can see two of our children presenting the Queen, with a curtsy, some flowers.



Sun Hats

We are looking at a very warm and sunny spell over the next couple of days. The children will be taking their learning outside whenever possible. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat. We will make sure that the children are drinking plenty of water to keep them hydrated and their school smocks will cover them and keep them cool.



Parent/Teacher Phone Meetings

Thank you to all those parents who have completed and returned their feedback forms.

If you have not completed your form, please do so and return to the school office.

Covid Testing

Thank you so much for continuing to test your children every two weeks, this has meant that we have been able to work towards keeping open this term – which has proved a great success.

All staff are being tested twice a week and will continue to do so over the Easter holidays. Also, nearly 100% of us have had our first vaccination.

We encourage you all to continue testing over the Easter Break and prior to them returning back on Tuesday 20th April.

The borough is also making regular home testing easy for the whole family with a new Community Collect service – this free service means you can pick up a test kit from more of our test centres at:

- Chingford Assembly Hall, E4
- Chingford Methodist Church, E4
- Jubilee Centre, E11
- One Hoe St, E17

Regular testing is one of the best ways to protect your family and the whole school community.

Summer Term School Fees.

If you are paying in two instalments the final instalment is due on or before **Tuesday 20th April**.

Please let the office know if for any reason you are unable to make the payment on time.

Termination of a Place

May we respectfully remind you that you are required to provide notice, in writing, if your child will be leaving the school (email will suffice). This written notice for the Autumn term should be received by the school office on or before the first day of the new term. Therefore, if your child is leaving us at the end of the Summer term 2021 (July) and not returning in September 2021, we should have received notice on or before Tuesday 20th April. After this date school fees for the

Autumn term will be invoiced and payable, as per your signed terms and conditions.

Easter Activities and more Chit Chat Pitter Pat

London Borough of Waltham Forest **Chit Chat Pitter Pat** is a virtual home learning project for under 5's.

Chit Chat Pitter Pat empowers and inspires families to have meaningful home learning experiences and supports schools and early years provisions in encouraging and advocating the benefit of these experiences.

Please follow the link below for more information.

[Chit Chat Pitter Pat home learning for under 5's | Waltham Forest Council](#)

Free Easter Cycling School

Free cycle training is available to school pupils in Waltham Forest this Easter half term!



Sessions are taking place in:

- Lloyd Park – Tuesday 6th April to Friday 9th April
- Leyton Jubilee Park – Monday 12th April to Friday 16th April

Pre-booking is required and more details, including how to book, can be found here:

<https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/waltham-forest/>



WOW! Sheets are a positive way to celebrate your child's achievements. These are an important part of your child's learning journey.

WOW! Sheets are freely available at the school door or can be downloaded from our website, which also has more information about WOW! Sheets. (Under School life, Learning Journals).

Class Information

Prep Class



Last week the children have continued to learn how to form sentences.

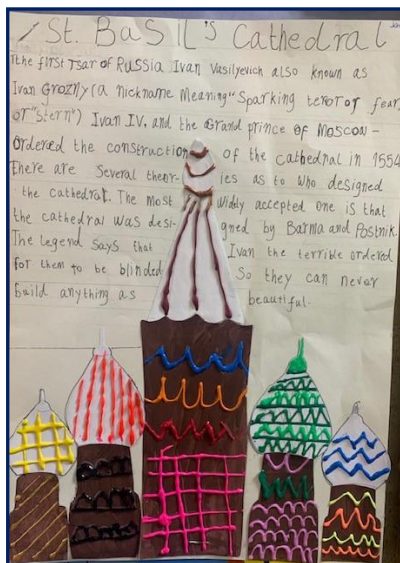
The children have continued their learning on how to form a sentence. Prep class

children have learnt in the last few weeks how to identify connectives, verbs (actions), nouns and adjectives (which we call describing words) in a sentence by using our Montessori symbols as in the picture.

This week, we have been reviewing this content, as well as some others, and have spent some time discovering some other materials that we will be working with next term.

As part of our science curriculum, prep class children have learnt about vertebrates and invertebrates and have gone over the classification of animals by looking at the **similarities** and **differences between them**. Most of the children remembered very well terms like amphibians, reptiles, mammals, birds, fish, and invertebrates, like insects, and could give multiple examples of each category.

Lastly, our topic countries and landmarks around the world in coming to an end. Our last one has been Russia and St. Basils cathedral, which surprised us all by how colourful and beautiful this church is!



A beautiful piece by Jane

Sycamore Class

Last week Sycamore class learned was about dentists. The children were very engaged with this topic. We talked about our experiences with dentists, how do we look after our teeth and we counted how many teeth we have in our mouths! To support our learning, we distinguished between healthy and unhealthy food, we talked about the routines to keep our teeth healthy, and we made the model of our mouth with playdough and beans! All your models looked fantastic! In addition, children enjoyed the giant mouth and the giant toothbrush to experience how to brush our teeth.



Furthermore, we celebrated that spring is here by making a craft of a flower. We also talked about different facts about this season looking at differences between winter and spring.

Letters of the week "r" and "u".

Beech Class

Children in Beech class had a very busy week preparing for Easter. We had a nice Easter table and the children enjoyed exploring the objects that represent spring and Easter.



Children learned couple of chick songs and "The little red hen" as well as "Handa's Hen" stories were read. Children enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a hen through cards and a video of a chick hatching. The mother hen and her chicks cards were made using hand and fingerprints and the children learned the parts of a chicken during this activity and used their knowledge when making a chick snack.



The children showed a great interest in learning about our planet and exploring both Montessori globes trying to find large and small pieces of land and water. Children identified Europe, Africa

and South America on the world puzzle map and learned where Macedonia is on the Europe puzzle map as well as the flag of Macedonia. We will continue to introduce a country along with a flag of that country on a weekly basis as the children seem to be enjoying this topic.

This week it is all about Easter. Children will decorate eggs using very interesting techniques and they will learn the body parts of a rabbit along with a very interesting facts about each part. We will read "Peter Rabbit" story and sing couple of bunnies songs. We will also make carrot baskets and bunnies ears for the most wanted egg hunt that will take place on Thursday. The children will turn into Easter bunnies searching for hidden eggs in the garden.



The letter of the week is g and the country of the week is Greece.

Oak Class

Oak class children learnt about Easter and how it is celebrated. We discussed which are the symbols of Easter and explored them in the basket. We reinforced our learning by feeling the sandpaper letter 'e', counting the wooden eggs, singing Easter songs and reading Easter books in different languages.

Oak class children have shown a lot of interest in birds; they can hear them in the garden and, they are always looking for the bird's nest.



We talked about the bird's nest; how are they made? What are they for? and which natural materials needed for the nest. For a practical activity, we made a nest using sticks, leaves, moss, wigs and feathers. Everyone worked as a team and were so good at following the instructions.

During circle time, we talked about the Life Cycle of a chicken and a hen, the body parts of a chick/hen; and how can we identify the chick's gender by the colour of the feathers. The children were so excited about sharing their experiences on the farm with hens and chicks.

For our Out and About session, we went to the garden and we read a book about Nature. We played I spy... and we made a lovely collage using leaves, sticks and stones.



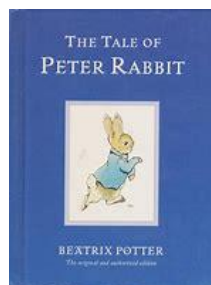
Nursery

Nursery children continued learning about Spring last week. Our Spring lessons involved Spring yoga where we done different poses to resemble Spring, such as 'say hello to the sun' and 'be a tree'. We also created beautiful blossom trees using bubble wrap, our favourite activity was our rainbow experiment.



We even enjoyed a picnic on Wednesday in our garden for snack time. We explored the letter 'S' and spoke

about things which begin with that sound. This week we will be learning all about Easter and discussing traditions around this special holiday. We will make Easter bonnets and go on an Easter egg hunt around our school.



Book of the week;

The Tale of Peter Rabbit
by
Beatrix Potter.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers



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