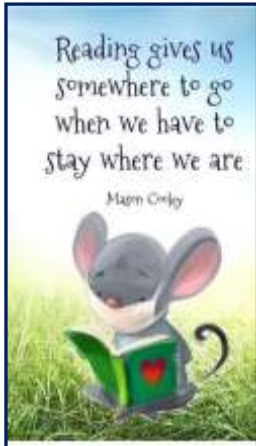


W/C Monday 8th March 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



World Book Day

was celebrated in style throughout the week at WMS! The children participated in lots of activities, from creating and illustrating their own books, designing bookmarks, and setting up their own library.

On Thursday, the children and staff dressed as their favourite book characters and we had some wonderful creations, from Elmo the Elephant to Mary

Poppins, the children enjoyed staying in character helping to bring their favourite books to life!



Thank you to all our parents and carers that helped to make this day such a special event with all the work that went into these costumes.

Reminder that our last day of Spring Term is Thursday 1st April. School will finish at 12.30pm so no pack lunch is needed. Breakfast club will be running on the Thursday 1st but please note there will be no lunch time or tea timer's club on that day.

Easter Holiday Club

Our Easter Holiday Club is now full. We had a huge uptake and places were filled very quickly.

You will receive a letter to confirm your child's place on the holiday club, please ensure that full payment has been made or the place may be released to another child at the end of Tuesday 9th March.



St David's Day

The children learnt more about St David the Welsh bishop who is the patron saint of Wales.

We all learnt some interesting facts about Wales, that daffodils are the national flower and that they are very good at playing rugby!



Some of the children prepared the flowers and displayed them beautifully in their vases.



International Women's Day

At WMS we believe firmly in equality for everyone. Every child at our school will have an education full of equal

opportunities and unprejudiced attitudes such that their choices in life are not limited. We fully recognise and support our girls in providing strong role models and encourage to be everything they want to be.



Music with Miss Ruth

Last week Miss Ruth brought some of the books by Julia Donaldson to life through music. These included, 'The Gruffalo', 'A Squash and a Squeeze' and 'Room on the Broom'. The interactive lesson captivated the children as Miss Ruth and the children sang the rhyming stories that are witty and fun.



Easter Egg Hunt



As you know our last day of the Spring term is Thursday 1st April. During the morning, the children will be enjoying their Easter celebrations and an Easter egg hunt – always a popular event with the children!

Parent Corner – keeping safe.

Please be aware that yesterday there was a report of a mugging in the local area nearby to Penrhyn. This happened during the day. Please keep safe and vigilant when out and about.

Teacher/Parent Meetings

Currently, we are unable to hold face-to-face meetings under Covid measures inside the school. But we still want to communicate with you and share your child's progress with you!

You will shortly be contacted to arrange a teacher/parent progress update on your child. We will be holding these conversations by phone.

Upper School Art & DT

Prep Class had 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory' as their book for World Book Day. Lots of delicious sweets were drawn to recreate the inside of the most amazing sweets factory we have ever seen. The children enjoyed dreaming of swimming in the chocolate river, standing under the gigantic chocolate water fall and climbing candy trees.



In DT Prep class made a 3D version of Machu

Picchu, the old Inca city with the famous mountain behind.

Last week, Sycamore Class made a lever with linkage. We managed to include the main characters from the book 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt' into our moving picture. The



children had fun taking the bear and family free for a hunt.

In Art we based our work on the book 'Three Little Pigs'. We had three different materials to build the



houses: paper as bricks, lollipop sticks as wood and dried leaves for the straw. It was great to see how the children were so focused and how accurate their work was.

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 in measuring the amount of liquid and dividing it equally between the containers.

Summer Term School Fees

Please be advised that your child's Summer term school fee invoice will be issued from **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**.

Every child will receive an invoice for school fees for next term. If you are not in possession of an invoice for your child by Tuesday 16th March, then please contact the office to check. Late payments do incur late fees.

Class Information

Prep Class

Last week we celebrated World Book Week. We focused on the wonderful book 'Charlie and the Chocolate Factory', by Roald Dahl,

which I am sure you all know, we got familiar with the story, watched some scenes of the movie, got dressed up and went on a Golden Ticket hunt!

Some of the children are working with the division board, which helps children understand the concept of sharing in a very visual way. The Multiplication and Division Boards are Montessori maths materials that help children over 4 years old to grasp the notion of multiplication and division as well as allow them to see concretely what these operations mean.



Prep class have been doing some learning on time. Most of the children are now familiar with terms such as a o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to, and can represent them all with their own clocks.



With the help of our little friend "Fred the frog", prep class have done some phonics and practiced their sounds and have also helped Fred learn his letters! Thank you for teaching Fred how to sound out his sounds children!!

Sycamore Class

What a wonderful week! It was so magic that it may be difficult to forget it.

We read the book "We're going on a Bear Hunt" and we prepared all the materials to go through the parts of the story to find the bear, long wavy grass, cold deep river, and finally we found the bear! Also, we created a collage using different textures related to these places, a river, a forest, and a cave. Another book was "The Three Little Pigs". As we



are very familiar with this story, we decided to act it out. The children were excellent at acting out the story. We extended their learning by creating the houses of the pigs out of straws, sticks and bricks.

Last week we talked about paramedics. We discussed about how they could help us and when would they help us. To support our understanding,



we traced our bodies on a big piece of paper on the floor and we borrowed from Miss Wendy a real x-ray! It was very interesting looking at it. So after,

we created our own ones.

Thank you for making the events last week so special. And well done for coming dressed up as your favourite character on World Book Day. It was so much fun!



This week we will be talking about Police Officers and creating our own police station.

Beech Class

What an eventful week the Beech class children had! We started the week by talking about St. David's Day and Wales. Children were presented with the puzzle map of the British Isles and learned the four countries of Great Britain, focusing on Wales.



Daffodil crafts were taking place in our outdoor art cabin and children were introduced to the parts of this flower by using the classified cards.

The rest of the week was devoted to books and World Book Day. Children made their own books after the teacher's demonstration of the structure of a book. They also made bookmarks using pressed flowers and leaves. World Book Day was a very adventurous day filled with description and acting out the character each child presented, reading sessions and the most fun of all - making a Gruffalo snack. We finished the week by telling a story using story stones which children used to create their own stories afterwards.

This week will be all about plants, both indoor and outdoor, and looking after them. Activities, such as, watering plants and cleaning their leaves will be introduced. Children will have an opportunity to learn and understand the life cycle of a plant by seeing the entire process with the experiment of a bean in a jar.

We will also plant some seeds in our garden and take care of them by monitoring and water them on a regular basis.

The week will be finished by acknowledging Mother's Day and talking about our family which will be supported with books, songs, and crafts. We will all be choosing that someone special in our lives to design and make a special card.

Our budding authors in Beech class created their own books for World Book Day!



Oak Class

Last week, Oak class children discussed how people celebrated St David's Day and where it is located in Wales on the map. We also learnt about the life cycle of the daffodil, the national flower of Wales.



The children participated in the celebration of World Book Day. We learnt the parts of a book and what the differences are between an author and an illustrator. We also discussed which was our favourite story; and why. "Room on the Broom", "The

Stickman", and "Elmer" were the most popular books.

For our practical activity, we made a bookmark - working on our threading skills and our creativity. We did read "Owl Babies", and we created the principal character using food. It was so fun!



The most popular activity for Oak class children was to design their own story about the Stick Man book. They had to be an author and illustrator for a day. It was awesome!!!! At the end of the week, everyone enjoyed dressing up as their favourite book character and reading their books from home.

Literacy: letter of the week "b"

Numeracy: geometric shapes and numbers 1 to 20.

Nursery

Last week nursery started the week learning about St David's Day and made beautiful daffodil artwork. The children also got their hands muddy planting sunflowers, snap peas and cress, the children really enjoyed getting involved.



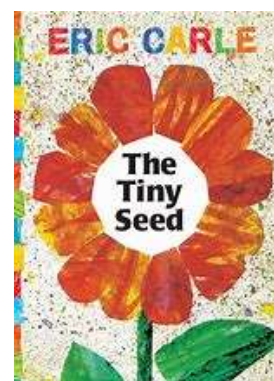
Throughout the week we celebrated World Book Day, the children and teachers looked great dressed as their favourite book characters and the children brought in their favourite books from home to share with their class. The children created their own book and enjoyed watching the puppet show and live performance of The Very Hungry Caterpillar from Miss Libera and Miss Elsa.

The letter for this week is 'f' and we look forward to exploring different objects that begin with 'f'.

This week is fun packed, we will be exploring the Post Office with lots of fun sorting activities along with decorating biscuits and making fruit skewers. We will also be celebrating Mother's Day and creating something lovely for our someone special.

Book of the week

The Tiny Seed
By
Eric Carle



Our signage for social distancing guidance that was along the hedge at Penrhyn has disappeared – please continue to keep your distance and wear face coverings at all times when in and around the school buildings.

Our team at WMS are a very talented bunch. Miss Andrea is our very own resident poet. This is something she produced for us all at WMS as part of World Book Day.



**A poem by
Miss Andrea**

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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