

W/C Monday 26th April 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Welcome back! We are now into the second we but we hope you all had a lovely break and ready for the new Summer term! A special welcome to our new families. I am sure you will join us in making them all feel very welcome!

We have lots, as always, planned throughout the Summer term with the second half of the term the busiest as we work towards Sports day where we see the whole school come together to participate in such events along with parents so please make sure you make a note of these particular dates in your diary.

Class 'Welcome Back' letters have been emailed to you. Please let the office know if you did not receive a copy at the end of last week.

Please note that we close for the half term break on Friday 28th May, school re-opens on Monday 7th June. Early Risers and Tea Timers will run as normal on these days.

Science Week

Throughout w/c 17th May we will be focusing on science. We are very fortunate to have Anna's mum, who is a science teacher, come in again to school to help with Science week. Last time the children took part in some brilliant experiments.

Diary Date Sports Day

This year WMS Sports Day will be on **Friday 2nd July** at 'The Feel Good Centre' in Walthamstow. We get to use an athletics track and will be practicing hard with our events.



More details to follow.

Happy 20th Birthday WMS!

Last week we celebrated a very important event at WMS! 20 successful years. The school first opened with just 4 members of staff and 26 children.



All the children helped to mark this special day. They helped create a beautiful display board, each class produced a special message or drawing which has been used to produce a

keepsake scrapbook and of course we all enjoyed a piece of cake!!



Thank you for your lovely messages and we look forward to the next 20 years!!

Meet Cooper!

We were all very excited last week when Cooper came to visit us at WMS!

Cooper is a Cockapoo puppy with a very gentle nature. The children enjoyed learning about Cooper and helping



Miss Lorna with his training and care.



Cooper will be a regular visitor to WMS, and it was wonderful to see how the children were engaged and enjoyed spending time with Cooper.

ICT Week

Last week the children learnt about e-safety and how to stay safe while using the internet.

Through play opportunities children can support their ICT knowledge and understanding. The children looked at a wide range of ICT items, such as keyboards, phones, mobile phones and a C.D. player. The children learnt about the function of these items and how to operate them.



Everywhere Bear Is Back!

We are delighted to inform you that Everywhere Bear is back in the form of a small plastic bear.



Each week, Everywhere Bear will go home with a different child from our Lower school. He will take part in whatever you do over the weekend and return on Monday. Please keep Everywhere Bear, his ruck sack and his journal very safe.

We look forward to reading about all the exciting adventures that Everywhere Bear takes you on.

Earth Day

was celebrated at WMS last Thursday, it is an annual event on the 22nd April to demonstrate support for environmental protection. First held on April 22, 1970, it now includes a wide range of events coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG



Composer of the Week



Listening to classical music has many benefits from helping boost your confidence to improving your memory! Our composer of the week at WMS is Claude Debussy he was a French composer who lived from 1862-1918, he was amongst one of the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th century. Debussy was born into a poor family in France in 1862, his obvious gift at the piano sent him to Paris Conservatoire at the age of 11.

'Test' Parent Text

We will be sending a 'test' text on Thursday to all parents. If you do not receive this text, please email the school office. It is important that you are correctly on our system so we can communicate any urgent messages or reminders.

Notice Period



Please be reminded that if your child will be leaving WMS at the end of the Summer term (ie 20th July) then written notice to the school office should have been received no later than Tuesday 20th April. If you have already provided notice, then an acknowledgement letter will be sent home with your child this week. Notices received after this time, as per your terms and conditions, will mean that Autumn term school fees would be due, and you would automatically be invoiced accordingly.

Healthy Teeth

Please find attached the flyer with the latest dates for the Healthy teeth parent workshop.



This virtual, informal and interactive workshop equips parents/carers with all that they need to keep their children's teeth healthy.

Easter Holiday Club



Was a great success the children had lots of fun and enjoyed playing with their friends and taking part in the lovely activities.



It was lovely to have one of ex-students Keashigan helping at the holiday club. Keashigan is currently studying at Chigwell School for his A levels and will be attending

university in September to study medicine.

We are looking to confirm the dates of our Summer holiday club in the next couple of weeks.

Keyboards

Thank you to the parents who have kindly donated old keyboards.

We now have one for each class and the children have already started to use them as per of their ICT learning.

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 protect them.



Meet the Teacher

We would like to give a warm welcome to Miss Rajae who has joined us at

WMS. Miss Rajae is an experienced Assistant Montessori teacher and will be teaching along side Miss Lidia in Sycamore class. Rajae is passionate about education, psychology of children and loves to create children's activities so they can enjoy learning through play.

Parent Corner

Thank you to two of our local mums who supplied us with the lovely balloons and a cake to help us celebrate the school's 20th birthday. The school has had many cakes over the years from Carolyn and we highly recommend her.

Carolyn Davis Bespoke Cakes

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Class Information

Prep Class

Last week Prep class children have been learning about the internet and how to stay safe when using it. With the right **e-safety** knowledge, children can better **understand** the dangers of releasing personal information, as well as how to recognise unethical behaviours and the importance of being with a grown-up when searching the internet, to name a few.

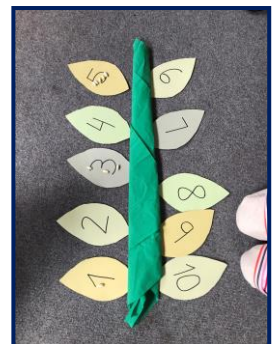
We have used different resources such as stories, poems, flashcards and games which have helped to reinforce the children's learning and understanding.

In science, Prep class have learnt a new word "metamorphosis", and some of the animals that go through this process of change. Prep class will have the opportunity to be looking after some tiny little caterpillars that will be with us very soon, so as to allow them to observe this process first-hand.

Lastly, Prep class have been learning about Florence Nightingale, who chose to devote most of her life to helping people. We even played a role in which "Florence" would wake us up with the lamp to enable us to write letters to send to our loved ones.

Sycamore Class

Sycamore class enjoyed the first week of term very much! It was lovely to see you all back. Also, we welcomed Miss Rajae, our new member of staff. It is great to have you with us. Some of the children have started to read in Sycamore class. Please, make sure your child brings in their book to school every day together with their reading



record. Don't worry if you haven't started because we will begin this week. We will send home a new book every week so your child can read it during the week. Well done Sycamore!

Our topic for the Summer term is "Traditional Tales", the story last week was "Jack and the Beanstalk". We read it, sequenced the pictures of it, paying attention to beginning, middle and end and we created a beanstalk with numbers on its leaves to put as many magic beans as each leaf says. We also planted a seed in a small container to see the parts of a plant.

Please, remember you can send your child in with a



traditional tale book to read at school if you have any.

This week we will be learning about Morocco. Miss Rajae has kindly shared with us some objects typical from the country. We identified where Morocco is located on the map, it's flag and we learned that people speak Arabic and French there. Miss Rajae has also taught us how to say "hello", "goodbye" and "thank you" in Arabic!

The next country will be India. If you have anything typical from that country, please, bring it in by Wednesday, and we will share it in the class. It could be pictures, clothes, books... anything related to India.

Last week was E-safety week. We discussed how to keep safe online, we created a poster of our SMART Rules and we talked about what personal information means.



Our letters of the week are "m" and "l".

Beech Class

Last week was all about E-safety. Children learned about various different things a computer can do. We looked at the story "Smartie the Penguin" and we discussed how to stay safe when using a tablet or other form of a computer. Through a song, children understood the concept of being safe and what to do if something strange appears on the screen. On Friday we acknowledged St. George's day by locating England on the puzzle map and identifying the colours and the shape of the English flag. Children also learned a new technique of creating a red rose as a national emblem of St. George. It was fascinating to see the children's knowledge and understanding of the countries of the United Kingdom and their ability to locate them on the puzzle map.

This week, we will recap and learn all the continents using the globes and the puzzle map. We will focus on Spain and by the end of the week, children will be able to locate this country on the Europe puzzle map, identify the Spanish flag and learn some interesting facts about Spanish culture through music, pictures and various objects that represent Spain. Children will also be able to greet in Spanish language.

Oak Class

Our focus last week was centred around E-safety. We discussed the meaning of the internet and the things that you can do and watch on there.

We also discussed with the children about the importance of not exchanging personal details with anyone on the internet in particular strangers.

We read about Goldilocks and the Three Bears, where the children used good communication and language skills to discuss about the story.

We identified the importance of not going into strangers houses, and then we related it to internet safety and not talking to people that we don't know.

The children used their creative skills to create a lovely computer constructed from card with numbers and letters written on mock keys to simulate a keyboard.

St George's day was celebrated also by discussing the story and also ending the day with a lovely craft activity.

Last but by no means least, it was a wonderful celebration for us all on Thursday to commemorate 20 years since Walthamstow Montessori School first opened its doors.

A warm congratulations to Miss Lorna from all of our Oak class teachers. We are proud to be part of WMS.

This week we will be focussing on Continents and countries. It is the turn of Europe and we will be introducing the Montessori Globe to the children. We

will be learning some interesting facts about Spain including landmarks. Miss

Nursery

Our Nurseries had a very busy week. It was lovely to see everyone back after Easter break. This term we will concentrate on Geography and learn about different countries from all of the continents.

We started the week with learning to identify land and water and children had opportunity to practice and learn how to carry a globe. We also learned new song about continents of the world.



On Thursday we celebrated Earth Day. The children enjoyed discussing about how we can look after our planet and be responsible in keeping our environment clean and safe. We also celebrated the school's 20th birthday last week. What a special week we had! Thank you for all your lovely wishes.

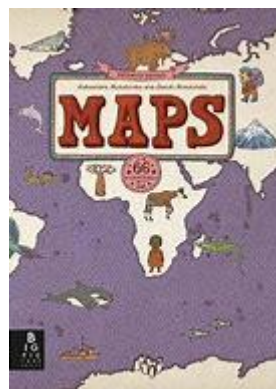


This week we are learning about the UK. We will be discussing where we live, famous London buildings and landmarks, transport and the Royal family. These will be followed with lots of art activities.

Book of the week

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Best wishes, WMS Admin

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