

W/C Monday 14th June 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Smile!

It is National Smile Month and the Borough of Waltham Forest have asked nurseries to participate in a poster competition about healthy teeth. Sycamore Class created a fantastic A3 poster which they have named, 'Mr Healthy Tooth Tooth'.



To start with, children discussed ideas on how to design the big tooth and to give it a name. Everyone was able to share their ideas and helped to contribute to getting a lovely end product. As all children were extremely pleased and proud of the poster they created, each child went on to make their own one.



**Painted Ladies** The children have been watching their caterpillars transform into beautiful Painted Lady butterflies and have been learning about the life cycle of a caterpillar.

The butterflies were ready to fly and the children watched as they



found their wings and flew away!!

Interesting fact: The Painted Lady is a long-distance migrant, which causes the most spectacular butterfly migrations observed in Britain and Ireland. Each year, it spreads northwards from the desert fringes of North Africa, the Middle East, and Central Asia, recolonising mainland Europe and reaching Britain and Ireland. In some years it is an abundant butterfly, frequenting gardens and other flowery places in late summer.



### Anyone for Tennis!

Upper school children enjoyed their tennis lesson with Miss Hilary, they practised their serves and their fast running. They Learnt about the important tennis event of the week.



Tennis is great for hand and eye co-ordination. It promotes teamwork, social skills and sportsmanship as well as coordination, agility

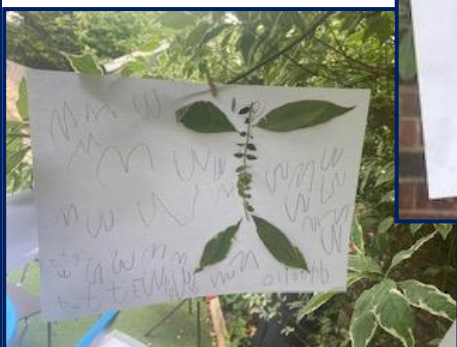
and balance. Tennis also requires strategic thinking and problem solving and builds your self-confidence. An excellent all-round sport.



## Collages

Oak and Beech children class made some beautiful collages depicting the life cycle of a butterfly.

The children foraged for natural materials in the garden to produce their collages as part of our forest schooling.



## Everywhere Bear

Everywhere bear had so much half term fun with Olive.

He was kept very busy with ballet, a visit to the zoo and soft play fun. Olive & Everywhere Bear also had time to enjoy some lovely pancakes!!



## Ci vuole un fiore

'It takes a flower' – Lower school children enjoyed this lovely book and song with Signor Stefano during their Italian lesson last week. Signor Stefano acted & sang the story with the help of his puppets.



## Christopher Columbus

This week, Prep class explored the life of Christopher Columbus. In DT, we made him travel around the world in his sailing boat.

We used a paper fastener for the boat to be able to 'ship/ move' around the world. The children had to copy the world map themselves (we focused on the continents) which they did very well. After and during the session the children let their ships float and travel to lots of countries.



**Thank you** to Ruzgar's parents for the lovely set of books from The British Museum. The children are going to enjoy exploring them!!





## Autumn Term School Fees

Please be advised that your child's Autumn term school fee invoice will be issued from Monday 28th June with payment due (50%) on or before **Wednesday 7th July**. If you would like to pay in two instalments, then the second instalment would be due on or before **Monday 6th September 2021**.

*Please note the school's website has the fee schedule on it.*

## Composer of the Week



Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was born in Leipzig Germany. He learned the piano as a child but wanted to be an author. He wrote his first play when he was 13 but decided to turn it into an opera and began studying composition. Wagner had an opera house built at Bayreuth, Germany, where his operas were performed, at a festival every year.

## Annual Tennis Open Day



On Thursday 15th July we will be holding a 'Tennis open day'. All Upper School parents are invited to join us and watch their children in action.

We ask that parents meet us at the tennis courts in Lloyd Park at 1.45pm, where the children will demonstrate their tennis skills and also some group activities that they have been doing during their PE lesson throughout the term – I am sure you will see how much they have progressed.

## Sun Hats

With the warm sunny weather looking to continue for the next few days, 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.



Please ensure your child is also wearing their school smock and this will cover them and offer protection from the sun.

## Class Information

### Prep Class

Prep class children had such a busy week full of fun and learning opportunities.

In science we did some more learning on the weather associated with the seasons. We also learnt about weather changes and discovered that daily changes in the weather are due to winds and storms. Seasonal changes are due to the Earth revolving around the Sun, since the earth is round and not flat, and the Sun's rays don't fall evenly on the land and oceans.

To reinforce our previous lessons about metamorphosis, Prep class children had the opportunity to observe butterflies closely for the last time and set them free for a new adventure.



In literacy the children have been introduced to a new concept, possessive apostrophes. The children in prep class have understood this very well and have applied it to their work. Some older children have also been practicing their joint-up writing, as we can see on the picture.

Our person of interest this week has been Christopher Columbus, who happened to be a sailor. His first voyage nearly ended in disaster as his ship was attacked and set on fire by pirates! Columbus only survived by swimming to land. He became famous as the explorer who found new lands called 'The Americas'. But actually, many people already lived there. Prep class children were fascinated by that fact that he found the Americas by accident! He was actually looking for a new way to get to China and India.

Next week, following our topic the children in Prep class will be learning about Andy Warhol.

### Sycamore Class

Last week's traditional tale was "The Little Red Hen". After reading the story, we learned some actions to help us to retell it. Children were able to remember the actions which supported them to compose simple sentences independently, using the key features of narrative. Some of us were able to

retell the story in our own words. Great job everybody!

For Science, we looked at the life cycle of a chicken, describing every stage and watching some chicks hatching their eggs on a video.

For Maths, we reviewed how to make a pattern, describe it and predict it, using animals instead of colours.

The country of the week was Japan. Miss Rajae showed us their flag, typical food and national animal of Japan the green pheasant. Miss Rajae also showed us how to write some words in Japanese and we were introduced to the art of origami by creating a fish.



This week we will be learning about Pakistan. Please, bring to school anything typical from the country so we can all learn about this country.

Also, well done Sycamore class for behaving so well during your tennis lesson over at Lloyd Park and walking safety to and from the park.

### Beech Class

Last week, children in Beech class learned all about metamorphosis. We started the week by creating the life cycle of a butterfly using natural materials found in the garden. We created paper chain caterpillars and a symmetrical butterfly painting. A funny poem about



metamorphosis was read and children looked at the life cycle of a frog using cards representing the life cycle in their collage. Children were fascinated to observe the tadpoles in a jar that were brought in by Bela's mum. We also said goodbye to five Painted Lady butterflies that finally came out of their chrysalis and were ready to continue on their journey. Some children were very keen on letting the butterfly stand on their fingers before flying away.

This week, we will continue with our travels, visiting North America. We will start by exploring Mexico and learning all about this country. Children will look at Frida Kahlo's work and explore this art technique by creating self-portraits. We will then visit Canada and learn its main features as well as the national flag and its meaning. Children will have an opportunity to learn about Canada's endangered animals. We will finish the week by acknowledging and preparing for Father's Day.



The children prepared their caterpillar snack, with cucumber, tomatoes and raisins.



### Oak Class

Last week Oak children learnt about metamorphosis, the process which animals go through and the name of the life cycle.

On one side, we observed the chrysalis in the classroom and, we discussed the stage of the lifecycle of the caterpillar.

For our 'Out and About' lesson, we read "The Very Hungry Caterpillar", we designed a butterfly, developing our creative skills and we sang the metamorphosis song.



The children also learnt about the life cycle of a frog. We looked at the frog's body parts and we had the opportunity,



thanks to our friend Béla, to observe some tadpoles. We discussed which will be the next phase and we named all of them. Also, we made a frog mask using paper and we had fun dancing and jumping like a frog in the garden.

This week Oak class children will be learning about North America.



*The children created a beautiful butterfly collage.*



## Nursery

Nursery children continued learning about the continents through a song and visual presentation of the continental globe and the world puzzle map.

Last week we talked about Africa. Children enjoyed developing a visual sense of the shape, size and colour of the African continent. We discussed what is the climate like in Africa and animals living there.

All children absolutely loved learning about African music and dancing. We could hear drums all week as the children were enjoying exploring the sound and created their own African drums and decorated them with colourful shapes and prints.

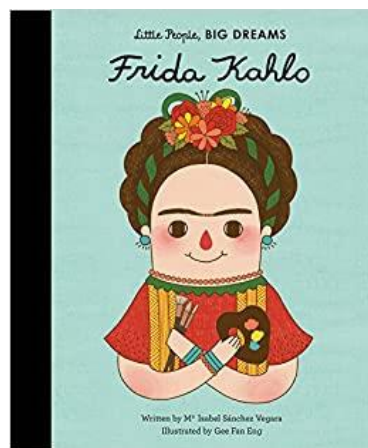


We ended the week by making an African desert called Akwadu using bananas and plantain.

Everyone enjoyed this for their snack.

This week we will be discussing Asia. We have lots of exciting activities planned to help children to learn about Asian culture. We will be making sushi on Friday using rice, and vegetables and wrapping them in nori sheet.

## Book of the week;



**Frida Kahlo  
By  
Maria Isabel  
Sanchez**

## Best wishes, WMS Admin

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