

W/C Monday 7th June 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



### Welcome back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. This part of the term is a very busy one at WMS so please ensure you read all your emails! You will receive updates and reminders on events such as our annual Sports day which is being held on Friday 2nd July. Please be reminded this is an off-site event and the school is not open on this day.

Please note that the last day of term is on Tuesday 20th July and school finishes at 12.30pm on that day.

### Globe Theatre

Before the half term break Prep Class combined their DT and Art Session to make Shakespeare's Globe Theatre.

The children worked in groups, they had to plan and design their stage, choosing colours, fabrics and signage.



They did a fantastic job figuring out a construction which supports and holds the balconies for the audience.

### Life Cycle of a butterfly

The children have been learning more about the life cycle of a caterpillar and we will be observing how our caterpillars grow, feed and



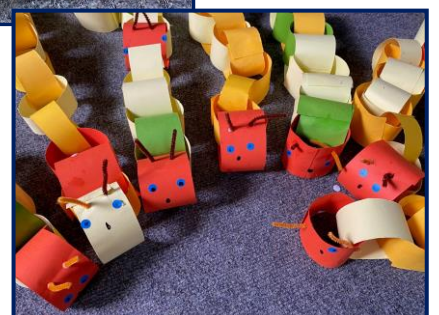
then transform from a chrysalis to a beautiful colourful butterfly before our very eyes. We

also all learnt the word metamorphosis!

### The Very Hungry Caterpillar

Sycamore class have been reading, 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar', and in art we decided to make a big caterpillar ourselves. The children had to make one paper ring at a time, then interlock it with the next one in order to make a long paper chain. The caterpillars grew bit by

bit- just like a real one.



## Everywhere Bear



*Everywhere bear had so much fun at Hector's grandma's house that he decided to stay for an extra few days!!*

## 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



The composer of the week this week is Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Vivaldi was born in Venice and became one of the most famous composers of the Italian Baroque. Vivaldi composed over 500 concertos, the most famous is *The Four Seasons*, a set of four violin concertos published in 1725.

## After School Club Invoices

If your child attended any of our School Clubs during **May**, (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club or Tea Timers), you will be emailed your invoice by tomorrow Wednesday 9th June.

Please note these invoices will need to be paid by **Monday 14th June** to avoid a penalty charge. All invoices are now emailed to you. If you require a paper copy, please let the office know.

## Sun Hats

We are looking at a very warm and sunny spell over the next few weeks.



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.

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



**Tennis** will be starting this

Thursday 10th June for Upper school children (Sycamore & Prep Classes) at Lloyd Park.

Please ensure your child is dressed in appropriate sportswear and footwear (trainers/plimsols). Children not in safe footwear (sandals) will not be permitted on the courts. Children will also need a sun hat and a named bottle of water.

## Summer Holiday Club

Thank you for your patience as we are working hard on trying to pull a team together to enable us to offer a Summer Holiday Club.

We will advise as soon we have some more information.

## Sports Day

**FRIDAY 2ND JULY**



Each year, sports days is a great success, lots of fun and a lovely family day.

A letter with full information on this annual event will be sent home shortly. Please ensure you return the slip indicating your attendance.

We look forward to seeing all our families at the off-site venue: **The Feel Good Centre, 170 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, E17 5AA**

### **Design Sports Day Programme Cover**

All children are invited to draw a themed picture and send into the school office by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June, for the attention of Miss Celestina. The



winning entry will have their picture on the front cover.

## Teacher Information



A very warm welcome to our new class teacher Miss Ozge who has joined our expanding team. We are pleased that she has been able to join us early and will be getting to know all the children over the next few weeks.

Miss Ozge is a highly qualified and experienced teacher with a degree in childhood studies, Miss Ozge is a keen computer gamer and also enjoys playing badminton.

## Class Information

### Prep Class

Over the past week the children in Prep class have been focusing on selecting a 'just right' text, which they are able to read with confidence. We have discussed how they can decide on choosing an appropriate text that will enable them to further develop their reading proficiency skills. The children have also been learning some strategies to assist them to work out the tricky words in the text, like using the pictures and stretching out the sounds.

In literacy, prep class children have shared writing pieces about their weekends and experiences, as well as recounts of the books they read. To make our writing more interesting we used adjectives for describing the people involved and the setting.

In mathematics prep class children have been introduced to the concepts of height, weight and length. Giving the fact that we had the caterpillars at school, the children had the opportunity to measure them every morning

with the ruler and see how much they would grow each day. In science we learnt about evergreen and deciduous trees, and the children got to name and draw a few of them.

### Beech Class

Before half term, children in Beech class had fun exploring Tanzania. We located this country on the map of Africa, learn about the meaning of the flag and created the flag, talked about animals you can see in the Serengeti National Park and which ones are the most dangerous of all. We also went on a safari trip in our garden, searching for the hidden animals and ticking them off the check list which was great fun. Children tried out some of the traditional garments and made a fruit salad using the most exotic fruit such as pineapple, passion fruit, mango, avocado, etc.



This week we will take a small break from travelling around the world and focus on something that is happening in our classroom - metamorphosis. We have been observing our caterpillars growing and we have found them hanging in their chrysalis. Children find this fascinating, so we are going to talk about this change more in depth. Children will learn what metamorphosis is and which animals go through this change. We will make a caterpillar snack, caterpillar paper chain, look at the life cycle of a butterfly and a frog using classified cards and make a butterfly symmetrical painting. Children will look at the body parts of the caterpillar/butterfly and learn a poem and a song about this metamorphosis.

### Sycamore Class

Welcome back to our last half term of this academic year. I hope you enjoyed the lovely weather during our half term break.

Before the break we focused on “The Very Hungry Caterpillar” story. We read the book and we looked at the life cycle of a butterfly. We also have caterpillars at upper school, so we were able to see their transformation at school. They have turned into butterflies already.

For Maths we made number sentences with the



food that the hungry caterpillar ate in the story. For science, we talked about the life cycle of a caterpillar,

their habitat and what they eat. We also created a tree for our caterpillars.

The country of the week was Poland. Thank you to John for showing us some money and train tickets from Poland.



This week we will be learning about Japan.

### Oak Class

Before the half term break, Oak class continued with our continent exploration on Africa and the country of Tanzania.

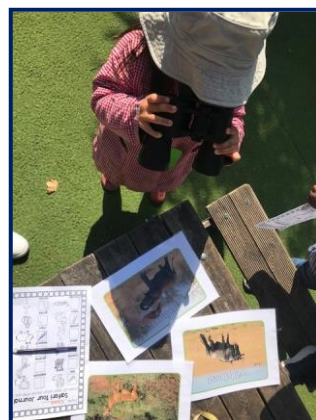
As a group we took turns to identify different characteristics about the Tanzanian flag. We compared this to the British flag and we observed any similarities or differences between the two.

After our presentation with the teacher, we also took turns to recall prior knowledge and locate Africa on the puzzle map. We used our creative skills to produce our own flag from Tanzania.

Our exploration about Tanzania continued with us observing images of different wildlife animals including a waterbuck, buffalo, rhino and a leopard.

We used our communication and language skills to discuss the Serengeti National Park.

The week concluded with a lovely Safari role play activity where we used out binoculars to locate different animal pictures in the garden. We used our writing skills to tick the picture of the matching animal on worksheets.



We also used our sense of taste to sample different exotic fruits.



This week we will be looking at different butterflies from all around the world.

### Nursery

The last week before the term break, nursery children enjoyed a variety of fun activities. We learned a bit more about Bulgaria. We located it on the Europe puzzle map and Miss Genya shared some lovely cultural items from her home country which we all loved exploring.

We continued with a sorting and sticking activity with the transport vehicles. The nursery children also had group and individual presentations of the pink tower and the broad stairs. On the last day of the week,

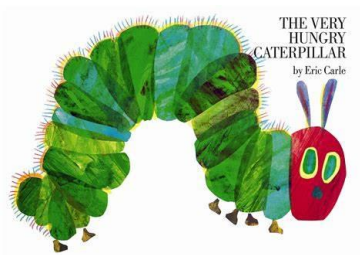


we talked about the weather outside and the importance of hydration. We made lemonade, taking turns at squeezing the lemons and adding the rest of the ingredients like

some sugar and mint leaves. The children loved making and tasting the lemonade.

This week we will have a focus on Africa. We will learn how to find it on the continental globe and learn about its culture, music, dance, and animals that live there through a variety of fun filled arts and crafts activities.

### Book of the week.



**The Very Hungry  
Caterpillar  
By  
Eric Carle**

## Best wishes, WMS Admin

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