

W/C Monday 5th July 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

'Winning Smile'

We were delighted to hear that Sycamore's class poster was one of the winners in Henry's Smile Poster competition.

Henry was impressed with the poster and that the children have been learning about how to look after their teeth and keep them healthy.

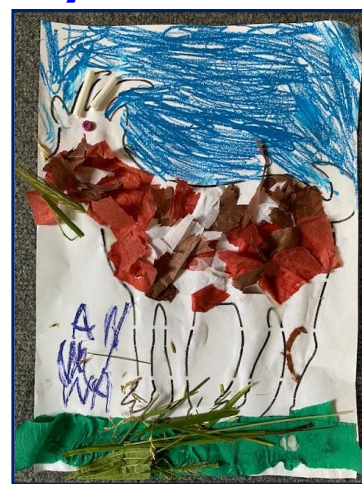
The class have won a prize as well as a tooth brushing pack.

Well done Sycamore class!!



The Three Billy Goats Gruff

Sycamore Class made a goat during this week's Art session. It related to the book 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff', which they have been reading. We talked about the goat's habitat, its digestion and what they like doing.



The children used different materials, such as tissue paper, straws, crayons and buttons. At the end we fed the goat with some grass from the garden.



*Please note that the last day of term is
Tuesday 20th July at 12.30pm.
Breakfast Club will run as normal but
there will be no lunch or tea timers club
on that day.*

*The Autumn term starts on Monday 6th
September 2021.*

School Photos

These took place at the Lower school last Thursday and at the Upper school today. We will be handing out a card from the photographer which will have all the details on it for you to order your child's photos direct from the photographer.



The children were amazing and the photographer did a great job making them smile and laugh and I am sure there will be some lovely photos of the children for you

all. If your child was not able to participate last week then I believe the photographer would be happy for you to visit their studio for the school shot.

Sports Day

Sporting events will be taking place all of next week at both schools. There will be different races / games on each day ensuring that every child is able to take part.



We will be sharing some photos of their sporting events will you all.

Smocks

Can you please ensure that your child arrives for nursery and

Kindergarten already wearing their smock over their clothes, this will save the teachers a lot of valuable time.

Thank you for your co-operation!



Composer of the Week

Our composer of the week is Franz Schubert (1797-1828). By the time he died at the age of 31, Schubert had written over 600 songs, 9 symphonies and over 100 piano pieces. Classical music helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.

After School Club Invoices

If your child attended any of our School Clubs during **June**. (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club or Tea Timers), you will be emailed your invoice by tomorrow Tuesday 6th July 2021.

Please note these invoices will need to be paid by **Monday 12th July** to avoid a penalty charge. All invoices are now emailed to you. If you require a paper copy, please let the office know.

You will also receive a booking form for the sessions being held during w/c 19th July (last couple of days of term). You will need to book your place if your child needs to attend any of these sessions on these days. If you do not receive a booking form then

please collect one from the school doors.

Class Information

Prep Class

The purpose of assessment in early childhood is to determine students' strengths and set goals. This supports the ability to provide individualised and "just right" activities for students across areas of development that research has shown are important for later academic learning and life-long success. For this reason, prep class have been doing assessments in different subjects such as literacy, numeracy, science, topic (relevant people through history), phonics and reading. Prep class children have worked well and I look forward to sharing with you your child's end of term report soon.

Prep class have been introduced to some more new concepts; in literacy, for example, the children have been learning about contractions. They have understood very well that these are short words made by putting two words together. Letters are omitted in the contraction and replaced by an apostrophe, which shows where the letters would be if the words were written in full.

In maths, prep class have been challenged to work with bigger numbers in terms of addition and subtraction, and very successfully they have accomplished their tasks.

During our DT session, Prep Class made their very own camera, including a short story. We briefly talked about cameras, the difference between the old and modern ones where we immediately see the taken picture.

In our case we made the camera from cardboard. Each child then chose their own story - it had to contain 3-4 drawings, illustrate one short series. We had growing flowers (from the bulb developing into the flower in full blossom), a train speeding along, a dragon hatching from it's egg, then breathing fire. The children were very excited rolling our story along to show to each other.



Sycamore Class

Last week was all about "The Three Billy Goats Gruff". We enjoyed listening to the story and acting it out wearing masks with the characters face.

In addition, it was fun to build a bridge out of recycling materials for the three goats. The children assembled different materials to create it and we even tested if they worked by placing a small animal toy on top.



For Literacy, we stuck the pictures of the story in our books, looking at the parts of a story (beginning, middle and ending).



The country of last week was Australia.



Thank you very much Darcey and Arthur and for bringing books, toys and a boomerang from that lovely island. We also looked at its flag and the special animals that live there.

The country for this week will be Egypt.

Beech Class

Last week, the children in Beech class learned about Russia. Children already knew that Russia is the largest country in the world but were amazed to discover that it spreads through two continents. We learned how to greet in Russian language and children were fascinated by the Cyrillic alphabet; they attempted to write couple of letters such as ф, ш or ж.



We listened to Tchaikovsky's Swan Lake and Nutcracker and read a book about Rudolph Nureyev. We also practiced abstract art following the technique of the famous artist Wladyslaw Kandinsky by drawing shapes while listening to music and colouring them in bright colours. The children loved watching a traditional Russian dance to the very old song "Kalinka" and practiced singing the repetitive line faster and faster. We talked about Russian dolls (matryoshka) and had nesting dolls activity in our classroom for a day. We finished the week by decorating St. Basil's Cathedral by drawing different lines to each part and colouring it in.

Thank you to Lorin who brought many books in Russian language which children enjoyed looking and discussing.



This week is all about India. As usual, we will locate India on the map and create the flag, this time using rice, orange and green lentils. Children will learn about this exotic country by looking at pictures and books as well as various artifacts representing India. We will learn about Indian music industry and have our own Bollywood party. Children will try some traditional garments and explore the spices that are vastly used in India, trying to grind some using pestle and mortar.



Kandinsky still drawing while listening to music.

Oak Class

Last week Oak class children located Asia on the world puzzle map. We focused on Russia which we located in the Northeast of Asia and Eastern Europe on the map. We explained the meaning of the flag and the main Russian cultural characteristics by looking at artefacts and pictures. We also look at the Cyrillic alphabet and we learnt some words like "hello"- "Привет" or "goodbye" - "Пока". They copied some of the letters too.

We discussed the art of Wassily Kandinsky looking at the different shapes, colours and materials. Everyone enjoyed making a collage inspired by Kandinsky. We all enjoyed the presentation with the Russian dolls size order activity.

In our 'Out and About' lesson, we talked about ballet, we listened to classical music and we practised some ballet dance movements.

At the end of the week, we talked about landmarks and the architectural differences of the Russian buildings. Oak class children tried to draw the St. Basil's cathedral with the teacher's guidance.

This week we are learning about India.

Nursery

Last week Nursery enjoyed exploring another continent-Australia.

We had lovely Forest School lesson where children learned the names of different types of animals that can be found in Australia.

This was lovely session for children where they explored the sensorial activity with land as Australia and water all around. We practiced our counting, sharing resources and working in groups.



Children enjoyed exploring and naming animals that live in Australia.

Most of the children felt confident to identify Australia on the continental globe and named the continents of the world through the continent song.

We also created 3D coral reefs and learned about Ocean life in Australia. Children enjoyed naming colours, shapes and water animals.

Aboriginal art is a technique we introduced to children and they loved decorating boomerangs made of paper.

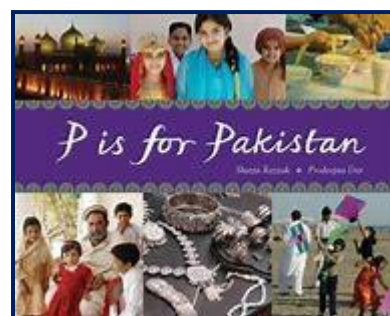


We ended the week by learning more about koala bears and created paper koala puppets.

This week we will be learning about North America. Children will participate in lots of art activities to learn about iconic

landmarks of United States. We will be learning about North America nature, animals and people. We are continuing with everyday 'Grace and Courtesy', exercises where children develop confidence to use activities and feel more comfortable with their environment.

Book of the week



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Best wishes, WMS Admin

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