

W/C Monday 12th July 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### End of Term

We are fast approaching the end of our Summer term and our last day of term will be on Tuesday 20th July when the school will close at 12.30pm approximately. Please see below your child's class pick up time.



**Nursery Classes: 12.15pm**  
Oak 12.25pm  
Beech 12.35pm

The children will NOT be needing a packed lunch on Tuesday but will have a small party snack in school. The teachers have lots of fun activities planned for the children's last couple of days of term.

We will be sadly saying goodbye to some children who will be moving on and we would like to wish them all the best in their new schools. If your child is leaving us please ensure you take home all of their belongings on their last day at WMS.

We have lots of new families joining in September as well as many siblings. I know you will show them all a warm welcome.

**School resumes on Monday 6th  
September 2021**

### Wasp's Nest



Arriving soon for our nature table.

We will be learning more about a wasp's nest.

### Little Red Riding Hood

During our Art lesson, Sycamore Class placed Little Red Riding Hood and the wolf into the woods. The children needed to rip different coloured and textured paper into long thin strips. They stuck them vertically onto the paper, making sure to leave some gaps every now and then for the background to shine through.

Tearing the paper into thin strips is a good fine motor skill as we tried to have most trees covering the entire page.



### Beech Class Sports Day at Lloyd Park

Reminder that if your child attends on a Wednesday they will be going to Lloyd Park tomorrow 14th July to take part in their Sports Day.

Please ensure your child arrives at school 9.25am and is dressed in their team colour, with appropriate clothing, a waterproof jacket and footwear so that they can take part in all the events.

Due to Covid restrictions parents will be unable to attend but we will of course share photos of the event.

## School Fees Autumn Term

A polite reminder that the 1st instalment of your Autumn term fees should have been made.

Late payment invoices will now be issued for those payments not yet received or communicated.

## School Photos

Took place at both schools.

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 photographer did a great job and I am sure there will be some lovely photos of the children.

## Sports Day

Events will be taking place all of this week at both schools. There will be different races / games on each day ensuring that every child takes part.



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

## Annual Tennis Open Day Reminder

On Thursday 15th July we will be holding a 'Tennis open day' for our Upper school children.



Please ensure that your child comes to school with a sun hat and a water bottle and are dressed in their P.E. kit to play tennis.



## Fire Drill

Lower & Upper school had a fire drill last week. All the children listened to their teachers and exited the building in a calm and orderly way,

resulting in safe and effective fire drill throughout.

## End of Year School Reports

Your child's end of year report will be emailed to you shortly.

## Lost Property

As we approach the end of term we will be displaying items in the lost property box on a couple of tables at the end of each school day.



Please could you ensure you check for any items your child may have mis-placed during this half of the term.

Please could you check as after this time we will be removing the items left and donating to a local charity.

## School Email address

Please check where you are sending your emails when contacting the school office. We have not used the [e17montessori@aol.com](mailto:e17montessori@aol.com) since September 2020, If you have emailed the office and not received a reply please ensure you re-send to the correct school email address.

Please use;

**[office@walthamstowmontessori.com](mailto:office@walthamstowmontessori.com)**

## Congratulations

A huge congratulations to Miss Florine and her family. Her lovely daughter Alisha, who was one of the very first pupils at WMS. Alisha has been studying for her Degree in Medicine and has been awarded a 1st Class Honours. We are all very proud of Alisha and wish her all the very best for the next 3 years of achievement as she continues with her studies.



Miss Eliza is well known to you all as both Miss Lorna's daughter and holiday school co-ordinator and was pupil number 1 at WMS 20 years ago.

Eliza has just finished 4 years of study at the university of Cambridge studying English and then a PGCE and a Masters



and now begins her career as a teacher at a state primary school in north London where she will be teaching year 5 and year 6 combined in a class of 30 children!

We wish her lots of luck and we know she will love it!

## Summer Holiday Activities

Please find attached the Children and Family Centre timetable including play sessions, HENRY workshops, Health Clinics, Domestic Abuse and Citizens Advice details.

## Class Information

### Prep Class

Last week Prep class children have been busy reviewing the contents they have covered throughout the year. Some children of Sycamore class have joint us to practice our sounds with the help of our friend "Fred the Frog". For those who might not be familiar with this, Fred Frog is a fun character who can say and read words only in pure sounds. This beanie toy can be used flexibly when doing our phonics programme to help introduce children to letters, sounds and words in a fun, dynamic and fast-paced way. The children learn their sounds by teaching the frog, which they find very fun.

We have continued reading on a daily basis, as well as doing recalls of what we read. The children have been asked to focus on understanding and comprehension so as to be able to understand what they read.

We have also had the opportunity to do lots of maths this week. Prep class have improved their knowledge very much in this area of the Curriculum.

Last week, Prep Class made a picture frame using lollipop wood sticks. In order to have the frame standing, the children needed to follow a certain pattern. We used PVA glue and realised quickly that the glue needs quite some time to dry properly before being able to lift the frame.

During the Art session the children used paint to give their frames some vibrant colours. Then they drew little drawings which can be slotted into the frame.



## Sycamore Class

Last week we had so much fun learning about "Little Red Riding Hood". We read it and talked about the characters of the story. We created a forest, using a wide variety of materials, such as tissue paper, toilet rolls, coloured card. We took turns to create it. Also, we created the main characters of the book. We used toilet rolls, fabric and wool to create them. They looked wonderful! You are all great artists!



Also, we learned about Egypt. Miss Rajae told us all about mummies, pyramids and hieroglyphics. We even had the chance to write our names using the hieroglyph symbols. What a fun week! Arthur did his birthday walk too, bringing in lots of pictures for us to look at. Thank you Arthur! And thank you for bringing all the toilet rolls! We enjoyed very much using them for our activities



This week will be all about sports! Get ready to do lots of exercise every day and we will also celebrate our sports day at school on Wednesday. The country for this week will be Italy.

## Beech Class

Last week, children in Beech class explored India. We greeted each other every morning with "Namaste". Children learned where India is on the map and made Indian flags using white and green rice (which we painted) and orange lentils. Through pictures, children learned very interesting facts about India. The one about monsoon season was very interesting. Children watched a short video of a Bollywood movie and had a lesson on how

to dance like a Bollywood actor. Miss Uzma from Willow class was very kind to give children a presentation about India and described the artifacts she brought from India. She showed us her wedding sari, a marble piece bought in Taj Mahal and a small model of a Palki, where the Guru resides.



Children explored various spices and vegetables that are used in Indian cooking and had fun grinding some of



them, especially the garlic, so our school had a distinctive scent afterwards. Children enjoyed having a

mango for snack and the week was finished off with an Indian party in the garden led by Miss Florine who played Punjabi music and invited many children to try out the sari that she brought in.

This week we will travel far and visit Australia. As always, children will locate it on the puzzle map and make the flag. Through pictures and books children will learn the main features and characteristics of Australia such as the climate, the geography, people, food, etc. We will focus on learning about the history of the Aboriginal Australians and create aboriginal art. Children will learn about animals living in Australia and

they will create a kangaroo craft learning its body parts. We will finish the week by constructing a three dimensional Sidney opera house.

## Oak Class

Last week we all enjoyed learning some exciting facts about India. We explored the Montessori continent puzzle map where we identified that India is located in Asia.

There are approximately 1.2 billion people living in India. The capital of India is New Dehli and the largest city is Mumbai.

We also explored different currencies including the GBPound and we compared it with the Indian currency Rupee.

Oak class used their creative arts and design skills to produce some lovely craftwork including an Indian flag, Mendhi designs alongside some rangoli art.



The children participated in a lovely music and movement activity where we listened and danced to Indian music.

We loved learning about different herbs and spices used for Indian cooking.



It was so much fun dressing up in traditional Indian clothing called sarees.

This week we will be exploring Australia and we have some exciting activities planned for the children.

## Nursery

Last week the nursery children continued their learning of the continents by exploring North America. We started the week with a bang with the Volcano experiment, the children enjoyed watching the

chemical reaction between vinegar and baking soda and took time to explore the different parts of the volcano.



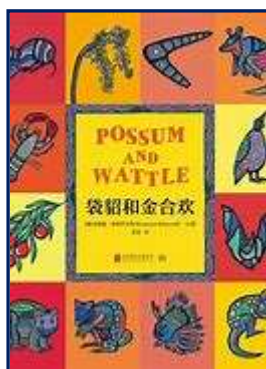
The children then moved on to working with the classified cards, naming and matching the animals of North America.



This week we are looking forward to learning about Antarctica, we will have fun learning through sensory role play, giving each child a representation of Antarctica, it's climate and habitat.

Sports day has finally arrived and nursery children are excited to get started, they have been practicing over the past couple of weeks and they are excited and ready to go!

### Book of the week;



*Possum and Wattle*  
*My Big Book of*  
*Australian Words*  
*By*  
*Bronwyn Bancroft*

**Happy Holidays from all  
the team at WMS.  
We wish you all a happy  
and restful summer  
break and look forward  
to seeing you in  
September.**

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

**Important Numbers**



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