

W/C Monday 20th September 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Autumn Displays

The children have been busy in both nursery and kindergarten, helping to create their colourful autumnal displays made with their own handprints.



Practical Life Activity

A child in the Montessori Children's House works by showing another child how to use the materials to clean the chair.

Both children benefit from this activity, and it is a lovely collaboration.

It develops independence, self-confidence, and sense of self-worth as well as the skills needed for completing the task.



A child needs to plan and to think through what they are doing as well as the steps involved.

There is great pride taken in a job done when the chairs are eventually clean!

Snack Time

In a Montessori classroom.

Children in the Montessori Children's House visit the snack table, everything they need is ready for them to use independently.

The food is set out for them, they serve themselves and take a seat at the snack table to enjoy their food as well as the social occasion.



Afterwards, they clear away and get back on with their work.

Jeans for Genes Day

The children had a fun day on Friday participating in lots of activities to help support the Jeans for Genes charity. The teachers also talked about this charity and the monies raised on Jeans for Genes Day fund the work of the charity and provide grants to organisations for projects that aim to transform the lives of children with genetic disorders.

Thank you for all your donations.



Collection boxes decorated by some of the children.

Harvest Festival

We will soon be celebrating the Autumn with our annual harvest festival whereby the whole school will come together for an assembly.



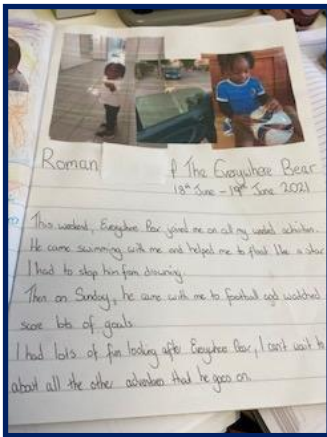
More details to follow.

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.

Everywhere Bear



Thank you to Roman for taking such good care of Everywhere Bear.

He had a very active weekend with Roman, they went swimming and played football.

2021 Tea Towels, Fundraiser

We will be taking part in our annual Tea Towel fundraiser again this year. Some of you may already be familiar with the tea towel fundraiser whereby each individual child in WMS will draw a self-portrait of themselves and they will all be printed onto a tea towel. You will be able to purchase these tea towels, which would make a lovely Christmas present or a treasured keepsake.



Please note our Autumn Half Term dates, school finishes on Thursday 21st October and resumes on Monday 1st November

Safe Parking

Please park carefully and respectfully around the school buildings, particularly at Penrhyn. Please DO NOT endanger children's lives by pulling up at speed over the school gates. This is not a designated parking bay. Thank you.



Parents Corner

Open day at Chingford Fire Station on Sunday

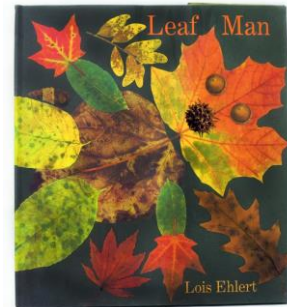
26th September from 12-4pm - always fun and educational for all.



Class Information

Book of the week

Leaf Man
By
Lois Ehlert



Art & D.T.

At the Children's House, we have been exploring the combination of paint and leaves. After stating the common autumn colours, the children painted a variety of leaves to print them onto paper.





In DT we made an autumn leaf 'lever.' This session was quite

technical and challenging, however, the children worked fantastically. They demonstrated excellent concentration and step by step each child coloured in one big leaf and some smaller leaves. After cutting them out the small leaves were glued onto the handle. The handle was then attached to the big leaf with the help of a paper fastener. The paper fastener (which is our pivot point) keeps the handle attached but allows a movement at the same time.

The children learnt that this mechanism is called a lever.

Children's House

Last week, in the Children's House, we continued to learn about Autumn. We turned into weather forecasters, describing the weather, drawing, and writing about it. We learned how to discover windy weather just by looking out from our window. Children made sliders on our DT session and enjoyed colouring and cutting leaves, attaching smaller leaves to give a falling effect. Children enjoyed the book of the week "Goodbye Summer, hello Autumn" and learned about changes in nature and weather as the seasons change. We listened to Beethoven's Thunderstorm and children acted out a storm as they listened to the music.



For Genes for Jeans Day, we watched some videos of children with genetic disorders, explained why this charity is very important and turned a pair of jeans into a piece of art. Children also made a denim flower craft using various resources to decorate them.

We will start this week with our out and about session where children will go on a scavenger hunt to find natural materials. The children will draw or write about it in their news books. We will also introduce the book of the week "The Leaf Man" and children will have an opportunity to make their own leaf men during our art session. We will practice counting and sequencing numbers, practice breathing and doing Autumn yoga poses, attempt a



science experiment with pinecones and finish the week by introducing songs and poems about Autumn.



Kindergarten - Oak Class

This week Oak have been busy taking turns in being the class weather reporter. We have talked about different weather in the different seasons and how it can affect plant growth.

For our out and about session we collected natural objects in the garden and used our colour chart to match the colours. We were able to pick the tomatoes from the vine as part of this activity. We also

experimented with prime colours and colour mixing.



The children enjoyed experimenting with mixing different colours together and used their scientific thinking to observe, predict and compare. We also used our problem-solving skills when the colour that we thought we were mixing didn't quite turn out right.

To finish this activity, we created autumn wreaths. To finish the week, we talked about Jeans for Genes and the class enjoyed an art session decorating jeans with sequins, paint and gems.



This week we will be looking at the life cycle of an acorn and creating our own books, showing the life cycle. We will use shaving foam and colour paint for an art activity to create patterns in a tray again,

investigating and experimenting what happens when we mix paint with the foam.

Kindergarten - Elm Class



Last week in Elm class we learnt about the life cycle and parts of a tree. The children enjoyed creating their own trees, gluing leaves and sticks

from the garden to recreate the roots, trunk, branches, and leaves. We have also created a large hedgehog for our class board, imitating the hedgehog spines by hand printing with brown paint. For Jeans for Genes Day, children made an owl using denim.

The children have been introduced to the letters "a" and "s". They have been practicing the sounds, matching the letters with words beginning with "a" and "s", and even tracing the letter "a" in their literacy books!



This week, the children will be looking at the life cycle of an acorn, learning how it becomes a tree and about sycamore seeds. We will also continue practicing the phonetic sounds "a" and "s".

Nursery

We had another busy week in our Nursery classrooms. Children continued discussing characteristics of Autumn and we learned about parts of a tree on our out and about session. We have made tree collage which helped us to remember all the parts of the tree and enjoyed describing every part while being in the garden. We also enjoyed a discussion about parts of the leaf. We used puzzles to help us identify all the parts and leaf printing using autumn colours.

Miss Elsa from Willow classroom started giving our Nursery children short Spanish classes on Monday afternoons. Last week we looked on the map of Europe and identified where Spain is located. Then we learned how to say "hello" and how to introduce ourselves in Spanish. We will continue with these short Spanish lessons every Monday afternoon.

Children also enjoyed a yoga lesson, where we learned new postures and a relaxation game called "magical sky."

We finished the week celebrating Jeans for Genes Day by making a denim collage and discussing why we are celebrating this day. Thank you to all the parents for your donations.

This week we will continue learning about Autumn through different art activities and discussions. We will also be discussing Harvest Festival and the celebration. Our out and about session will be about the colours of Autumn and creating a leaf rubbing collage.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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