

W/C Monday 27th September 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Well Done Miss Karen

We are very proud of Miss Karen, who took part in the Shine Night Walk at the weekend to raise money for research into rare cancers. She raised an amazing £900!



Miss Karen brought in her medal to show the children and talk about her wonderful achievement.



Upcoming Trips

Visit to Lloyd Park

Children's House: **Tuesday 5th October**

Oak Class – **Wednesday 3rd November**



The children will be enjoying 'Nature's Treasure Hunt' with the Lloyd Park educationalists. This planned trip supports the class topic for the term beautifully with our outdoor learning for our forest schooling.

We hope to be booking more trips like this for other classes very soon!

Black History Month

As part of Black History Month, some classes have already been learning about the outstanding contributions that people of African and Caribbean descent have made to our country.



Please let your child's class teacher know if your child has anything they would like to share with us on this topic.

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

Art & D.T

Last week, the Children's House enjoyed listening to our book of the week, 'Leaf Man', and creating art inspired by it. The children arranged leaves,



conkers and bark on cardboard to create their very own Leaf Man.

In D.T., the children continued working on making levers, using a big acorn and a leaf to create a

moving image. This time, the children were much more independent when creating their levers, fixing the acorn and leaf together using a paper fastener.



Inside the Montessori Classroom...



This activity is what we call a 'Practical Life' activity. The main aim is mastering a real-life skill (in this instance the skill of moving a liquid from one container to another

using a deep ladle).

The exercise also aims to develop eye-hand coordination, concentration, and self-confidence. The liquid begins in the left-hand container (to encourage left-right orientation in preparation for

reading and writing). The liquid is transferred carefully using the ladle. The small sponge is there to assist the child in mopping up any small spillages on the tray and to ensure the exercise is then returned to the shelf ready for another child to use. Variations on this exercise include using different implements to transfer the liquid and also in measuring the amount of liquid and dividing it equally between the containers.

Birthday Walks

We very much enjoy celebrating your child's birthday with a birthday walk at WMS. For full information on how we celebrate birthdays at WMS, please see the school website for full info (under School Life).



We ask that you save any sweet treats for your home celebrations as we have several children with serious allergies and food intolerances.



Children's House Tennis

Miss Hilary will be teaching Tennis on Tuesday afternoons with the children at the Children's House. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit and has plimsoles or trainers to take part.

Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating the Autumn with our annual harvest festival on Wednesday 6th October.



Children will be coming together for a whole school assembly.

Please bring in any non-perishable food items on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th October.

Composer of the Week

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750), was born in Eisenach, Germany. Bach became famous after his death. He is probably the best-known Baroque composer today. He wrote 1200 pieces of music and many



of his children and grandchildren became musicians too.

WOW! Sheets



WOW sheets are a positive way to celebrate your child's achievements. These are an important part of your child's journey.

WOW! Sheets are freely available at the school door or can be downloaded from our website, which also has more information about WOW! Sheets. (Under School life, Learning Journals).

Medication

Please can parents be reminded not to place any medicines or creams in their child's school bag. If your child does require any medication or cream, please ensure that you complete a medication form, available at the school door, and hand it directly to a member of staff.



New Staff

We would like to welcome Miss Jessica, who will be working in the office alongside Miss Wendy. Miss Jessica has just finished her English Literature and Theatre Studies degree at the University of Leeds and is looking forward to getting to know all the children and their families. Many of you will have already spoken to Jessica on the phone and she has enjoyed introducing herself.



And sadly goodbye We are very sorry to be saying goodbye to Miss Celestina. I know many of you will miss her hugely and she has been a great support and help to all in many ways and amazing in the office supporting Miss Lorna and I. Please do join me in wishing her all the very best ahead and I am sure she won't be a stranger. Her last working day is now Thursday so please

feel free to send her a good luck message – I can't promise no tears if you do this face to face!!!!



We will miss you lots Miss Celestina!



Parents Corner

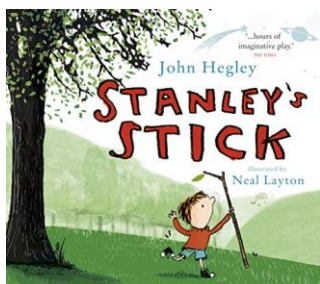
The London Borough of Waltham Forest are offering Educational Psychology Sessions for parents / carers

to discuss any concerns or questions you may have regarding your child. Please see attached flyer or school noticeboard for more information.

Class Information

Book of the week

Stanley's Stick
By
John Hegley



Art Topic - Matisse



For our whole school Art topic this term we will be looking at Matisse. Matisse was a French artist, known for his use of colour and fluid style. The children will be exploring his work this term in their Art lessons.

Children's House

Children's house was busy and buzzing with activities last week. The children enjoyed the story of the Leaf Man and created their own Leaf Men using leaves, conkers, sticks, bark and other natural ingredients found in the garden.

We also enjoyed and did very well with a yoga session by telling an Autumn story for each pose. Children were quite engaged and particularly enjoyed doing the frog pose. An experiment of what happens to pinecones when placed in water and why, took place in the garden and children tried to find all the seeds inside the pinecones.



Miss Rajae did an ICT lesson on what technology is and where can we find it. Children had to look around school and think of technology in the wider

environment, for example, when out on the street or in the shop.

Our Montessori work was filled with various activities. Children enjoyed the new washing up activity and were happy to wash their own cup and plate right after snack. Lots of maths work was taking place. Children worked with the decimal system, adding quantities, there was a lot of work with the teen numbers, matching quantities, and symbols 1-10, etc. It is beautiful to see how children work alongside each other, helping each other and solving problems cooperatively.



We will start the week by painting with natural paint brushes. We will select the materials that will consist of leaves, sticks, twigs, oak branches, etc and tie them together so to make a paint brush. We will then create pieces of art by dipping the natural brushes in paint and making marks on a piece of paper.

On Tuesday we will be focusing on oral health. A discussion of brushing teeth and healthy eating will take place and children will have the opportunity to share their opinions and their experiences.

We will start preparing for harvest and children will start learning songs and talk about harvest in general. Children will start creating their harvest collages and write about it.

Our yoga session was quite popular and we will continue mastering different Autumn poses. An experiment about leaves and how they lose the green colour will also take place and children will learn what chlorophyll means.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week Oak class have enjoyed learning many things about Autumn, including the life cycle of an acorn, investigating sycamore seeds and making loud and quiet noises with musical instruments.

Our 'out and about' session last week saw us reading our book of the week 'Leaf Man' and then creating our own collages using natural objects that we found in the garden. The class also made helicopters representing the sycamore seeds and had great fun watching each other's rotate as they were dropped from a height. In Art, we used shaving foam and paint to create a marble effect pattern which we transferred onto our leaf prints.

This week we will continue our Autumn topic, but we will also be thinking about healthy and unhealthy eating, including oral health.

We will all have a chance to practice our teeth cleaning on a set of model teeth that we have at school. The end of the week will see us start talking about Harvest Festival and what it represents.



A lovely collage by Leo made from natural objects sourced from the garden.



Kindergarten - Elm Class



Children in Elm class were very busy last week. In Art lessons, we experimented with different mediums. We painted an acorn using foil stamping, and we used spoons and forks to paint leaves and discover new textures. The children also enjoyed making their own hedgehogs with playdough and sticks that they collected from the garden.

In Numeracy, the children have been introduced to the numbers 1, 2 and 3, recognising and ordering these numbers. They have also been working on understanding size by comparing leaves and categorising them into 'small', 'medium' and 'large'.



Elm class continued working on the phonetic sound "s" and enjoyed tracing the letter with their fingers in sandpaper. They also matched the letter "S" with cards containing words that begin with the phonetic sound "s".

This week children will be introduced to the phonetic sound "t" and will play 'I Spy' using

this letter. On Tuesday the children will learn about healthy and unhealthy food.

Nursery

Nursery children continued learning about the characteristics of Autumn through songs and play. We have discussed the seasonal celebration of Harvest Festival by making tissue paper apples and naming other foods that we might have at this time of year.

We also had fun painting pinecones in Autumn colours and making Autumn wreaths using a variety of resources such as tissue paper, leaves, pinecones, berries, lots of reds, oranges, and browns.

The children have been enjoying singing along to our new Autumn nursery rhymes which we have been rehearsing for our Harvest Festival.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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