

W/C Monday 4th October 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Oral Health in Early Years

Last week, the children participated in an Oral Health and Healthy Eating Focus Day. They learnt all about healthy and unhealthy foods and sorted photos of various food items into these two categories.



The children also learnt all about oral health in line with our Healthy Eating Day. Miss Alex created an interactive mouth display, and the children practiced using a toothbrush to clean dirt off the teeth. The children also worked with a miniature dentist's set, learning all about the importance of healthy eating and cleaning our teeth!



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



Upcoming Trips

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

Oak Class – **Wednesday 3rd November**

This Tuesday 5th October the Children's House will be visiting Lloyd Park to partake in the Nature's Treasure Hunt. Working with the park's educationalists, the children will explore the various habitats and identify how plants and animals in the park change throughout the seasons. Please ensure that your child is dressed weather appropriate for this trip. Wellies and raincoats are essential!

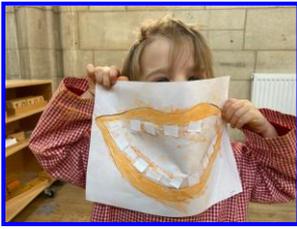


Black History Month

The children will continue learning about and celebrating Black History Month this week by looking at Garret Morgan and Lewis Latimer and their clever inventions of the traffic light and the light bulb!

Art & D.T.

The Children's House decorated big colourful Maple leaves in Art last week, to continue with our Autumn topic. Children chose the appropriate Autumn colours from a big variety of tissue paper, ripped off little pieces, crumbled them into small balls and glued them on.



During the D.T. session, we focused on our Health Week by looking at healthy teeth. We stated how important it is to look after every one of

our teeth. To give the children an idea that the teeth are all individual they had to cut and stick two rows (upper and lower row) into the open mouth.

Harvest Festival

On Wednesday 6th October we will celebrate Harvest Festival. The children have already been very busy creating wonderful displays, practicing songs, and learning all about the values of Harvest Festival in preparation for this week. Please can any donations be brought in on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th October.



Composer of the Week

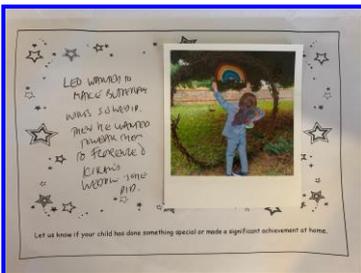
Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was born in Hamburg, Germany and began writing as a child. One of his most famous pieces was Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream, which he composed when he was only 17.



WOW! Sheets

We were delighted to receive a WOW! Sheet for Leo this week, celebrating the wonderful butterfly wings that he created and how lovely he was playing with his younger sister.

At WMS, we love celebrating your child's achievements. 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).



Miss Celestina's Last Day

On Thursday, the children and staff at WMS were very sad to say goodbye to the wonderful Miss Celestina. The children in Oak Class made Miss Celestina some lovely flowers out of tissue paper and the children in Elm created a beautiful balloon picture to say their goodbyes.

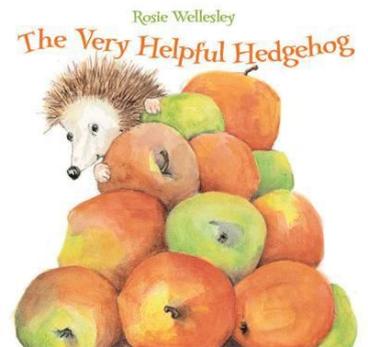
We are very grateful for all of Miss Celestina's hard work over the last few years and we will miss her very much!



Class Information

Book of the week

The Very Helpful Hedgehog
by
Rosie Welleley



Children's House

The Children's House were very busy in preparation for Harvest Festival. We created a harvest table where children explored different fruits and vegetables. We talked about Harvest Festival, what it means and why people celebrate it. We sang many songs and read the poem "Cauliflowers Fluffy". Children also made pictures of their favourite fruit or vegetable. We will showcase children's work in our Assembly this Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the children focused on healthy eating and how food can affect your teeth. Children enjoyed playing dentists and shared their experiences and opinions on how to brush your teeth properly. Children created a collage of a mouth full of healthy teeth during DT.

On Friday, the children worked on an experiment to see what happens to our teeth if we drink sugary drinks or eat acidic food. Children observed what happened to an egg placed in a glass of Coca Cola and another egg that was covered in tooth paste and placed in a glass filled with tea. It is an ongoing experiment, and we are going to monitor both eggs over the next few days!



We celebrated Imogen's 6th birthday with a birthday walk. Imogen showed her lovely photo albums, described each picture to her friends and told us all about her family. Imogen received some lovely birthday cards made by her friends in the Children's House.



There is lots to look forward to this week. We are going to begin discussing Black History Month learning about Garret Morgan and Lewis Latimer's inventions. Our trip to Lloyd Park is going to take place on Tuesday and children are very excited to take part in a

Nature Treasure Hunt. Our Harvest Festival assembly is on Wednesday and children will have an opportunity to show what they have been learning and creating. The week will finish by learning about the life cycle of a leaf and creating leaf sun catchers.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week, Oak class enjoyed our focus day all about healthy and unhealthy eating and in particular brushing our teeth. Children had the opportunity to practice on a set of 'teeth' following control cards. The class understood how important it is to keep our teeth healthy with regular brushing.

We continued with our Autumn topic, matching Autumn picture cards to the first phonic sound and



extending the learning by matching to the sandpaper letter.

We are doing lots of work around initial sounds in words and concentrating on learning our days of the week. Children are also enjoying talking about their emotions and how they are feeling that day. We then use a whiteboard for each child to draw their happy face.



This week, we will start to look at Black History Month, in particular Garret Morgan who invented the traffic light and Lewis Latimer the light bulb inventor. With this in mind, we will incorporate road safety, remembering the green cross code. We will also celebrate and talk about Harvest Festival, what it means and the things we are thankful for.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week, the children in Elm enjoyed participating in various arts and crafts activities. We have been practicing our songs and made scarecrow masks for Harvest Festival.

We also celebrated Healthy Eating Day. We talked about how important it is to look after our teeth. We talked about how to brush our teeth, how many times a day and for how long. The children also engaged in a brushing teeth activity which they thoroughly enjoyed! We also talked about healthy and unhealthy food and sorted food items into these categories.



This week the children have been introduced to the phonetic sound "t". They have been tracing the letter 'T' on a chalkboard or in their books and matching pictures to phonetic sounds they know to help reinforce their knowledge of the phonetic sound. Some of the children even attempted to write the letter independently!



Elm class also worked on their shapes and sizes. They made their own tractors using rectangles and circles. Whilst working on their

picture, many of them would talk about what shapes they used for the different parts, for example, a big circle for the wheels, or a little square/rectangle for the window.

This week we will be singing all the songs we practised at our Harvest Festival which we will celebrate on Wednesday. We will continue developing our phonetic knowledge as the children will be introduced to the phonetic sound "m".

Nursery

Our Harvest celebrations continued in Nursery last week. We enjoyed learning about the different fruit and vegetables that are harvested during this time and the ways in which you can harvest foods. We had lots of fun mark making with apples and making scarecrows out of various shapes of card, such as circles and rectangles.



We also focused on oral health, discussing the importance of keeping our teeth clean, how to keep them clean and foods which are healthy and unhealthy for your teeth.



We followed picture cards to learn the steps of brushing our teeth and practiced on a miniature

dental set.

This week we look forward to our Harvest Festival assembly where we will be singing the songs that we have been practicing over the last two weeks. Please can we ask that all nursery children that attend on a Wednesday come to school wearing Autumnal colours, such as brown, yellow, orange and red.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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