

W/C Monday 15th November 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Remembrance Day

On Thursday, the children gathered to commemorate

Remembrance Day. The children joined to watch the BBC Remembrance Day service where they listened to Big Ben chime and participated in a 2-minute silence.

Throughout the week, the children discussed what this day signifies and the importance of remembering the many lives lost in the war. To commemorate this day, the children worked on various arts and crafts activities, such as creating poppies to take home using tissue paper and ribbon, as well as working together to create some beautiful displays for the school.



Art & D.T.



During last week's DT Session children in Children's House made a broom stick out of paper. They all needed to apply different fine motor skills. Firstly, children needed to colour in, then use scissors and finally we all tried to do some weaving.

In Art, the children worked together to create a beautiful large poppy to display for Remembrance Day.



Children also made smaller poppies individually to take home, in honour of the lives lost in the war.

Children in Need

On Friday 19th November, the children will be fundraising for Children in Need. The children will be taking part in lots of fun and educational activities as well as fundraising activities this week to raise money and learn about this wonderful charity. On Friday the children are also invited to dress in spotty clothes for a small donation to this charity.



Please see email from Miss Jessica or the flyer at the front door for more information about how your child's class will be fundraising for this charity.

Flower Monitor

The children have really enjoyed being the flower monitor this week. These beautiful flowers were generously brought in by a child in Elm Class.

Having fresh flowers each week adds to the beautiful nature of the Montessori classroom. It is also a lovely activity for the monitor each week to practice cutting and



arranging the flowers, as well as learning to care for plants in a group practical life session.

Christmas Diary Dates

- **Decorate the Christmas Tree – Tuesday 7th December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 9th December**
- **Christmas Party – Thursday 16th December**



We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 16th December at 12.30pm and school resumes on Wednesday 5th January 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 him/herself 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. Miss Jessica will be emailing parents soon with details on how to pre-order their tea towels as they do run out fast so please take advantage of this pre-order opportunity.

Each year we sell out and we can't order anymore.

To ensure that you don't miss out

please pre-order!

The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00.

Christmas Decorations Fundraiser



One of our elderly neighbours at Penrhyn has kindly donated to the school lots of beautiful wooden Christmas tree decorations that he makes by hand for children in different nurseries to decorate. He has very sad and personal reasons

why his chosen charity means so much to him. We would love to help fundraise to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support, a charity very close to his heart. The children will have lots of fun decorating their Christmas tree decorations in a few weeks' time, and for a wonderful cause, too. We will let you know more how you can be part of this fundraising project in due course!

Meet the Teacher

We would like to welcome Miss Sheena to the school. Some of you may have already met Miss Sheena who has been helping at our Tea Timers club each afternoon. Miss Sheena has been enjoying getting to know all the children and becoming a part of the WMS family.



Parents' Corner

Extended session invoices will be sent out on Monday 15th November for any clubs your child has attended in the last four-week period.



Please pay this invoice by Friday 19th November to avoid a late payment fee.

Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in any of the spare clothes that we keep at Penrhyn, please may you ensure these are returned to the school.

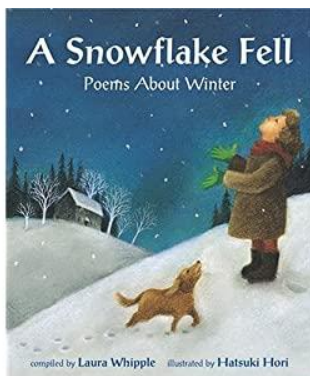
We appear to be running very short.

If you have any knickers / pants, trousers or tights aged 2-4 that your child has grown out of that you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful to receive them.

Class Information

Book of the week:

A Snowflake Fell
by
Laura Whipple



Birthday Walk Celebration

We would like to wish Vivienne a very happy birthday! The children celebrated Vivienne's birthday with one of our Birthday Walks.

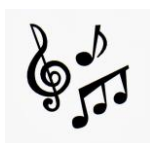


At Walthamstow Montessori School we like to celebrate birthdays in a very special way which allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time.

Full details about our 'Birthday Walk' can be found on our website. If your child is celebrating a birthday, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange one of our birthday walk celebrations.

Composer of the Week

Robert Schumann (1810-1856) was a German composer who began by studying law, following his family's wishes. He played the piano as a young boy and began composing music. In 1830 he heard the famous violinist Paganini play and was so impressed that he returned to music. One of



Schumann's most famous sets of piano pieces is Papillons (butterflies).

Children's House

Last week, the Children's House commemorated Remembrance Day by making poppy bookmarks and working together to create a beautiful giant poppy for the front door of the building. On Thursday, the children observed the 2 minutes silence and discussed what the poppy symbolises and why it is so important to remember those who lost their lives in the war on this day.



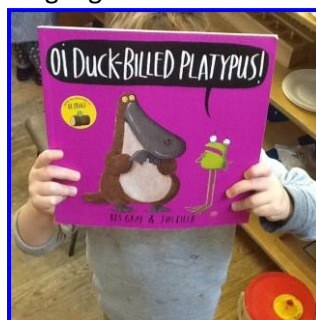
The children also continued the topic of Autumn through their book of the week 'Squirrels'. The children learned all about squirrels' hibernation as well as practising their writing and comprehension skills using the book as a stimulus.

This week, the children will begin learning about Winter, discussing the colours, textures and sounds associated with the season. The children will also be fundraising for Children in Need by dressing in spotty clothes on Friday, learning all about this wonderful charity and taking part in several Pudsey-themed arts and crafts activities.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Oak Class took part in lots of lovely activities last week. We talked about the festival Chhatah Puja which is a Hindu four-day celebratory festival and fasting dedicated to the sun God. We created our own sun using soil, yellow paint powder and washing up liquid, extending our use of measuring ability. The children were able to follow instructions by placing 2 teaspoons of soil into their own cup followed by one spoon of paint powder. We finished of our mixture by adding a squeeze of washing up liquid and stirring with a stick.

An important focus within the Early Years Foundation Stage framework is that of communication and language extended to include literacy. Thank you to



Eliot for bringing in his favourite book for the class to share. I would like to extend this to all children bringing in their favourite book please. Reading to young children is proven to

improve cognitive skills and aid the process of cognitive development. When a child is read aloud to it essentially provides them with background knowledge on their young world, which helps them make sense of what they see, hear, and read.

On Thursday we joined with Elm class and the nursery classes to observe the 2 minutes silence to remember those who lost their lives in battle. We were able to listen live to the chimes of Big Ben at 11am which had been reconnected for this occasion.

We sat with our poppies that we had made and talked about why the poppy represents remembrance. It is so important for this generation to remember our fallen so that the legacy of these brave men and women lives on.

This week, we will be looking at traditional clothes worn around the world and then moving on to the season of winter with lots of fun activities. We will continue with our phonic sounds with a particular interest in the sound 'w' for winter.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Children in Elm class had a fun week starting with a relaxing yoga class. The children enjoyed testing their balance and flexibility with different yoga poses, and practiced breath control.

Continuing with the theme of the previous week about festivals, we

have talked about the Chhatah Puja, typical in India and the importance of the sun in some religions. Children had fun making some arts and crafts about the sun.

On Thursday 11th we talked about the importance of Remembrance Day. The children made poppies and observed a two-minute silence in honour of all the people who died in the war.

In literacy, the children have been introduced to the phonetic sound "p". They enjoyed looking for things of which the first letter of the word is "p", like playdough or pencils. Afterwards, the children traced the letter in sandpaper and wrote it on a blackboard.



This week, we will talk about traditional clothes and the arrival of the winter! Children also will be introduced to the phonetic sound "f".

Nursery

Children in the Nursery had fun week learning about fire safety and how to stay safe around fire. We enjoyed doing experiments where we discussed what is fire and how it occurs. Following this experiment children enjoyed recreating a bonfire in the garden during their out & about session. Through this activity children practised their exploring, listening skills and interaction. We discussed different shapes and colours while recreating fire collage.

We also celebrated Remembrance Day, where children had opportunities to learn about historical events, respect and being grateful. We created poppies where children continued developing their fine motor skills and used language of size, shapes, and colours. The whole School participated in a 2 minute silence.

This week, we will be discussing about birds in the Autumn, and we will be learning about body parts of the bird. We will be discussing animals that hibernate through books, discussions, and crafts. We will be fundraising for Children in Need on Friday.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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