

W/C Monday 22nd November 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Children in Need

Last Friday, the children were very busy taking part in activities related to Children in Need. The children learnt what Children in Need is all about and why we raise money for this charity to help other children. To fundraise, the children enjoyed wearing spotty clothing and creating lots of wonderful crafts to take home. The nursery children made some lovely bookmarks, using their fingers to paint them. The kindergarten classes created some excellent Pudsey place mats as well as decorating cakes and making Pudsey keyrings using clay! The children had lots of fun learning all about this wonderful charity, and we would like to say a huge thank you for all your generous donations.



Art & D.T.



In DT we worked with clay last week. All children made a Christmas hanger. Children were introduced to how to start working with the material. The children then rolled it out and cut a circle. They chose leaves and grass to print into the clay to be able to see the beautiful pattern.

Children in the Children's House painted the four different seasons with the help of their fingertips. Each part of the paper represents one season.



Elm Class's Book Corner

Miss Silvia has created a beautiful new book corner for Elm Class. It is important for children to look at books every day and to encourage reading from a young age to prepare a child for learning. At WMS we make our book corners cosy and inviting for children and encourage the children to bring their favourite book to share.



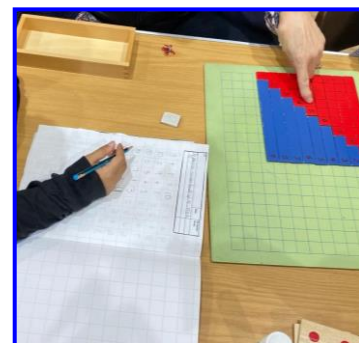
Fire Drill

The children at Penrhyn took part in 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.



Inside the Montessori Classroom

Last week, children in the Children's House worked with the Montessori addition strip board. We use this to give a child further experience of the concept of addition. It becomes a little more abstract than before. The children have been using the addition strip board to work on number bonds to ten. Each time a red ruler is placed on the board, the child is able to identify how many is needed to make ten. The child selects



the ruler from the blue set to make the sum. A child gets a lovely and clear visual impression of how ten is created in various ways. They can see how as one side increases in amount so the other side decreases.

Flower Monitor

We had more wonderful flowers at WMS last week. Ava was the flower monitor in Elm class last week, and she brought in some beautiful flowers to share with the other children. Each week the children enjoy watching the flower monitor cutting and arranging the flowers for their friends in a group session, as well as taking care of the flowers throughout the week.



Christmas Holiday Club

Confirmation letters have now been sent out for places on this year's Christmas Holiday Club. Please ensure that all payments have been made.



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

Decorating the Christmas Tree



On Tuesday 7th December, we will be having our special tree decorating day! This is one such tradition at WMS that is very special. We will be asking every child to hang a silver ball on to our tree. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, they are welcome to hang their special silver ball on another day.

Tea Towels Fundraiser

We have received lots of orders for our Tea Towel Fundraiser already! Every child and member of staff at the school will feature on the Tea Towel and they make lovely keepsakes or Christmas gifts. Last year's tea towel has been put on display in the noticeboard at Penrhyn for new parents to see an example.



It is not too late to pre-order your tea towels, but each year we sell out and we can't order anymore so please pre-order to ensure you don't miss out!

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

Parents' Corner



Christmas Crafts in the park! funded by TCV WALTHAM FOREST and WILLIAM MORRIS BIG LOCAL

Tree dressing
DIY bird feeders
Mon 20th Dec
Leyton Jubilee
12-3pm

Decoration making
Tues 21st Dec
Lloyd Park
12-3pm

Free event for families!
Booking essential
Search "TCV Waltham Forest" on Eventbrite

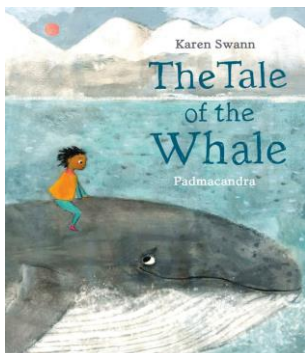
Spring Term Invoices

Invoices for your child's place from January will be issued from the end of this week. Every child will receive an invoice, so please let us know if you do not receive one as late payments may result in a penalty fee.

Class Information

Book of the week:

The Tale of the Whale
By
Karen Swann

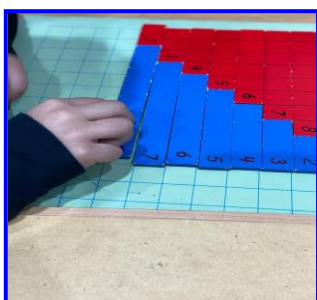


Children's House

Last week, the children in the Children's House continued their work on the four seasons, using their fingers to create a painting with colours to represent each season. They also continued the discussion of Autumn with the book 'Because of an Acorn'.



The children worked on a wonderful activity using pebbles to practice identifying numbers. The children carefully traced the outline of numbers 1-10 using pebbles before placing the pebbles back where they belong in the garden. The children also practiced their number bonds to ten using the Montessori addition strip board.



The week ended with the celebration of Children in Need. The children dressed in spotty clothes and participated in lots of Pudsey-themed arts and crafts to fundraise for this special charity, such as making Pudsey bear out of clay! Thank you so much for your kind donations.

This week is wellbeing and anti-bullying week. The children will participate in discussions surrounding friendship, recognising and communicating emotions, and gratitude.

Parent Meetings

Please be reminded that our parent meetings will take place this week/next week by telephone. Please ensure you sign up for a timeslot.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week in Oak class we began looking at the Winter season. We spent time exploring clothes and objects associated with winter, talking about texture and what each object is used for. When passing the holly leaves around the circle, we talked about the dangers of eating berries. The children then enjoyed playing Kim's game where a number of items are covered and one is removed, and the children must identify which item is missing. This is a good way of developing your child's memory skills as well as concentration.



We also discovered how sounds can change and made our own shakers for our 'out and about' session. We listened to 'Winter' from The Four Seasons by Vivaldi and 'The Skaters Waltz' by Emile Waldteufel. Extending our knowledge around Winter, we talked about Artic animals and located Antarctica on the puzzle map.



We ended the week by fundraising for Children in Need. We decorated cupcakes, decorated Pudsey Bears which we made using clay, and were able to follow a colour by numbers of Pudsey.

This week is our wellbeing and anti-bullying week. Discussion will be surrounding how we can be a good friend and we will be planting our own flower seeds.

Not only do they need sun and water but also kindness to help them grow. Our letter of the week will be 'f' for 'friend'.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week the children welcomed the Winter season in the classroom. We talked about the clothes that we should wear to protect ourselves from the cold, and about the things that we can see in Winter, such as snow or ice. The children also discussed arctic animals such as polar bears or whales.

The children in Elm class were also introduced to the phonetic sound "f". They explored different objects where the first phonetic sound is 'f', such as 'funnel' or 'fly'. The children traced the letter with their fingers in sand and practiced writing the letter on a blackboard.



At the end of the week, teachers and children came to school dressed in spotty clothes for Children in Need. The children talked about who Children in Need raises money for, as well as about Pudsey Bear and why he wears a bandage. The children then prepared different crafts such as clay

Pudsey bear keychains and snack mats, and cupcakes decorated with spots to sell and raise money that will be donated to children in need.

This week is wellbeing and anti-bullying week, so the children will be discussing emotions and talking about the importance of friendship. They will also be introduced to the phonetic sound "b".

Nursery

Nursery had very busy week last week, learning all about birds in Autumn and animals that hibernate. We enjoyed making a bird's nest using natural materials found in the garden and the children discussed what happens to some of the birds in Autumn



and why. The children did a great job working as a team and sharing resources. We also learnt about the body parts of a bird using a puzzle.

The children also enjoyed creating a hedgehog using playdough and wooden sticks, where we used language such as long, short, spiky, and round.

We ended the week with Children in Need. The children used their fingers to paint bookmarks which were laminated and taken home, as well as dressing in spotty clothing to fundraise. Thank you to all the parents for the donations. This week we will be working on activities for wellbeing and anti-bullying week. The children will discuss emotions and how we feel in certain situations.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers



To contact the school office dial:

020 8523 2968

Email:

office@walthamstowmontessori.com

Please also 'like' and 'follow' our Facebook and Instagram pages!