

W/C Monday 29th November 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

find more information on how we celebrate and how you can be involved on the school's website.

### Esme's Children in Need Fundraising



We would like to share that Esme and her siblings decided to do some litter-picking to raise money for Children in Need. They collected two huge bags of rubbish from their road and surrounding streets and raised an incredible £60! Well done Esme!



### Fire Drill

The children in the Children's House 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.

### Birthday Walk Celebration

We would like to wish Isaac a very happy birthday! The children had lots of fun celebrating Isaac'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.

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. You can

### Spring Term Invoices

Invoices for your child's place from January will be issued this week. Every child will receive an invoice, so please let us know if you have not received one before the deadline for the payment to avoid any late penalty fees.

### Christmas Diary Dates



- **Decorate the Christmas Tree – Tuesday 7th December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 9th December**
- **Christmas Party – w/c 13th December. A letter with more info and timings will be sent this week.**

***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 are delighted to say that the Tea Towels have now arrived! An example will be placed in the noticeboard at Penrhyn for you to see.



Every child and member of staff at the school features on the Tea Towel and they make lovely keepsakes or Christmas gifts.

Every year we sell out and we can't order anymore so please order your Tea Towels to ensure you don't miss out!

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

## Flower Monitor



Thank you so much to Etta, who brought in some beautiful flowers last week for her friends in Elm Class.

Each week the nominated child is very proud to be their class's flower monitor. The children enjoy cutting and arranging the flowers to make the Montessori

classroom look even more beautiful, as well as taking care of them throughout the week with water.

## 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.

## Composer of the Week



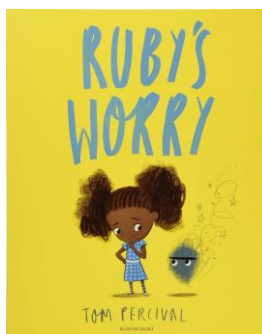
Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893).

Tchaikovsky was the best known Russian composer of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. His ballet music is some of the most popular ever written and include Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and The Nutcracker.

## Class Information

Book of the week:

Ruby's Worry  
By  
Tom Percival



## Art & D.T.

Last week in Art, the children worked on differentiating between 2D and 3D. The children used coloured strips of card to create 3D trees.



In D.T., each child designed their very own house. The children used different length paper straws to create their houses. They participated in and discussed about different kinds of houses and used glue to stick down windows and doors.

## Children's House

Last week the children in the Children's House learnt all about Thanksgiving. The children participated in a discussion about which country celebrates Thanksgiving, how it is celebrated and the foods they eat. The children also practiced writing the word 'thanksgiving' and wrote some sentences about the celebration.

The children also learnt about the difference people who help us in society, such as firefighters, police officers, doctors, and vets. The children matched photos of these different figures to descriptions of how they help us.

In literacy, the children continued their work on phonetic sounds and blending. Here, a child learns to read through letter phonetic



words for the first time.



Here, a child is being introduced to the sandpaper letters. In a Montessori classroom, the sandpaper letters are used to introduce the sound phonetically. The child also gains an impression of the way in

which it is written by feeling the sandpaper letter the same time as hearing the sound.

Care of the environment is a very popular activity in a Montessori Children's House. In this photograph you can see two children working together on cleaning the chairs. This practical life activity helps to develop teamwork, concentration, gross motor skills, a sense of pride in one's environment, and of course helps to develop mastery of the skill of cleaning.



## Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week in Oak class we focused on wellbeing. We talked about how we are feeling and introduced the word 'emotion'. Each morning, we always say how we are feeling and that some days it is ok to feel sad or angry. We talked what makes a good friend and that when someone smiles at you it makes you smile and feel happier. We extended our learning by thinking about a time when we perhaps felt upset or happy and why we felt like that.



For our 'Out and About' session, we planted friendship seeds and used this opportunity to learn about the life cycle of a plant and that it needs the sun and water to survive.



Children will continue to care for their plant at home.

Our book of the week was "The Tale of the Whale" by Karen Swann. The class really enjoyed this book about our polluted sea and what we can do to protect the environment. We created a poster to show the whale swallowing the 'plastic sea' and discussed what we can do as individuals to help our environment.



The children also continued to practice the first phonetic sounds in words. Please encourage your child to do this at home either with any objects in the home or when out and about.

We finished the week off with a lovely yoga session which has many benefits for young children, including improving emotional regulation and enhancing concentration and memory.

This week we will be starting our Christmas celebrations with lots of lovely craft activities and talking about its importance. We will be looking at the sound 'c' and thinking of words beginning with that letter.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week, Elm class had lots of fun exploring emotions. Children talked about various emotions, how we express them, and they even drew some wonderful pictures of the what the facial expression of each emotion looks like. The children practiced the gestures that we may make when we are angry and the smile that we have when we are happy. In addition to this, the children discovered several books that discuss emotions such as "The Colour Monster" or "Ruby's worry".



The children also talked about friendship and the importance of being kind to people. The children gave examples of how to be a good friend and how we can show kindness to our friends. The children also had fun on Thanksgiving, talking about how grateful they were for their families and friends.

The children have been introduced to phonetic sound 'b', and have enjoyed exploring the different objects starting with 'b'. They practiced using a marker pen to write the letter on the board, as well as on sand with their fingers.



This week, Elm class will start preparing for Christmas and will also learn about Saint Andrew's Day. The children will also continue their work on phonetic sound and will be introduced to the phonetic sound "o".

## Nursery

Last week, Nursery enjoyed discussing all about wellbeing. We began our week by talking about our emotions and feelings by making emotion balloons in different colours, representing the different emotions we may feel. Our balloons were filled with flour and were very fun to squish! The children had lots of fun manipulating them into various shapes.

A book which was very popular with the children last week was 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llenas, which encouraged the children to talk about different emotions and what these looks like.

Towards the end of the week, we learnt about Thanksgiving and spoke about the things we felt grateful for.

To finish off the week we all participated in positive affirmation yoga. This was great fun as well as a great way to warm up on a cold morning!



This week, we begin our Christmas celebrations by getting busy and creative making lots of Christmas decorations. We will be listening to Christmas carols and getting into the Christmas spirit.

## Best wishes, WMS Admin

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