

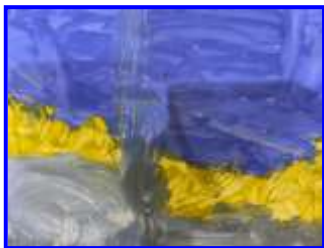
W/C Monday 17th January 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Art & D.T.

Last week, the children looked at 'The starry night' painted by Vincent van Gogh. The children examined his vivid way of using the brush. Rather than applying long continuous strokes, van Gogh used the brush in short, quick strokes which make his paintings so lively. The children in the Children's House really enjoyed recreating his paintings!



We break up for the February half term on Friday 11th February 2022 and school will resume on Monday 21st February 2022.

Invoices

Invoices for the Summer Term will be issued in the week commencing Monday 14th March 2022.

The first instalment will be due 21st March, and the second due 19th April 2022.

Session Changes

Please note that if you wish to make any changes to the sessions that your child attends, we need a term's notice in writing.

Also, please be reminded that the term after your child turns three, they will move from nursery into our

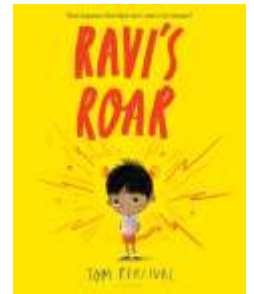
Kindergarten where they will be expected to attend for a minimum of 3 days per week.

Please confirm with the office your preferred 3 days if your child has only been attending for two sessions per week.

Class Information

Book of the week:

Ravi's Roar
by
Tom Percival



Flower Monitor

Thank you to Laurie, who was the flower monitor this week in Oak Class. Each week, the designated child for each class is proud to be the flower monitor. 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.



Meet the Teacher

We would like to welcome Miss Jenny to the WMS team. Miss Jenny is working as a Teaching Assistant in Oak Class and is also a part of our Tea



Timers team. All the children have enjoyed getting to know her since we returned from the Christmas break!

Snow Precautions

Please check the school website (click on 'About Us' and then School policies) for details on our school's snow procedure policy.



Composer of the Week

Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was born in Leipzig Germany. He learned the piano as a child but wanted to be an author. He wrote his first play when he was 13 but decided to turn it into an opera and began studying composition. Wagner had an opera house built at Bayreuth, Germany, where his operas were performed, at a festival every year.



Children's House

We have had another busy and exciting week in the Children's House. The children have continued to learn about measurement and have been comparing, ordering and some of us have been estimating. The children have been learning about different ways to measure various objects, such as using our hands or our feet. We also learned how to use a ruler to measure smaller items.



The children also celebrated Kian's birthday with one of our traditional Birthday Walks. Kian brought in images of him as a baby to show his friends, and the children had lots of fun singing the Birthday Walk song!

On Wednesday, we had our Kindness Day. The children shared their amazing presents with their friends. There were lots of kind words and cuddles that day. The children also participated in discussions about family. The children made portraits of their different family members and enjoyed talking about them. This week, we are going to learn about our body and different body parts.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

It has been a busy first full week back for Oak class. Last week, the children began talking about our families. We discussed who lived in our houses with us and drew our family trees. Please may you send your child in with photos of your family or extended family, as I would like the children to do a 'show and tell' session using these. Children gain plenty of confidence in being able to speak in a group discussion.



Our 'out and about' session last week focused on the book *Monkey Puzzle* by Julia Donaldson. We read the story and then acted out all the animals that were helping the monkey find his mum. We used the vocabulary author, title, front cover and illustrated.

Please continue to do this at home with any books that are read to the children. We extended our learning by looking at symmetry and all the children used paints to create our symmetrical butterfly which is also incorporated within the book.

Our focus will be on books by Julia Donaldson, and we finished the week by reading the story *Stick Man*.

Relating this story to our own families, we used sticks to create our own stick family by counting how many people were in the family.



This week we will be focusing on our bodies including body parts and organs inside our bodies.

We will also look at the importance of our hands and what they can be used for.

Our letter of the week will be 'b' for body.



Kindergarten - Elm Class



Our first full week with our new teacher and new peers was a lovely week. The children enjoyed learning each other's names and learning about the rules of the new environment. Our new

teachers have showed us how to use different activities on the shelves and many useful grace and courtesy lessons such as how to walk around the mat avoiding stepping on it, how to carry a chair, how to pour water for ourselves and even how to arrange flowers in vases and make our classroom look beautiful.

The children have been using the mirror to look at themselves and create self-portraits. The children enjoyed it a lot and this week have continued creating clothes and decorating them using glitter and coloured paper. The children also started to create their family tree booklets, where they drew portraits of each of their family members. The children have also really enjoyed looking at the photos that their friends have brought from home of their families.



The children also participated in discussions about their favourite foods, colours and activities. The children loved exploring different patterns of leaves and using the wax crayons to observe the patterns and were very curious to observe the patterns on the soles of our shoes.

This week, we will learn about different parts of our bodies, how important our hands are and what we need to do to build a strong body and stay healthy.

Nursery

Last week, our Nursery classes were learning about our bodies, healthy food and how exercise affects our health.

Our week started with the children preparing their own



snack and learning about healthy eating habits. Children enjoyed cutting the bananas and apples. This was done with

the help of the teachers, and it was very successful. Please feel free to encourage your child to help preparing their own snack. It gives them opportunity to be independent and strengthen their fine motor skills.



We continued the week learning about parts of our bodies and created some lovely artwork using our hand and footprints. On our 'out and about' session, we played a new parachute game and practiced catching and throwing a ball.

This week we will be learning about our senses. The letter of the week is "s". We also have planned lots of activities that will help us to understand our visual, auditory sense, smell, taste, and touch.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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