

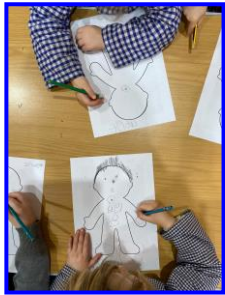
W/C Monday 24th January 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Art & D.T.

In Art this week, we drew the organs of the human body. Following on from our science lesson, children received an outline of the human body each. Children drew the heart, lung, liver, intestines, and the brain!



It was great to see that the children were able to position the organs correctly, such as knowing that the brain is in the head!

Silver STARS Award



We are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a silver STARS award from Transport for London! WMS previously held a bronze award, and we are very proud to have progressed to silver because of our continued commitment towards a safer and healthier school environment.

ASC Invoices

Invoices for extended sessions (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club and Tea Timers) from week commencing 13th December 2021, will be issued today. If you believe you

are due an invoice and have not received one, please contact the office. Please settle this invoice by this Friday 28th January to avoid incurring a late payment charge.

Chinese New Year



On Wednesday the children will have a visit from our WMS cookery teacher Mr Oscar. Mr Oscar is a chef and comes to do cookery sessions with the children. On **Wednesday 26th January**, he will be cooking some food for Chinese New Year. This will be lovely for the children to experience, and they can enjoy some noodles and vegetables together and have a go with some chopsticks! Children are invited to wear red on this day to celebrate Chinese New Year! Mr Oscar's mother is Chinese, so he is particularly experienced and passionate about this cuisine! We will also be celebrating Chinese New Year as it falls on **Tuesday 1st February**. Children will be invited to school wearing red again on this day and will be taking part in some fun activities to celebrate the year of the Tiger!

RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch



The children at WMS will be enjoying our annual participation in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch this week.

During their 'out and about' sessions this week, the children will be birdwatching to see which different types of bird they can spot from their Winter Bird identification sheet! The Big Garden Birdwatch is very popular amongst the children each year, and they will partake in lots of activities throughout the week related to the Birdwatch, such as making bird feeders, drawing pictures of birds, and discussing how different birds are found in different seasons.

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

Inside the Montessori Classroom...



In a Montessori prepared environment there are 3 colour boxes for the children to use. Here, a child in our children's house is working with Box 3. There are nine different colours and seven shades

of each colour. A child chooses a colour and works to grade the 7 colour tablets from darkest to lightest.

This helps the child to be able to see small differences in colour variation which trains the eye to recognise fine differences in other things for the future, it is not just linked to art and colour awareness.

When this activity was first created the colour tablets were from a sewing basket and originally had silk threads wrapped around them. They are now made from wood that is painted or with wool around as this is far more durable than silk.

Parents' Corner

HENRY (Waltham Forest) is excited to launch the new **HENRY Wellbeing**

Programme comprising of both 1:1 support and a group programme on supporting family wellbeing. This is a short and preventative programme, designed to provide tailored support to reduce the likelihood of further intervention being needed later on. Families can self-refer or be referred by professionals to either HENRY Buddies or the 4-week Wellbeing Journey. Families are eligible if they live in Waltham Forest and have at least one child under the age of 5.

For more information, please see the flyer in the school noticeboard, or visit [HENRY Wellbeing Journey | HENRY](#)



Cooper's visit to WMS

Cooper the cockapoo will be visiting the children at WMS this Wednesday 26th January. The children love when Cooper makes an appearance at school; he has a very gentle nature, and the children enjoy helping Miss Lorna to take care of him.



Please make the office aware if your child has any allergies to dogs.

Class Information

Book of the week:

All Are Welcome
by
Alexandra Penfold
and Suzanne
Kaufman



Flower Monitor

Part of the Montessori curriculum is to awaken a life-long interest in nature. Having fresh flowers in the classrooms each week provides a perfect opportunity for the children to discuss the flowers, identify them, see the process of life and to practice practical skills such as cutting, pouring, and arranging.



Each week, a different child is the flower monitor for each class. The child brings in some flowers for their class and spends time cutting and arranging them for display in their classroom. This is a lovely practical life activity for the



children to engage with as well as a special and proud event for the flower monitor each week.

Composer of the Week

Listening to classical music has many benefits from helping boost your confidence to improving your memory! Our composer of the week at WMS is Claude Debussy he was a French composer who lived from 1862-1918, he was amongst one of the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th century. Debussy was born into a poor family in France in 1862, his obvious gift at the piano sent him to Paris Conservatory at the age of 11.



Children's House

Last week children in the Children's House were learning about the human body. The children had fun in science class observing the different organs of the human body, talking about their functions and why they are important. They also learned where each organ is located and practiced the names of the most important organs, such as the heart, brain, and lungs.



In our 'out and about' session, we talked about the importance of keeping our environment clean and taking care of the nature. The children did a great job helping to

keep our garden clean. We filled up nine bags of leaves and sticks that the children picked up!

During our ICT session this week, we looked at the iPad and some of its functions. Children took pictures and were shown how to adjust light and colour on a taken picture.

This week, we will talk about emotions, and we will continue working on the human body.

Kindergarten - Oak Class



A busy week in Oak. Thank you to Etta, our flower monitor this week! Following the topic of all about me this week we have talked about body parts, learning new vocabulary such as eyebrows, chin, shoulders, and our calves! The children have enjoyed the song head, shoulders, knees and toes

which we repeated every day this week. During our 'out and about' session we had a scavenger hunt in the garden for body parts (not real ones!). Pictures were placed around the garden and children worked in teams to locate all 15 parts. Team working is an essential part of child development that encourages social skills patience, empathy, communication, respect for others and compromise.

We continued our week talking about the purpose of our hands and what we can use them for. The children came up with playing, writing, and eating. We extended our learning by talking about our kind hands and how we should be kind to each other. We made our kind hand pictures, painting our hands and creating flowers.



The letter of the week was 'b' and each day children were able to repeat and say different words beginning with that letter sound. On Friday we used 'b' for bones and created our own skeleton pictures! We watched the song Dem Bones on Youtube and followed the actions which the class enjoyed.

This week, we will be talking about reflections extending this to symmetry and patterns and celebrating Burns Night. Our letter of the week will be 'p' for pattern.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

We began last week by talking about different parts of our bodies. The children learned new words with the help of classified cards and watched a very interesting

video about our organs, observing where our heart is and how the blood circulates around our body. We even built a pumping heart model and we were very curious to see what happens to the blood when the heart contracts. The children talked about the importance of building a strong body and keeping our heart healthy by doing exercise and eating healthy food.



We also talked about our hands and what we can do with them, and we explored making handprints using our hands and paint to create a nice flower in a pot.

This week, we will look at how various objects reflect in a mirror, we will learn about patterns and symmetry, listen to Scottish songs and we will celebrate Burns Night on Tuesday.

Nursery

The nursery children enjoyed a week of sensorial exploration with our 5 senses. We discussed our eyes, ears, nose, mouth, and hands, learning about what they help us to do. We were looking, listening, smelling, touching, and tasting, feeling grateful and appreciating our senses.



The children played a game of "I Spy" using our ears to listen and eyes to find certain objects or colours. We also tried to identify animal sounds by just using our ears to listen. We tried to describe objects made of different materials using our sense of touch. The children also really enjoyed our taste-testing activity, experiencing the different flavours such as sweet, sour, salty, and bitter.



This week we are going to talk about our appearance, the skin we live in, our family and we will create a family portrait. We will also be birdwatching during our out and about session.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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