

W/C Monday 14th March 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



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Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day this **Friday 18th March**.

We are busy planning lots of exciting fund-raising activities to help support this wonderful charity. All children and staff are invited to dress in red – you could even paint or wear a red nose if you have one! - for a small donation. Nursery will be making flapjacks and Kindergarten will be making cupcakes, to sell in a bake sale at the end of the day to raise even more money for this wonderful cause.



Supporting Ukraine

We would like to say a huge thank you to everybody who brought such generous donations on Tuesday to support Ukraine. We are absolutely delighted with the turnout.



The photographs show the vast size of the lorry containing our donations along with others, and the first of our school's



donations! We are very proud to have supported such an important cause and will inform you of any further opportunities to help.

International Women's Day

The children enjoyed celebrating International Women's Day last week. The children learned about various inspiration women, including Maria Montessori, and created



some beautiful cards for their mothers in celebration. The children participated in discussions surrounding the importance of equality and what International Women's Day signifies for women across the world.



Doctor's Visit



The children were very excited to meet Dr Helen on Thursday. Dr Helen is a parent of the school as well as a doctor, and she spoke to the children all about her job and how she looks after people.

The children were very lucky to see what was in Dr Helen's doctor's bag and sat beautifully to listen to her explain all the different pieces of equipment. They even got to see an X-Ray and learn how to use a stethoscope! Thank you very much Dr Helen.

New Member of WMS!

We are delighted to share with you all that we will shortly be getting a new school pet! He is a little hamster, and we will be introducing him to the children very soon. Name to be decided!

It is lovely for children to be involved in the care of pets, we previously had rabbits and fish at school and as you know we have the school dog Cooper who Miss Lorna brings in to school regularly.

There may even be opportunities for some families to have the hamster over a school holiday!



Invoices

Invoices for the Summer Term were issued Monday 14th March 2022. The first instalment will be due 21st March, and the second due 19th April 2022.

Every child at WMS should receive an invoice. If you do not receive an invoice, please contact the office today. This will ensure that a late payment fee is not added to your account.

Parents Corner

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Parent meetings will be held during the week commencing 21st March 2022. Timeslot sheets for phone meetings will be going up this week for you to book your preferred space.



Little Adventures with Dough

We'd like to share with you the company 'Little Adventures with Dough', founded by a very close friend of Miss Lorna who has also been a Montessori teacher for over 30 years. These beautiful sets contain pots of scented dough and a range of treasures to use with them creatively.

There are themed sets to incorporate literacy, maths, dinosaurs, and seasonal sets, too.

They are beautiful packaged and responsibly sourced and with Montessori theory in mind. There are also smaller travel sets for on the go dough action!

<https://www.littleadventureswithdough.co.uk/the-playdough-shop>

Try Out Cycling

Waltham Forest Council is hosting a Try Out Cycling Day in Leyton Jubilee Park on Saturday 26 March. From 10 am to 4pm There will be a cargo bike try out area, Dr Bike, All Ability Cycling Club, police bike marking, second hand bike market and more! Book a place for the [cargo bike try out area here](#).



Key Dates

School Photographs – Please diary for the **4th May 2022**. Your child must be wearing their school uniform and so if you do not have a smock, please contact the office to

purchase a new one. A letter with full information will be sent in due course.

World Down Syndrome Day

Monday 21st March marks

World Down Syndrome

Day. The children will learn about Down Syndrome through the beautiful storybook kindly

recommended by a parent, 'My Friend Isabelle.'

We would also like to support this parent's

wonderful fundraising quiz night, to raise money

for Downright Excellent – a charity that does so much to support children with Down Syndrome.

Link below to buy tickets!

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/barrys-dex-quiz-2022-tickets-275952069067>



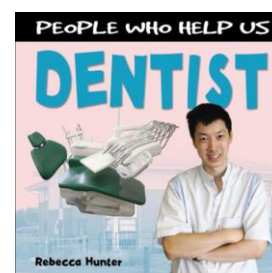
Payment of Invoices

This is polite notice to remind parents / carers, that when the school issues an invoice that full payment of that invoice should be made by the date stated on the invoice. If for any reason this is not possible, we would be grateful if you can contact the school office and speak to either Miss Wendy or Miss Jessica to discuss further and support. Chasing outstanding invoices by office staff has been incredibly time-consuming of late and time that could be used in a more productive way. We always advise when an invoice is being issued and payment date. Please help us with this.

Class Information

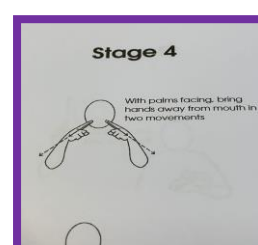
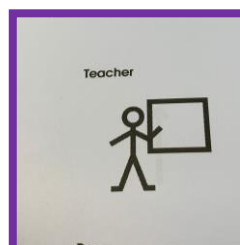
Book of the week:

Dentist
By
Rebecca Hunter



Sign of the week at WMS!

'Teacher'



With palms facing, bring your hands away from your mouth in two movements.

Visit makaton.org for further background and information on this great skill

End of Term

Our last day of the Spring Term is Thursday 31st March 2022. School will finish at 12.30pm so no lunch on this day. Breakfast club will be running on the 31st but please note there will be no lunch time, afternoon session or tea timer's club on that day.

Children's House

Last week, the children in our Children's House learned about doctors and their essential job. They talked about doctors' instruments and what we have in our first aid kit at school. Children drew their own doctors' bags with all the items that a doctor needs to do their job. Children also had lots of fun observing a real stethoscope and listening to their hearts and lungs with it! They made some wonderful stethoscopes in art to role play.



inspirational people that have helped change that.

In our 'out and about' session, the children very much enjoyed a cup of hot chocolate with cream and marshmallows! We played outdoor games such as skipping and basketball. What a lovely afternoon we had!

This week, we will talk about community helpers and oral health. Children will also celebrate Saint Patrick's

For International Women's Day, the children discussed women's rights and how they have changed. Children learned that in the past, women were not allowed to go to school or vote and

Day on Thursday 17th March – **Please wear your green!**

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week, Oak class enjoyed talking about the role of doctors and nurses. We talked about our experiences of visiting the doctor and how it made us feel. We extended our vocabulary and learnt the word 'stethoscope.' In our art lesson, we made our very own stethoscopes and made sure we were all feeling well. We explored the first aid box that we have at school and enjoyed reading the book Ness the Nurse.

We celebrated International Women's Day by making cards for our mummies and took some time to talk about Maria Montessori and how in fact she first studied medicine in Italy before becoming a pioneer in education.

Thank you to Kasimir for being our flower monitor this week and bringing in some beautiful daffodils. We also have new class pets! We have 4 caterpillars that we will follow the life cycle of, and children



will be able to see first-hand the emergence of the painted lady butterflies that we will release once they are ready.



We carried out an experiment around germs and how easily they can be transferred via our own hands. Glitter was used and the children took it in turns to shake hands with the teacher showing how easily the glitter spread. We then did a washing hands activity to wash away the germs. On Thursday we had a lovely visit from a real doctor who showed the children what was in her doctors' bag!



This week we will be looking at the roles of dentists, bin collectors, post people and gardeners. The letter of the week will be 'g' for gardener.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week's learning was dedicated to doctors and nurses. We started by talking about their role in helping us feel better and about what happens when we pay a visit to the GP. We've also looked into the items of a first aid box and we've made our own box out of paper and thread.



On the 8th of March we celebrated International Women's Day and we discussed about women's rights and what freedom is and created a beautiful card for our mothers.



lots of fun and showed amazing concentration and cooperation during her visit. The children really enjoyed reading the book 'Ness the Nurse' by Nick Sharratt.

We are looking forward to this week where we continue talking about "People who help us." Our topic for this week is the role of police officers and what they do to keep us and our community safe. Our letter of the week is "p".



Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers

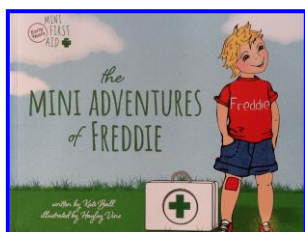


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We continued to see what happens with our bodies when we get hurt and we learned what to do if someone feels poorly, call 999. We read the story

called 'The Mini Adventures of Freddie' where we saw what to do in case of an emergency.

We also enjoyed Miss Helen's visit. She is a doctor and she explained to us about her work in a hospital. We learned about X-Ray's and how to use a stethoscope.

This week we will be learning about waste collectors, post people and gardeners.

Nursery

Last week we had another amazing week full of exciting activities. We were talking about doctors and enjoyed having discussions about how they help us, and what to do if we are not feeling well. We learned about the various equipment that doctors use and enjoyed playing 'I Spy' to identify the beginning sounds of these objects. Children enjoyed using different shapes to create an ambulance, where they discussed the different parts and colours of the car.

We began our Thursday by learning about germs, and the importance of washing hands. This was followed by an experiment which helped the children to understand what happens to germs when we use soap to wash our hands. After the experiment we had a special visitor from Miss Helen the doctor! All the children had