

W/C Monday 28th February 2022

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Outdoor Learning

We hope you enjoyed the lovely Spring-feeling weather at the weekend. We all love enjoying our outdoor environment so are looking forward to taking the children's learning outdoors more often as the weather becomes warmer.

This wonderful space provides the perfect opportunity for reading and listening to stories, using puppets, and encouraging phonic development and alphabetising - all while outside!



### Kindergarten

We are very excited to see the children dress as their favourite book characters on Thursday. In Elm and Oak classes, we would love for children to bring in their favourite book on World Book Day to share with their friends. We will be doing lots of themed activities on this day and we will be looking at 'The Stick Man' by Julia Donaldson.

### Nursery

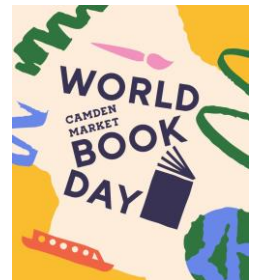
Please come dressed as your favourite book character on Thursday to celebrate World Book Day. We would also like all the children to bring in their favourite book. We will be doing lots of games and art activities to celebrate throughout the day.

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### World Book Day at Camden Market

Camden Market will be hosting a family festival on the 6th and 7th March to celebrate World Book Day. There will be creative events, free activities, food stalls, famous authors, and performances to celebrate the art of storytelling.

[World Book Day at Camden Market | Camden Market](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/WBD22_Main_Toolkit_Final.pdf)

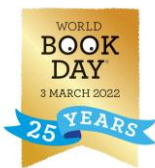


### Free Story n Rhyme Sessions – Waltham Forest Children and Family centre

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3 March Waltham Forest children and family centre are running several themed Story n Rhyme sessions. If you attend a library session and register with the library service in March, you will also receive a free storytelling pack of books and other fun resources for you to use at home.

### Pancake Day

We will be celebrating Pancake Day on Tuesday 1st March by eating pancakes! The children will be



### World Book Day

To celebrate World Book Day on Thursday 3rd March the children will be invited to dress up as their

favourite book character. Each child will receive a book token to exchange for a book in local bookshops. We are very much looking forward to seeing the children's (and teachers!) costumes!

Below is a link for some more information about World Book Day and ways you can get involved in celebrating.  
[https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/WBD22\\_Main\\_Toolkit\\_Final.pdf](https://www.worldbookday.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/WBD22_Main_Toolkit_Final.pdf)

### Children's House

Please come in dressed as your favourite book character. It would be lovely if you spent some time at home creating a short story using drawings or text if you can, to bring in and share with your friends on Thursday! We will be reading lots of fun books and making masks for characters from them. The children will do some role play of the books using their masks that they create.

taking part by preparing their topping by squeezing oranges and lemons and slicing bananas.

The children will be able to practice their 'pancake tossing' skills too! There will be dairy and gluten free pancakes for those with allergies.

## Art & D.T.

In Art last week the children made their very own mini police cars! This complimented wonderfully our topic of 'people who help us' that we have been covering in class this half-term. It also extended on from our learning in science, as we talked about the axis which connects the two tyres and how we could attach it to the vehicle's bonnet yet still be able to turn it. Furthermore, the children named different shapes we used and multiplied 2 tyres on either side to make 4! The children really enjoyed this cross-curricular activity.



## Butterflies

We are very excited to say that the children will enjoy working with the Butterfly Garden again this Summer. The children really loved watching the caterpillars turn into butterflies last year, providing them with a wonderful opportunity to learn all about the life cycle of a butterfly and how to care for and feed the caterpillars.

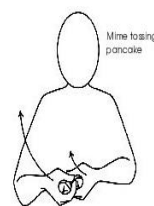
## Firefighter Visit

The children will have a very exciting visit on Friday from a firefighter. Firefighter 'Russ' will speak with the children about fire safety, what to do in the event of a fire, and what the job of a firefighter is. They will even get to try on a firefighter uniform!

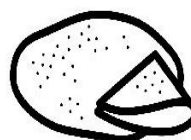


We are all very excited for this visit and we have some lovely art work to share with our firefighter!

## Sign of the week at WMS!



Pancake (mime tossing the pancake)



Pancake

Visit [makaton.org](http://makaton.org) for further background and information on this great skill

## ASC Invoices

Invoices for extended sessions (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club and Tea Timers) from week commencing 24th January 2022, were 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 4th March to avoid incurring a late payment fee.

## Hina-Matsuri

Thank you to Alanna in Acorn class whose mummy has kindly shared with us a lovely celebration that is very dear to them. Hina-Matsuri is a Japanese festival in March each year, that celebrates the health and happiness of girls. This is also known as Girls' Day or the Doll Festival as it is celebrated in Japanese culture with a display of ornamental dolls. The children will learn about the significance of this festival and celebrate the day on Thursday 3rd March. We will all enjoy learning about this special celebration with the children.



## Spare Clothes

If your child has been sent home in any of the spare clothes that we keep at Penrhyn, please may you ensure these are returned to the school.

If you have any knickers/pants, trousers/leggings or tights aged 2-4 that your child has grown out of

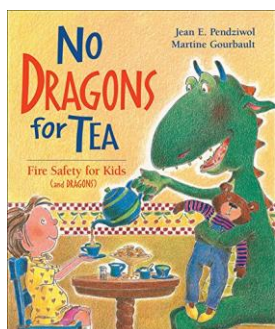
that you would like to donate to the school, we would be very grateful to receive them at our Penrhyn site.

**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.**

## Class Information

### Book of the week:

*No Dragons for Tea*  
By  
Jean E. Pendziwol  
and  
Martine Gourbault



### Children's House

Last week, the children at Children's House became police officers. The topic of this term is "people who help us," so we started by learning about the police and the work they do for our communities. The children enjoyed finding out what objects had been lost in class by reading clues and earned their own police badge!

The children also enjoyed celebrating Mia's birthday with one of our WMS Birthday Walks. The children loved seeing Mia's photographs that she brought in to share with her friends and singing the 'earth goes round the sun' song! Happy birthday Mia.

Joining mathematics and science, we talked about geometric figures and the movement of wheels.



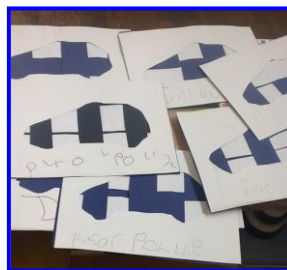
The children learned that when a geometric body has flat faces, like a triangular prism, it cannot roll. But if its faces are curved, such as in a cylinder, it can! Afterwards, the

children made their own police cars in an Art/D.T. lesson, with functioning wheels that spin. This week, we will learn about firefighters and the children will even have the chance to meet one.

### Kindergarten - Oak Class

A busy first week back after the half term for Oak class. We started our week by helping to clean up the garden after the storm of last weekend. Wonderful teamwork by the children in Oak class, who were able to clear the garden of the fallen sticks and leaves.

The children were introduced to the topic this half term, 'People who help us'. We have begun this topic by looking at the role of a police officer. The children all enjoyed dressing up and as a class we acted out a role play of 'Cops and Robbers'. We



under stood that to get help from the police we should dial 999. On Wednesday, we weaved our own police car. Weaving gives opportunity for children to explore pattern whilst developing concentration and fine motor skills. We copied our letter of the week 'p' and police.

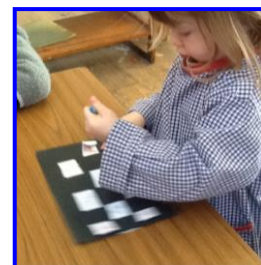
A child can be seen here in our class caring for a plant in the environment. This is a lovely practical life activity where she is dusting the leaves with water and cotton wool.



This week, we will be looking at the role of a firefighter. We will have a special visit from a firefighter which I am sure the class will enjoy. They will be able to see and try on the fire fighter's uniform! Our letter of the week will be 'f' for fire.

### Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week was a busy week full of energy for the children in Elm class. The topic for this half term is 'People who help us' and we started talking about different occupations by playing a game called 'Knock



Knock, What's your job?' through which children could explore different roles and make masks for each role. We talked about the role of police officers and how they keep us safe. They loved playing a detective game where they played the role of a police officer who had to find missing materials from our classroom, being guided by some clues such as the first sound of the missing object. They had great fun making woven paper police cars and practice improving their fine motor skills.



Our 'out and about' session saw the children exploring the world of plants. We talked about the different parts of a plant and we made an experiment to observe

the growth of the plants' roots. We took 3 transparent jars, placed a tissue in each of them, then we put soil. We took 3 beans and placed them in between the glass and the tissue for a better view of the roots. We remembered that the plants need water and light, so we watered our beans and placed them in the classroom. We can't wait to observe the process!

This week, we will talk about firefighters and their role in the community.

## Nursery

All our nursery children and teachers were very happy to be back after the half-term break. Our topic for the coming weeks is "People Who Help Us".

Last week we learned about dentists. During our lessons, we discussed the work of dentists and how they help us.



We discussed how many teeth we have and the importance of brushing and flossing. The children had the opportunity to practice brushing teeth using a model mouth and toothbrush and learned to correctly floss the teeth using Duplo blocks and playdough. They also learned how our teeth are affected by food and enjoyed discussing and sharing with their friends which foods are good for our teeth and how we can keep our teeth healthy and strong by avoiding certain foods.

The children had fun with the craft activities making smiles and decorating their cups and toothbrush.

This week, we will find out about firefighters and how they help us. We will learn about the firefighter's uniforms and the equipment they use. We will also have a special visitor during the week!

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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