

W/C Monday 7th March 2022

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### World Book Day



All the children and teachers had ever so much fun on World Book Day last Thursday! How lovely to see all your wonderful costumes and favourite books brought in from home in celebration of the day.

We opened the 'WMS Library' for the week and the children were able to explore the wide variety of books on display.



**Thank you** to Heidi's mummy, who very kindly gifted a book to every class at WMS. The children have already thoroughly enjoyed reading these lovely new books and will continue to throughout the year!



### Pancake Day



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*We loved squeezing our oranges and lemons!*

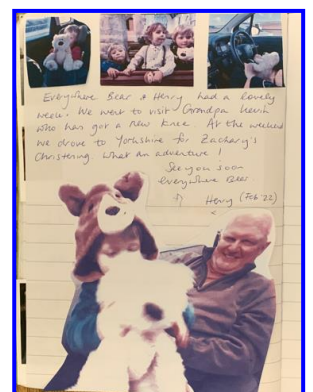
### Supporting Ukraine



Our thoughts are with everyone that has been affected by the terrible ongoing situation in Ukraine. We would like to help in the small ways that we can. A parent of the school is helping to organise deliveries of supplies to Ukraine and Poland. We will be holding a donation day on **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March** and would greatly appreciate any donations, no matter how small. Please see Miss Wendy's email for more information. Thank you so much in advance.

### The Everywhere Bear

The Everywhere Bear continues to enjoy his travels with a different friend at WMS each week. Last week, the Everywhere Bear had lots of fun with Henry and his grandparents in Yorkshire! What a lovely adventure. Thank you very much Henry.



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### Firefighter Visit

On Friday as part of this half-term's 'People Who Help Us' topic, the children enjoyed a special visit from a real firefighter. Firefighter Russ spoke to the children

about fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire, and the children even had the opportunity to try on a firefighter's outfit! This was a great learning opportunity for the children as well as great fun.

## Sports Equipment at the Children's House



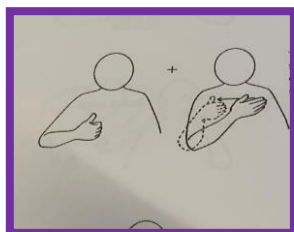
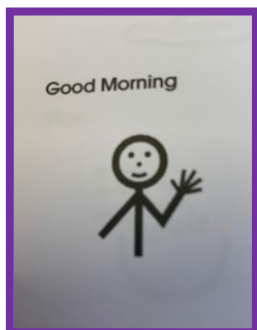
Our Children's House was very lucky to have been gifted some vintage sports equipment by a neighbour of the Brookcroft site. We will be keeping these very safe, and the children have already enjoyed being shown and discussing these wonderful and precious items!

## International Women's Day

At WMS we believe firmly in equality for everyone. Every child at our school will have an education full of equal opportunities and unprejudiced attitudes such that their choices in life are not limited. We fully recognise and support our girls in providing strong role models and encourage to be everything they want to be.



*Sign of the week at WMS!*

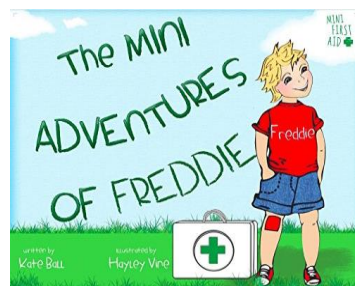


*Touch your chest with fingertips on non-dominant (left side of your chest if you are right-handed) and pull across to dominant side. Ending with a thumbs up!*

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

## Class Information

Book of the week:



*The Mini Adventures of Freddie by Kate Ball*

*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.*

## Art & DT

Last week for our Art lesson, the children created a burning house which needed a rescue mission from the fire engine. Luckily, after our firefighter visit, we knew what to do!





## Children's House

Last week was a lot of fun for the children in our Children's House. They started the week by becoming firefighters with lots of training! The children discussed the essential job that firefighters do every day, and how important it is for them to be strong and agile,

and to have good precision with the hose. Children practiced their balance and strength skills in a gym session. They also demonstrated their precision trying to hit spots of different sizes throwing balls. All great training to be a strong firefighter!

After all their hard work to become good firefighters, children were surprised with the visit of a real firefighter!! The children asked him a lot of questions and he explained to them the hard work it takes to be a firefighter, but how gratifying it is to be saving lives every day.

On Tuesday we celebrated Saint David's Day, and the children created beautiful daffodils. We also celebrated Pancake Day by preparing and eating yummy pancakes with bananas and lemons!



On Thursday, the children were very excited to wear their costumes and bring in their favourite books

for World Book Day. We read lot of books throughout the day and the children made colourful bookmarks. We read "The Gruffalo" and "Room on the Broom" books and made masks of the characters from these books for some role-playing! A brilliant day was had by all.

This week, we will continue with our topic "People who help us" by learning about doctors and the incredible job they do.

## Kindergarten - Oak Class

Last week Oak class were busy learning about the role of a firefighter. The class have particularly been interested in junk modelling, so we put these skills to use by creating our very own fire engine. We reinforced our knowledge of shapes used to create our truck.



Children enjoyed a sensorial activity in letter recognition, driving the fire engine to a named letter and using either water or foam to put out the fire.

As a class, we celebrated St David's day by creating the national flower of Wales and we extended our knowledge by locating Wales on the puzzle map. The children also enjoyed pancakes on Pancake Day, and all had the opportunity to add their own lemon, orange juice or banana. For World Book Day, children were excited to dress as their favourite character and it was lovely to see so many books in school to support this. Thank you to Miss Rosie who kindly gave the class the gift of a lovely book: 'Little Red'. Reading offers so many benefits to your child such as expanding vocabulary and knowledge but with increased exposure it leads to better spelling, grammar, writing and oral communication.

Our special visitor 'Firefighter Russ' was the highlight of our week. The children enjoyed trying on the uniform and listening to how firefighters help us by putting out fires and saving lives.

This week, we will continue the topic of 'People Who Help Us' with the exploration of doctors and nurses, and the wonderful job they do. Our letter of the week will be 'd' for 'doctor'.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week the children of Elm class learned about the role of firefighters in our community as well as what to do in the event of a fire. We started the week by listening to the story 'Charlie the Firefighter' and talked about how firefighters put themselves in dangerous situations and move over, under and around various obstacles to save lives. We organised an obstacle course, and the children were very excited to complete it as fast as they could.

On Tuesday, we celebrated St. David's Day with the making of daffodils and the children learned to locate Wales on the puzzle map.



The children also thoroughly enjoyed planting beans, and this activity provided us with the opportunity to continue learning about plants



and the importance of water in their growth.

This time we placed mustard seeds on two plates. We are going to water the seeds on one plate and leave

the other seeds on the second plate without water and observe what will happen to the seeds on both plates over a period of time.

On Thursday it was World Book Day. We dressed up in wonderful costumes full of colour and read the children's favourite stories. We even made our own books with our messages and own pictures! The children and teachers had a wonderful day.

We finished the week with firefighter Russ's visit. He told us about fire safety and what to do in event of a fire. We had great fun trying on a firefighter uniform.

This week we will be discussing the roles of doctors and nurses and how they help us.

## Nursery

Our Nurseries had another very exciting week. We continued with the topic of "People Who Help Us" and this week was all about firefighters and fire safety. The children enjoyed different activities related to this topic where they were developing communication skills, a variety of art techniques learning to identify shapes and colours, as well as counting and working as a team.

Our 'out and about session' was also based on fire safety and what to do in the event of a fire. The children enjoyed acting out various scenarios while developing gross motor skills. We practiced crawling under the parachute, jumping, running, and learning how to call for help if there is a fire. On Friday, we had a very special visit from Firefighter Russ, who explained fire safety rules and his role as a firefighter.

On Tuesday we celebrated St. David's Day as well as Pancake Day! The children enjoyed eating some yummy pancakes and practiced squeezing their own lemons and oranges.



Thank you to everyone for participating in World Book Day. We had amazing day on Thursday celebrating our favourite books and being dressed up as our favourite characters.

This week, we are going to be learning about doctors. Our letter of the week is "a" for 'ambulance'. Our Book of the Week is 'Ness the Nurse' by Nick Sharratt. We have a multitude of books surrounding what doctors do and we are looking forward to another exciting week exploring their role.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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