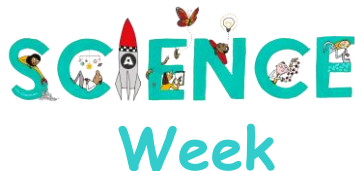


W/C Monday 16th May 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



We are all looking forward to our very special Science Week this week! We have lots of wonderful experiments planned, and the children look forward to their visit from the scientist Dr Laura Lyon. This will be a lovely week full of hands-on learning opportunities and experiences for the children. **Don't forget your lab coats!** Please see Miss Wendy's email or the posters in our noticeboard and on our website for full details.

Chicken Pox

We have been notified of several confirmed cases of Chicken Pox at the lower school. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children. It starts with red spots, that can appear anywhere on the body. Chicken pox is contagious until all the sores have crusted over which normally takes between 7-10 days.

Please note we break for half term on Friday 27th May and term resumes on Monday 6th June 2022.



Jubilee Week

Events and activities for this huge celebration will take place during the week commencing 23rd May 2022. The children will be taking part in lots of arts and crafts activities as well as a very exciting afternoon tea party! Each day is themed with a different dress code, too. Don't forget to bring in your special pebble for pebble decorating! If you did not receive the email surrounding this exciting event, please do inform the office.

Wanted!

Please may every child bring in a smooth, non-shiny **pebble**. This will be used for pebble decorating during our exciting Jubilee Week!

We would also be very grateful for donations if any parents have or see in charity shops any **toy baby dolls** with different skin colours for the children to role play.

Lastly, don't forget your **lab coats** for our exciting science focus week this week.

Diary Dates

- **Science Week w/c 16th May**
- **Jubilee Week w/c 23rd May**
- **Sports Day – Friday 8th July**

School Uniform

Please ensure as with all items of uniform, that your child's smock is clearly labelled with their name to avoid any mix-ups.

Birthday Walk Celebrations

Lots of birthdays occurred last week! We would like to wish Felix, Noemie, Alanna, and Ariana all a very happy birthday! The children had lots of fun celebrating all their birthdays last week with our WMS Birthday Walks.

At Walthamstow Montessori School, we like to celebrate birthdays in a very special way which allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time.



If your child is celebrating a birthday, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange one of our 'birthday walk' celebrations.

Sports Day

We are very excited to announce our annual Whole school family Sports Day will take place on **Friday 8th July 2022**. School will be closed on this day as we will all be at the Waltham Forest Feel Good centre, using their track facilities. This is a really fun family day for all parents to attend with their children – sports day ends with a 'teddy bear picnic' – **so please pop in into your diary now!**

Full information on this event will be sent after the half term break.

Sign of the week at WMS!

This week we have all been practicing 'I can sing a rainbow' using Makaton for the colours and key words such as sing, rainbow and too.



Please see the sheet at the end of this newsletter document!

We have been using this visual to support the learning if you want to practice too!

[Makaton - I Can Sing a Rainbow Song - YouTube](#)

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

Art & D.T.

In this week's art session, the children have been introduced to painted mosaic tiles and we discussed



how they are commonly seen in Morocco. We talked about their use and how they are made.

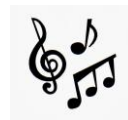
We then went on to make our own pattern on squared paper. The children only had two colours and three shapes

to design their own pattern, reinforcing their discussions surrounding patterns and how a shape, form or colour repeats itself.

The children were incredibly focussed and well concentrated when creating their beautiful patterns. By placing all their work next to each other we created a mosaic 'wall', and the children were able to visualise how it would look in a Moroccan house.



Composer of the Week

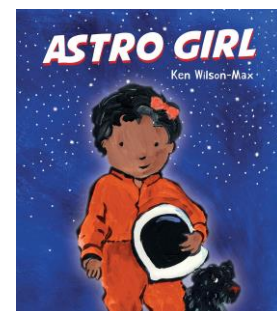


Beethoven was born in Germany and was the first composer who was able to make a living from music alone. As a child, he learned piano, violin, and composition from his father. His music was often bold and adventurous. He wrote nine symphonies, 32 piano sonatas, an opera and many more! He continued performing until he eventually lost his hearing in 1814.

Class Information

Book of the week:

Astro Girl
by
Ken Wilson-Max



Children's House

Last week in the Children's House we have been learning about different herbs. The children were introduced to where the herbs come from and the climate and soil in which they



grow. We compared the smell of fresh herbs and dried herbs. The children thoroughly enjoyed exploring the display tray, as well as cutting and smelling different herbs.

We also discussed what meals we might use these herbs in. We explored the herbs dill, coriander, mint, chives, rosemary, sage, bay leaves, thyme, and basil. We discussed the letter each herb begins with and children then found more words for each letter.



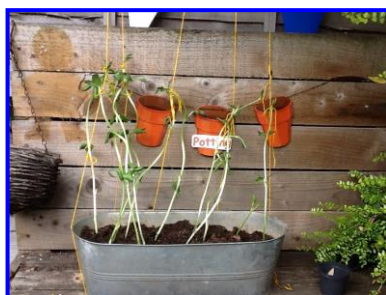
Extending our learning surrounding herbs, the children learned how to make pesto and which ingredients are needed to make it. They loved using the mortar and pestle and tasted basil leaves and pine nuts before making their own snacks by spreading the pesto onto rice crackers. The children took part in a similar activity later in the week where they spread cream cheese on to crackers and added fresh chives which they had cut themselves. We also learned how to make mint tea, and children loved the smell and taste of the mint. They have thoroughly enjoyed these sensorial and practical life activities.



This week we will enjoy being scientists for Science Week. We will make fun experiments and other activities related to science. We will also learn about the life cycle of a chicken.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

Look at how tall our broad beans are! We are happy to report that the plants have now been transferred to a container in the outdoor area where they will hopefully continue to flourish.



Lots of lovely natural materials were used this week for the 'part of a plant' week. We made our own 'part of a plant' picture using real petals and leaves and the children learned new vocabulary including stamen and pistil. We created chlorophyll pictures using spinach to

rub on our paper. We learnt that chlorophyll is the green pigment inside the spinach leaf which gives it the green colour. We also incorporated different techniques of painting using leaves and flowers bound to a stick.



This created many different patterns and the children enjoyed experimenting with different natural materials to create art.

We are also learning to sign the song 'sing a rainbow' using Makaton, and this has tied in nicely with our Out and About session this week. We created our own class rainbow in the garden by carefully placing natural materials in the shape of a semi-circle. The class enjoyed exploring the garden to add to the beautiful array of colour. We finished off our week with a lovely music lesson with Miss Ruth and a birthday walk for Felix. A very happy birthday to you!

The children are all looking forward to being budding scientists and we can't wait to be involved in many experiments. Alongside our science focus, we will continue our term's topic with the lifecycle of a chicken. Our sound of the week will be 'ch' for chicken.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week, the children of Elm class enjoyed making art using natural materials. At the beginning of the week, we talked about parts of a flower, examined their different colours and made our own flower collages using real dry flowers and pre-cut pieces of paper. We continued to learn about



the natural world, namely the importance of chlorophyll and its vital role in photosynthesis which allows plants to absorb energy from light. We chose spinach leaves and painted leaves of a tree using their chlorophyll. Later, we had a look at various types of plants we have in the school garden, their colours, the shapes of their leaves, and their parts, and we used small branches tied together with yarn and painted on paper using a mix of primary colours. The result was amazing! The children's learning last week surrounding

plants and photosynthesis has prepared them well for their upcoming science week this week!

On Thursday, we talked about rainbows and the colours we see when it appears in the sky after the rain. We went on to create another beautiful collage using natural items found in the garden such as twigs and leaves of varying shapes and colours!

Towards the end of the week, we looked at various face features and different hairstyles and we created a portrait using flowers and leaves.



This week is our exciting science week! Please don't forget your lab coats each day. The children will be partaking in lots of fun experiments. We will also be continuing our life cycle topic by learning about the life cycle of a chicken.

Sycamore Class

We had another interesting week in Sycamore class this week, concentrating on the creation of art with natural materials. We began the week by learning about the different parts of a flower and used these various parts to create a beautiful collage.



Our learning surrounding this was extended during our 'Out and About' session where children discovered the word 'chlorophyll', what it

is and then proceeded to use such green pigment in art. After the discussion, our teacher demonstrated how to rub a leaf onto a piece of paper and each child was encouraged to use this method to create their own chlorophyll painting. We learned about parts of the leaf and played games that encouraged the children to remember all the different parts.

Later in the week, the children used natural materials found in the garden to make a rainbow collage as well as to make hair on top of a head!

All these activities encouraged children to learn new mathematical language, develop their ability to follow instructions and work within the group.



The children also enjoyed a puppet show and drama class where we acted out the storybook, "We're Going on a Bear Hunt".

This week we will be learning about the life cycle of a chicken. We will have a week full of exciting art activities, learning new songs and talking about life on a farm. Our phonetic sound of the week will be "ch" for chicken.

Nursery - Acorn and Seedlings

Another week has passed in Nursery and the children have been very busy. Last week our focus was working mostly with natural materials such as flowers and leaves. Throughout the week, the children were identifying the various parts of flowers and leaves. The nursery children were very surprised to discover that they could add colour to a picture using leaves and they learned the word 'chlorophyll' for the pigment they can use to paint.



The children also worked nicely in groups, learning to share with their friends and take it in turns to use the leaves tied together as a paintbrush.

The children made a flower collage whilst naming the colours, and shapes and talking about properties of the natural materials such as small, large, long, and short.

On Thursday, the children worked as a group to make a beautiful rainbow using flowers and leaves. They all enjoyed the activities and had great fun. We extended our learning through our Makaton signing of the song 'I Can Sing a Rainbow'.



This week the children will be exploring the life cycle of a hen. The children will be observing feathers closely and discussing how they help the birds. They will also learn the difference between a hen and a rooster. This week is also our science focus week, and we will enjoy some science experiments as well as meet a real-life scientist! Don't forget your lab coats!

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers



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I can sign a rainbow song



Run index finger across lips



Fingerspell Y



Run index finger across cheek



Scything movement

Red and **yellow** and **pink** and **green,**



Run index finger across lips



Index finger makes small circle on inside of left wrist



Squeeze orange at corner of mouth twice



Show vein

Purple and **orange** and **blue**



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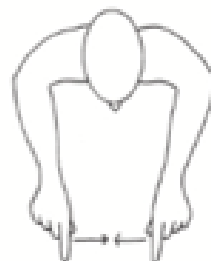
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