

W/C Monday 23rd May 2022

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



**This** is our final newsletter for this half-term. We have had a wonderful Summer Term so far, some highlights being our Science and Jubilee weeks! We have lots to look forward to in the second part of the term including our Art Week and Sports Day. We will also be welcoming some lovely new families to WMS. We hope you have a lovely and restful break and see you when we return on the **6th June**.

### Jubilee Week

We have lots of exciting activities and celebrations happening this week in celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. The children will be making bunting, flags, and taking part in some crown decorating, tree planting, and pebble decorating to name a few! Our afternoon tea party will take place on **Wednesday 25th May**. Don't forget to bring in your **party plate** on this day! Miss Jessica will send a text each morning to remind you of the clothing theme for that day. We have already seen some wonderful 1950s costumes this morning! Please see the email communication from Miss Wendy for full details of our planned celebrations as well as the posters in our noticeboards.



**SCIENCE**  
Week

The children took part in some amazing hands-on learning last week during our Science Week. Each day consisted of a new experiment and the week was full of sensory experiences and learning

opportunities. All the children looked so professional in their lab coats! Every child was fascinated and engaged by the science lessons and were introduced to lots of new concepts and vocabulary. It has been lovely to see the children so engaged in each experiment and even continuing their learning at home.



### Rhea's Science Show and Tell

Rhea brought in some wonderful photos of her grandparents, who are scientists, to share with her friends in Sycamore class. The children were so interested to see a real scientist in action and learn about their job.



### Vivienne's Home Experiment



Vivienne particularly enjoyed the Sink or Float experiment that Elm class conducted on Wednesday. Vivienne was so fascinated by this activity that she

was eager to test out some more items at home to see if they sink or float. Thank you to both Vivienne and Rhea for sharing these lovely experiences.

### Diary Dates

- Jubilee Week w/c 23rd May
- Art Week w/c 20th June
- Sports Day – Friday 8th July

## Art Week

Following the huge success of our Science and Jubilee weeks, we are very excited to announce our wonderful Art focus week, which will take place the **week commencing 20th June 2022**. If you are a parent with any relevant skills and would like to join us during our Art Week, please do let us know!



## Baby News!

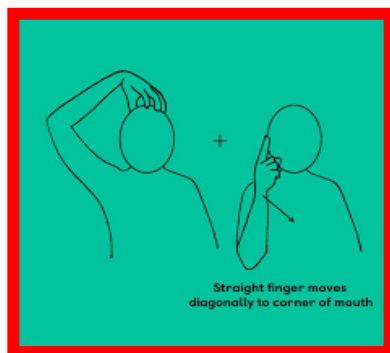
Congratulations to Hannah's family who have welcomed a beautiful baby boy. Baby Reuben arrived last week and both mum and baby are doing well.

## Sports Day

Our annual 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. We look forward to seeing you all there with your children. The day ends with a Teddy Bear's Picnic - **so please pop into your diary now!**

## Sign of the week at WMS!

'Queen'



*Crow on head  
then  
Straight finger  
moves diagonally  
to corner of  
mouth*



'visual'

## Birthday Walk Celebrations

A very happy 4th birthday to Ava! The children had lots of fun celebrating Ava's birthday



with one of our traditional 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.

## Art & D.T.

Our Children's House children took part in some wonderful art lessons last week. They looked at the artist Jackson

Pollock and created their own beautiful piece of artwork collaboratively in the garden. This was a lovely opportunity for the children to get

creative and experimental with the flicking technique and bright colours, and enjoy the sunshine, too! The children were so happy with the outcome of their groupwork and thoroughly enjoyed the process.

In addition, the children used the technique of rolling marbles around in a tray with various colours of paint to create interesting artwork. The children have discovered lots of different techniques this half-term and have really enjoyed expressing themselves through their art lessons. We look forward to learning about more artists and artistic techniques next half-term.



## Class Information

### Book of the week:

The Queen's Hat  
By  
Steve Antony



### Children's House

Science week was a very exciting week for the children in our Children's House. We all enjoyed partaking in experiments, making observations and predictions, and learning lots of interesting scientific facts. On Monday, the children learned about the 'siphon effect' observing how the water flows uphill in the Pythagoras Cup. On Tuesday, the children learned about the surface tension of a liquid and how it breaks, observing pepper dispersing when a cotton bud with soap on touch the water. On Wednesday, children were introduced to the terminology



'dissolution' through the 'floating men' experiment. The children discussed that there are things that cannot be diluted with water, like the pigments of the marker, and others that are soluble, like alcohol.

On Thursday, children learned about the capillary action, that is the ability of a liquid to flow upwards, defying gravity in tight spaces, with our rainbow experiment. We discussed that is the same action that allows the roots of a plant to transport water to its leaves. On Friday, the



children explored water stratification through a skittles experiment. The children discussed that each colour creates a water solution with slightly different properties, and this creates a barrier that prevents the colours from mixing. Very interesting!

We also explored various objects, categorising them into magnetic and non-magnetic, and predicting and observing which items sink and float. The children also enjoyed making a home-made lava lamp, which was very exciting. It was a very interesting week for children in our Children's House and inspired lots of young scientists.

This week we will celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with lots of fun crafts and our exciting **tea party on Wednesday**. Don't forget to send your child in with a **party plate** on this day.

### Kindergarten - Oak Class

It has been a very scientific week in Oak class. The class enjoyed their time with Dr Laura who kickstarted the week with a germination experiment, where several beans were planted in soil of varying conditions. For example, one bean had no light, one no warmth, one no water, and one with all three! We checked up on the beans at the end of the week to begin observing the changes, reinforcing the children's knowledge of what plants need to grow. We will leave them for longer and continue observing them over the coming weeks.

We continued our week with a 'Sink or Float?' experiment. We extended this by seeing what happens when the liquid was frozen with the objects. The children all chose their own object from the class to experiment with.



We followed all our experiments with discussions, for example, in the 'Sink or Float?' experiment we discussed and made predictions of

what may happen once the ice gets warmer.

We have also continued our learning around life cycles which this week was the life cycle of a hen.

We got creative at snack time when we all created our own hens with rice cakes, carrots, raisins, and watermelon!

For our 'out and about' session this week we experimented using leaves as a stencil. We made mud paint and covered the leaves with it; the children really enjoyed seeing the effect when the leaf was lifted from the paper.

We are all looking forward to our last week before half term celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, an important and significant event for the children to learn about and celebrate. Lots of lovely activities are planned, including making our own crowns, bunting and coming together for our tea party on Wednesday. Please send your child in with a party plate on this day as per Miss Wendy's email. Our letter of the week will be 'q' for 'Queen'. Wishing you all a restful half term and enjoy any Jubilee celebrations you may be partaking in.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

We had a very exciting and busy week in Elm class last week. Our week began with a very special visit from Dr Laura; the children were very excited to meet a real scientist. All the children were fascinated by the experiment Dr Laura conducted. We discovered that when you put soap on a cotton bud and place it in a plate filled with water and ground pepper, the pepper disperses!



A particular highlight of Science Week was our 'Sink or Float?' activity. The children were so engaged in this activity and thoroughly enjoyed choosing their own items and predicting whether they would sink or float. Vivienne even

experimented with some more items at home. Perhaps you could all test some objects found in your home and share the results with your friends at school!

We also continued our topic of 'Life Cycles' by looking at the life cycle of a chicken. We learned that birds live in nests and created our own nests just like birds using various types of leaves from the garden, twigs, and some beautiful feathers. The children enjoyed looking at the feathers through a magnifying glass to see their different patterns. We extended our learning by ordering the feathers and identifying which were largest and smallest. There were so many varieties!



This week, we look forward to many exciting celebrations in commemoration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. We will be decorating pebbles, bunting, planting a tree and having our wonderful tea party on Wednesday. Please remember your **party plates!**

## Sycamore Class

What a wonderful and exciting Science Week we had in Sycamore Class! We started with special visit from Dr. Laura, who helped us to understand the role of a scientist and where they work. We discussed what they wear and what that equipment they use for various experiments.



Thank you to our friend Rhea, who shared photographs of her grandparents who are scientists. The children were introduced to the microscope and Rhea also explained to her friends that scientists are almost like "magicians". Kai also shared with his friends that his dad is a scientist,

too. Lots of inspiring figures for our children, some of whom may want to be scientists one day themselves.

Our week was full of interesting experiments and all the children participated well. They asked questions and they were encouraged to discuss their findings in small groups. Some favourites across the week were the skittles experiment, exploring magnetic and non-magnetic items, the 'sink or float?' experiment and more.



Alongside our experiments, we looked at various objects beginning with sound "s" and some children successfully traced letter 's' in their literacy workbooks.

This week we look forward to lots of lovely celebrations for Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee. Please bring in a pebble to decorate. We have lots of exciting activities planned and our tea party on Wednesday. Don't forget your party plates! Our letter of the week is "q" for "Queen".

## Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings



We had an exciting and engaging week in our Nursery classrooms. It was our science focus week and we had so much fun learning more about what scientists do and partaking in lots of experiments

each day. The children really enjoyed meeting Dr. Laura, who introduced the children to the role of a scientist, where they work, what they wear and answered lots of questions that the children had about science. The children were fascinated by all the experiments, namely predicting the outcome of each object in our 'sink or float?' activity, experimenting with different textures and colours in a mixing experiment and identifying



magnetic and non-magnetic items.

Alongside our science week we continued our topic of 'Life Cycles' with the life cycle of a chicken. We sang the 'Spring Chicken' song and looked at classified cards to order the lifecycle of a chicken. We explored feathers and created birds' nests, which was a lovely sensorial nature activity for the children. The children also enjoyed the 'Birds' book, where we looked at different types of bird, what they may eat and where they live.

This week, we look forward to celebrating the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with lots of lovely creative activities and our tea party on Wednesday. Don't forget to send your child in with a 'party plate' on this day. We will be decorating pebbles, flags, making crowns and reading our book of the week, 'The Queen's Hat'. We look forward to seeing your themed outfits on each day of the week, too!

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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