

W/C Monday 28th March 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



This is our very last newsletter for the Spring term. Please be reminded that our last day is this **Thursday 31st March**, and the

children will be dismissed at their allocated times as below. Remember, the children will not need a packed lunch. Breakfast club will be running as normal but please note there will be no lunch or tea timers club.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 19th April 2022**. It is always very sad to say goodbye to our children and families that are moving on, but we wish them all the very best. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new families to WMS in the Summer term.

Thursday Dismissal

Lower School

12.15pm Elm Class

12.25pm Oak Class

12.30pm Willow and Acorn Nursery

12.30pm Seedling Nursery from Seedlings door.

Children's House

12.30pm

Spa Day at WMS

We are ever so excited for our spa day on Wednesday 30th March 2022. This will be taking place at both of our buildings. We are going to be offering some simple 'treatments' to the children to explore and give to each other! This will be a lovely opportunity to encourage and develop positive



relationships as well as a wonderful sensory experience. Thank you very much in advance to our parent helpers – we are sure the day will be a great success.



Please ensure you have seen and read the email on this event sent last week – in particular the 'opt out' communication you need to send to us by 3pm today if you do not wish your child to participate in the activities.

Key Dates

The school photographer will be on site:

Lower School: 4th May

Upper School: 5th May

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.

Special Visit

It was a lovely spring day when a former WMS pupil came to visit with her own baby daughter!

This young lady was almost 4 years old when WMS opened its doors in April 2001 and was there from the very first day until the age of 7. Her parents were hugely involved in providing practical support to Miss Lorna during those early years.



No longer living in London, this was her first visit to E17 since she was a child and she returned to pay a visit to where she grew up. As part of that visit, she wanted to come back to WMS!

It was a very exciting visit for Miss Lorna and for Miss Florine too who joined WMS not long after it opened.

Everyone at WMS was delighted to meet such a beautiful and content baby and felt so proud to be part of the next generation.

Thank you to Ola's mummy who very kindly donated and planted some beautiful flowers in our front garden at Penrhyn. The children have already enjoyed watering them and will continue to care for them and watch them bloom!



Lost Property

Our lost property box will be placed outside the school gate at Penrhyn this week. Please check it if you have any lost items.

This box will be emptied at the end of this term and any items will be donated to a local charity shop.

Graduation



We are so very proud of Miss Jessica who finally got the graduation she deserved for her fantastic results with her degree in English Literature and Theatre Studies.

Parents Corner

William Morris Gallery

On Tuesday 12 April it's Family Day at the William Morris Gallery, celebrating the new exhibition Althea McNish: Colour is Mine. Led by award winning artist Antonietta Torsiello, families can create their own piece of paper fashion to wear. Then join popular storyteller Valentine Hanson as he takes them on a journey through the life of this extraordinary designer.

The craft activity is aimed at children six-years-plus, however all are welcomed. There will be toys for under-fives for families to engage with between sessions.

ASC Invoices

Invoices for extended sessions (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club and Tea Timers) from week commencing 28th February 2022, were issued today. If you believe you

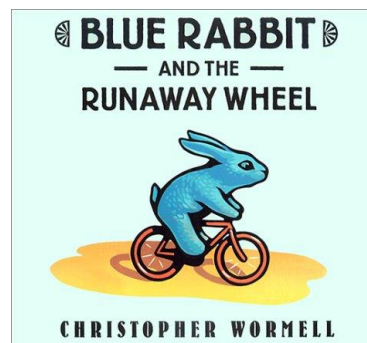


are due an invoice and have not received one, please contact the office. Please settle this invoice by this Friday 1st April to avoid incurring a late payment charge.

Class Information

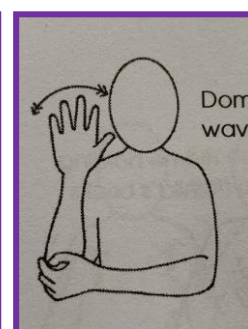
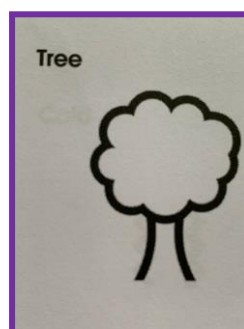
Book of the week:

Blue Rabbit and the Runaway Wheel
By Christopher Wormell



Sign of the week at WMS!

'Tree'



Dominant hand, slight wave from side to side

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

Children's House

It has been a very exciting week in the Children's House. We have been learning about vets and pets! The children talked about the different animals a vet can take care of, such as wild animals, farm animals or household pets. The children were very excited talking with their peers about their own pets and discussing their favourite animals. In our 'Out and About' session, we played a fun game where we had to imitate the movements of various animals.



On Wednesday, we had a very special visit from Morris the hamster! The children enjoyed meeting Morris and discovering things about hamsters, such as what they like to do, what they eat and how to take care of them. The children will enjoy looking after Morris when we return in the Summer.



We also talked about Mother's Day and we made beautiful cards for our mothers during our Art session.

This week we are going to be talking about Easter and getting involved in lots of Easter arts

and crafts. On Wednesday we will be having our spa day, which we're sure will be very relaxing for the children and staff! Don't forget to wear your pyjamas and dressing gowns.



Kindergarten - Oak Class

A busy week in Oak class last week. The children have been learning about the role of a vet and children were invited to tell the class about their own pets at home. As a class we were introduced to Morris the school hamster and as you will have seen from the newsletter the children have been learning the Makaton sign for hamster, too.



Thank you to Rosie for being our flower monitor this week. The daffodils have made our environment look beautiful. The children really enjoy this practical life activity each week.

We took great advantage of the lovely weather last week and utilised the outdoor space. For our 'out and about' session we used our communication and language skills to talk about the first signs of spring. We have also been busy



making cards and handprint flowers for our lovely mummies for Mother's Day.

For our last week of the term, we will be doing lots of Easter craft. We are also looking forward to our spa day on Wednesday. Don't forget to come in your pyjamas! Wishing you all a lovely and restful half term break.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week, the children of Elm class learned about what vets do and how they take care of our pets and other animals. We talked about some of the instruments they use, and we used this to also think back and remember what the contents of a first aid kit are. We played the sound game and recognised all first letters of the instruments a vet uses. We revised the parts of the body of some animals, and we had lots of fun making 3D animals such as a cow, a cat, and a giraffe.



Later in the week, we continued with our 'out and about' session where we looked at numbers from 1 to 10 made from different natural materials such as stones, leaves and branches. The children were able to recognise all of them and succeeded in counting stones

to match the numbers. We remembered the importance of soil, water, and light in the growing of plants, and we looked at our beans we had planted earlier this term. They are growing taller and taller on the windowsill. We've also planted new watercress seeds and we can't wait to watch them grow!



The children also enjoyed a very special greeting from Morris, WMS's new pet hamster! The children learned about what he eats, what he likes to do and how to take care of him.

This week we will talk about Easter, and we will go on an egg hunt. We will have lots of fun during our first spa day too!

Nursery

Our Nurseries had another exciting week where we were discussing and learning about teachers. We had lots of discussions about our teachers and their role to educate. All children are continuing developing great skills on to work together when having discussions and taking turns in conversations.

Last week was full of games and art activities. One of the most popular activities was our science experiment where children predicted and discovered which objects sink and float. They were very excited to participate and learned some new words when naming objects in the experiment. Our little scientists had the opportunity to explore, ask questions and try this experiment for themselves.

We also learned about road safety and played games where all children successfully followed simple instructions and played traffic light games in the garden. Children had lots of fun in the sunny garden playing and exploring with water and sand.

We ended the week by making presents for Mother's Day and talking about how we are going to celebrate this special day with our family.



This week is the last week of our spring term. We will be learning about Easter and traditions of this festival. There will be some art activities, cooking,

and musical games. Our letter of the week this week is 'e' for Easter.

We wish you all Happy Easter and looking forward to seeing you again in April for our busy and exciting Summer term.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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