

W/C Monday 9th May 2022

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter

### Thank you to

Ariana's mummy who very kindly visited last week to give the children henna. The children in our Children's House thoroughly enjoyed their learning and celebrations surrounding Ramadan and Eid over the past week, finishing with this wonderful session. These beautiful and intricate patterns



school.

are given in henna ink to celebrate the end of the Ramadan fast. The children also had a wonderful cultural table set up, which they loved exploring and even teaching and learning from each other, too. Some lovely activities and cultural experiences for the children surrounding this important Islamic festival throughout the

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

### School Photographs

School photos took place at the lower school on Wednesday and the Children's House on Thursday. All the children looked wonderfully smart in their school uniform and black plimsolls, and we are sure there are some lovely photos of every child. More



information will follow on how to order your child's photographs soon.

### Science Week

We are very much looking forward to our science focus week which will take place the week commencing 16th May. There are lots of wonderful experiments and activities planned to enrich the children's learning of this subject. As per our email sent on 21st April, it would be great if you were to supply your child with an old white shirt or lab coat for them to wear when they are being scientists! We hope this week will be very exciting and enjoyable for children and teachers alike, and rich with learning experiences.



[https://www.amazon.co.uk/Childrens-White-Doctor-Science-range/dp/BOONEIOM0/ref=sr\\_1\\_17?crd=1NKU7734P46IE&keywords=children%2Blab%2Bcoat&qid=1650540485&sprefix=Children%2Blab%2B%2Caps%2C113&sr=8-17&th=1&psc=1](https://www.amazon.co.uk/Childrens-White-Doctor-Science-range/dp/BOONEIOM0/ref=sr_1_17?crd=1NKU7734P46IE&keywords=children%2Blab%2Bcoat&qid=1650540485&sprefix=Children%2Blab%2B%2Caps%2C113&sr=8-17&th=1&psc=1)



### Sun Hats and Lotion

We are looking forward to these warmer months where the children will be taking their learning outside whenever possible. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat and that sun lotion is applied before school. We will make sure that the children are drinking plenty of water to keep them hydrated and their school smocks will protect them.

### ASC Invoices

Invoices for extended sessions (i.e. Early Risers, Lunch Club and Tea Timers) from week commencing 28th March 2022, will be 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 13th May to avoid incurring a late payment charge.

## Birthday Walk Celebrations



We would like to wish Kiko and Dexter both a very happy birthday! The children had lots of fun celebrating their birthdays 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.

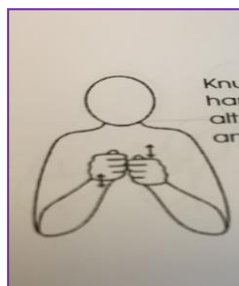
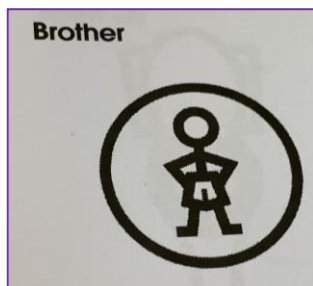


## Jubilee Week

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! More details surrounding this exciting event will be sent to parents via email shortly.

*Sign of the week at WMS!*

*'Brother'*



Knuckles rub as hands move alternatively up and down

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



## Composer of the Week

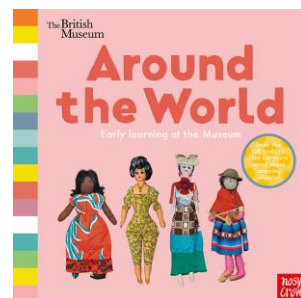
Frederic Chopin was a pianist and composer in the Romantic period. His music was expressive and emotional, and he performed many of his pieces at his own concerts, though he preferred to play for friends in his apartment. Among Chopin's pieces were nocturnes, which are very atmospheric and have beautiful song-like melodies.

## Class Information

Book of the week:

*Around the World  
Early Learning at the  
Museum*

The British Museum



## Children's House

Last week was a very busy and exciting week for children in our Children House. We discussed the important Islamic festival of Eid al-Fitr and Ramadan. Children were able to explore different materials on our Ramadan cultural table. To name some of the items on display we had the Quran, a prayer mat, rosary, cap, oud, henna, and dates. We enjoyed learning more about the art of henna with the very talented help of Ariana's mummy, who spent the afternoon with the children creating beautiful designs. The children also made Eid Cards in our art session, Eid Mubarak to all our families celebrating!



On Thursday, the children put on their best smiles for the school photos. We are



looking forward to seeing all the beautiful photos.

During last week we also learnt about the life cycle of a bee. We talked about where and how they live, types of bees, and how they produce honey. In our science lesson we learned about pollination, and we observed how bees and other insects transfer pollen between flowering plants.

We are also very happy to say that our bean plants are growing! Continuing with the topic of plants, this week we will plant some herbs at the Children's House. This will be a very exciting sensorial and practical life activity for the children, and we are sure they will enjoy looking after them and watching them grow.

## Kindergarten - Oak Class



A very busy and enjoyable week in Oak class. We have been looking at the life cycle of bees including their habitats and the seasons in which we might see them. We created our own hive picture using bubble wrap and yellow paint together with



colouring bees black and yellow. The class enjoyed our baking session on Wednesday where we made shortbread biscuits in the shape of a hive. Instead of using sugar as an ingredient

we used honey, extending our learning, and understanding that flower nectar is collected by the bees. We measured our ingredients, and all had a turn at sifting the flour and rolling the dough ready to make our shapes.

Our broad beans that we planted a couple of weeks ago are looking very healthy so our 'out and about' session last week was to start to measure the growth, which we will



continue over the coming weeks. The class were introduced to a ruler, and we were able to identify the smallest (12cm) and the tallest bean (32cm). We will update you on their growth again next week. Children

really enjoyed our first Show and Tell session and I can see that this will give them all confidence in speaking in a group as well as using their language skills. The next Show and Tell is Wednesday this week.

We also enjoyed a birthday walk for Kiko so a big happy birthday to you and thank you for the gifts you brought for your friends.

This week we will be exploring flowers and identifying each part. We will try some Chlorophyll painting and will be using lots of natural materials to create different effects. Our letter of the week will be 'f' for flower.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

The children of Elm class have had a calm and lovely week. They have all chosen materials to work with independently and have focused all their attention on developing their skills. Repeating these activities will help them develop their concentration for longer periods of time and consequently their own will and self-discipline.



The topic of last week was the life cycle of bees and we have learned about the importance of bees in helping plants grow. We have found out that there are 20,000 species of bees and looked at different types using the classified cards, observing the difference between them. We

also talked about beehives, and we have created one using paint and Lego pieces to print their pattern on paper.

Moreover, we have discovered that bees 'talk' to each other by doing a waggle dance! They pass messages about where the other bees can find food. They might use the sun, the blue sky and the earth's magnetic field like a map to navigate around. To better understand this way of communicating we listened to a beautiful composition by Nikolai Rimsky-Korsakov entitled 'Flight of the Bumblebee'.

We continued the week with sound games, identifying the letter 'b', and we practiced counting by identifying the number of bees. We finished the week by watching a video



about how honey is made, and the children really enjoyed making shortbread with honey.

For our 'out and about' session we revised numbers by choosing one and making a collage with different types of leaves following its shape. This week we will be making art using natural materials.

## Sycamore Class



Last week in Sycamore class we were learning about bees and what they do. For better understanding, we pretended to be bees collecting nectar in our pretend flower then buzzing back to our beehive to store our nectar. The children thoroughly enjoyed playing this game and it helps contribute to their body coordination.

We also listened to a story about bees and how they communicate to each other by doing a waggle dance. Afterwards, we identified the sound 'b' and extended it to other objects such as ball, box.

During our literacy session, we traced the letter 'b' and coloured a bee, after identifying the missing part of the bee, which was the antenna. Practising our pincer grip, we all drew the missing antennas on each of our bees. This week, we will be learning how to create art using natural materials. We will also be focusing on the phonic sound "a".



Please feel free to send in safe objects or toys that begin with the sound "a", so we can link our learning to items from home.



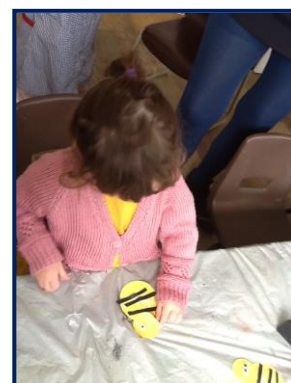
## Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

The nursery children enjoyed a week of lessons and activities surrounding bees. We talked about the life cycle, body parts and importance of bees.

The children enjoyed looking at a video about bees and role played the insect, transferring the nectar from the flowers during our 'out and about' session. The children also learned about the body parts of a bee introducing new vocabulary and a bee paper craft activity.

We introduced the letter of the week "b" as well, tracing the sandpaper letter "b" and sounding it.

We are going to have an artful week this week with lots of activities where we can use natural materials. We are going to create a flower collage, paint with paintbrushes made of natural materials and create a rainbow with natural materials.



**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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