

W/C Monday 20th June 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Happy Father's Day

We hope you enjoyed your special day. On **Friday 24th June** we are hosting a Father's Day breakfast,

where we are inviting all dads to come in with their children for a breakfast picnic. This will be at 9.30am for the Children's House and 9.45am for the Penrhyn building.

Please respond to the email communication by **Wednesday 22nd June**, as we need to know numbers for catering and who to expect for security reasons.

Oak Class Pond Dipping

Oak Class enjoyed a lovely sunny trip to Lloyd Park on Tuesday to take part in some pond-dipping. Each of the children used a net to pond-dip and collect various water mini beasts. They then used magnifying glasses to examine and identify what they had found.



The children also took part in some role play, acting out the movements of each mini beast to learn how each of them move and breathe in the water. A very enjoyable morning of outdoor learning!



Art Week

This week is Art Week! We will be looking largely at art using natural materials and in the world around us. There will be clay imprinting,

weaving, painting using natural materials to name a few, as well as homing in on some famous artists such as William Morris. This will be accompanied by a lovely trip to the William Morris Gallery on **Thursday** for children in our Children's House.

Don't forget to bring in twigs, leaves, feathers, etc. As many as you can please! We will be using these for activities throughout the week.

A big thank you to Ola's mummy Leslie for spending the day with us running art workshops with each class. Something fantastic artwork is currently being displayed/drying!

Off-site Tennis



On Tuesdays we are very fortunate to have Miss Hillary visit WMS to teach tennis at our Children's House. Miss Hillary will be taking the Children's House tennis lesson off-site on **13th July**. We will be going to Lloyd Park where the children will be able to experience a tennis lesson on a tennis court. If the weather is nice, we will be leaving a little earlier and having a picnic lunch in the park beforehand! Please ensure your child is wearing their full WMS P.E. kit on this day. Further info will follow.



Car Parking

It is unsafe and dangerous to pull up and park your car outside of the school gates at Penrhyn and in front of the school garages on the pathways. Parents are not permitted to park in front of the garages to drop children off at school.

Children's House trip to William Morris Gallery

Our Children's House will enjoy a trip to the William Morris Gallery on



Thursday 23rd June to take part in the art workshop 'Inspired by Nature'. This will complement our Art Week not only through exploring the link between art and nature but also by learning more about William Morris, one of our focus artists this week.

Please be reminded to return your permission slips and payment **today** for your child to attend!

Please note our Summer Term ends on Wednesday 20th July at 12.30pm. There will be no lunch or tea timers on this day.

Children's House Feel Good Centre

We have arranged for our Children's House to go to the Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre for one hour to practice some of their sports day events on a real athletics track. This will take place in the afternoon and children will return to school in time for 3pm collection.

More information will be sent at the end of this week.

Art & D.T.

Last week, our Children's House made spiderwebs during our Out and About session. Children discussed what a spider uses a web for. They used paper plates as a frame and used sponges to paint it black. Once they had



dried, we took them outside into the garden where each child threaded the string through the holes in the frame. Children had to strain the string across the frame to create a web.



Diary Dates

- **Art Week - w/c 20th June**
- **Children's House WM Gallery Trip -Thursday 23rd June**
- **Children's House FGC Trip – Monday 4th July**
- **Sports Day – Friday 8th July for all.**
- **Children's House off-site tennis lesson – 13th July.**

Sports Day

This is a whole school family event that will take place on **Friday 8th July 2022**. More information will be sent out this week so please keep an eye out and put in your diaries now!

Autumn Term Invoices

Invoices for the Autumn 2022 term will be issued from Friday 1st July.

The first 50% instalment will be due on Friday 8th July and the second on Friday 2nd September.

Sign of the week at WMS!

'Five Little Speckled Frogs'
[Mr Tumble Songs | Five Little Speckled Frogs](#)
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'Frog'

Make your hand into a fist and put it under your chin. Taking both your middle finger and index finger together, flick them outward off your thumb.

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



Birthday Walk Celebrations

We would like to wish Erin a very happy birthday! The children had lots of fun

celebrating Erin's birthday with one of our Birthday Walks.

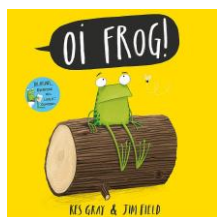
At Walthamstow Montessori School we like to celebrate birthdays in a very special way which allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time.

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.

Class Information

Books of the week:

'Oi Frog!'
by
Kes Gray & Jim Field



Children's House

Last week, the children in our Children's House were learning about the life cycle of a spider. We discussed how long it takes for a spider to grow and complete its life cycle, what they eat and how long they can live. We also learned the interesting fact that there are more than 50,000 different types of spiders!

The children were able to identify the different body parts of a spider. We practiced drawing them and writing about them in our books. We extended our learning into numeracy, matching the correct number of spiders to the number cards.



During our 'Out and About' session, the children enjoyed using natural items to make spiders, such as by collecting enough twigs for their 8 legs. We extended our discussions on this topic during our art lesson, where we used paper plates and threading wool to create our very own spiderwebs. The children discussed what spiders use

their webs for and how they make them.

We also discussed Father's Day and the children created cards for their parents. We hope you had a lovely weekend celebrating.

This week we will talk about the life cycle of a frog. It is also our Art Focus Week, and we will be experimenting with various natural items to create art. We will also be looking at the artists William Morris and Andy Goldsworthy.

We are very excited for our trip to the William Morris Gallery on **Thursday 23rd June**, to accompany our Art Week and learning surrounding this artist. Please ensure you have returned your **permission slips!**

Kindergarten - Oak Class

We enjoyed lots of lovely activities in Oak class last week. We celebrated Erin's birthday with one of our traditional WMS birthday walks. Happy Birthday Erin!



Our topic around the life cycle of a spider was enjoyed by the class. The children were introduced to lots of new vocabulary such as 'egg sack' and 'spiderlings', two key phases of a spider's life cycle. We were able to sequence the life cycle and we all made our own web using our fine motor skills to wind the wool around the sticks.

The highlight of our week was our trip to Lloyd Park where we enjoyed our pond dipping experience. Every child had their own turn to use the net at the pond, sweeping back and forth in the water to catch some pond minibeasts. We were then able to identify each amphibians using an information sheet and by using a magnifying glass we could look much closer at our beasts.



We continued our theme of spiders for our out and about session and took home our play dough spiders counting out the legs. We finished the week talking about Father's Day and our own daddies. We enjoyed making them a card which involved imprinting our foot. Happy Father's Day to you all.

This week we are looking at the life cycle of a frog, and will be creating our own pond for our out and about session. Letter of the week will be 'f'.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week in Elm class we learned about the life cycle of a spider. The children were able to identify the stages in the life of a spider from the egg sack, eggs to spiderlings, young spiders and adult spiders and we compared each stage to the life cycles of other insects and bugs we have looked at this term. The children were also encouraged to identify different parts of the body of a spider, counting the legs and the eyes, and also learned some of the types of spiders that live in the UK, such as the giant house spider or Daddy long legs.

For our 'out and about' session we listened to meditation music and practiced yoga poses. The children were very keen to repeat the poses and listened to music while focusing their attention on their breath and the movement of their chests up and down. The children thoroughly enjoyed this activity, some asking to repeat the poses the following day at school. Through yoga practice the child becomes aware of sensations in their body and the rhythm of their breathing, as well as becoming curious about what is going on in their developing body and gaining inner awareness. It increases flexibility, balance, and power coordination, making the child calmer and more peaceful.



In addition, we created our own spiders using a toilet paper roll, black paint, and googly eyes and then we went on to speak about where they live and how they build their home, the web. We looked at different photos of spiderwebs and we had lots of fun making our own using thread which was passed

on from one to the other. We extended our learning with a sound game where we matched different objects starting with the letter 's'.

This week is our art week, and we look forward to making art using natural materials. Our letter of the week will be 'a'. We will also continue our life cycles topic with the life cycle of a frog!

Sycamore Class

Last week Sycamore Class were busy learning about spiders! Firstly, we focused on the life cycle of a spider. This has helped us develop an understanding of growth, decay, and changes over time. We also practiced our sounds "s" in spider.



Using classified cards, we looked at and identified the

body parts of a spider such as the head, eyes, fangs, legs, abdomen, and spinners. We also learned the different types of spiders and where they can be found.

We created a gigantic spider web during our morning circle and took turns to walk underneath and pretend that we were spiders. This activity has helped us use our gross motor skills as well as hand-eye coordination when trying to simulate different spider movements. Extending our learning, we also created a smaller web to use during our work cycle by threading strings through a basket with holes then using our hands to navigate the spiders out of their web.



We made spider play dough to reinforce the body parts of the spider and talking about shapes, colours and pretending to crawl using our play dough spiders.

The children were enthusiastic about making their Father's Day activity. Penny said she will give her daddy the card and tell him "Happy Father's Day and I love you". To all our dads, we wish you a Happy Father's Day and hope you all enjoyed celebrating on Sunday.

This week we will be focusing on the lifecycle of a frog and our letter sound of the week is "f" in frog. It is also Art Week! We will kickstart the week with a visit from Ola's mummy and look at lots of ways of creating art using natural materials throughout the week. Don't forget to bring in your twigs, feathers, leaves and such to use!

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

It was another busy week in our nursery classes. The children enjoyed learning all about the life cycle of a spider. The children were able to identify the various body parts of a spider, and also learned how they carry their eggs. We recalled the body parts of the spider when we made our own out of play dough. We used pipe cleaners to give them their 8 legs.



During our 'Out and About' session, the children were able to observe some spiders in their natural environment. They were very careful not to break the delicate cobwebs.

In art lessons, the children made spiders using the stamping method, black paint, and a toilet paper roll.

We also enjoyed singing the 'Incy Wincy Spider' action song.



This week is Art Week. Art activities have been organised throughout the week, with a focus on using natural materials and where we may find art within nature. Our week will begin with an art workshop from Ola's mummy.

We will also continue our topic of life cycles with the life cycle of a frog. Our letter of the week will be 'f'.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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