

W/C Monday 27th June 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Art Week



The children were so engaged in the art activities planned throughout last week.

Thank you to Ola's mummy, Leslie, for starting the week off with a beautiful art workshop for the children. The children

begun by decorating leaves and, with the assistance of their teachers, tied some string so that they could hang. We used different colours of wool to decorate a stick to hang our leaves from to create a mobile.

Here is a child from Oak Class carefully weaving some foliage in and out of wool that the teacher helped to tie to a frame. The frame was also made from sticks! The result was beautiful and has been displayed in our classroom.



The children also enjoyed creating natural collages from a variety of natural materials. Not only did we use the leaves and twigs to decorate the paper, but also as paintbrushes to paint it! We enjoyed exploring the different

textures and colours and the various patterns we could create using them. Thank you to all parents for helping to collect so many beautiful natural items for our numerous projects!



On Thursday we looked at the artist Andy Goldsworthy. Inspired by his work, we created a spiral from various types of leaves. Elm Class created theirs in the shape of a flower!



Father's Day Picnic

What a lovely morning it was on Friday when we invited our daddies to WMS to celebrate Father's Day.



The children enjoyed displaying all their artwork from this week for their daddies and

telling them what they had created. The morning was finished with a very special song! Happy Father's Day to you all and thank you very much for coming to visit.



Children's House trip to William Morris Gallery

Our Children's House enjoyed a trip to the William Morris Gallery last Thursday to take part in the workshop, 'Inspired by Nature'. During the session, they explored Morris's work and discussed his use of nature. The children had a go at drawing their own flowers and animals, as well as using a printing



technique to recreate the patterns that William Morris used.



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. **Please return the permission slip to the school office by this Wednesday 29th June at 9.30am.**

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 having a picnic lunch in the park beforehand! Please ensure your child is wearing their full WMS P.E. kit on this day.



Diary Dates

- **Children's House FGC Trip – Monday 4th July**

- **Sports Day – Friday 8th July**
- **Children's House off-site tennis lesson – 13th July**

Sports Day

We are all looking forward to our Sports Day which will take place on **Friday 8th July 2022**. This event is for all children to attend with their parents, even if Friday is not usually a day they attend school premises.

The day will end with our lovely teddy bear's picnic, and we will all need to be offsite by 1pm. There is room for grandparents and aunts and uncles to have tickets too!

Please see the email communication for full details of arrival times and ticket request slip to be returned. If you did not receive this email, please contact the office. This letter can also be found under 'Special Posts' on our website's homepage.

Reminder – this is an off-site event, and the school buildings will be closed on this day.

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!

'Rabbit'



Rabbit



Wiggle fingers slightly

Rabbit

Use your fingers as bunny ears and waggle them slightly.

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

Composer of the Week



Listening to classical music has many benefits from helping boost your confidence to improving your memory! Our composer of the week at WMS is Claude Debussy, who was a French composer who lived from 1862-1918. Debussy was one of the most influential composers of the late 19th and early 20th century. Debussy was born into a poor family in France in 1862, and his obvious gift at the piano sent him to Paris Conservatory at the age of 11.

Birthday Walk Celebrations

We would like to wish Fatimah, Mila, and Kasimir all a very happy birthday! The children had lots of fun celebrating their birthdays with 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.

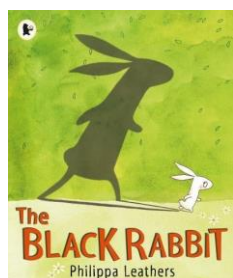


If your child is celebrating a birthday, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange one of our birthday walk celebrations.

Class Information

Books of the week:

The Black Rabbit
By
Philippa Leathers



Children's House

Last week, the children in our Children's House enjoyed our special Art Week. The children enjoyed exploring various natural materials such as leaves, sticks, and feathers to create some beautiful pieces of art. Namely, we created mobiles, natural collages, and enjoyed some leaf printing.



We extended our art learning by visiting the William Morris Gallery. The children really enjoyed learning more about the artist, and his recognisable prints and techniques. We enjoyed a tour through the museum and then an exciting workshop, 'Inspired by Nature'. We became artists and practiced using the same printing technique to replicate William Morris's work; we made beautiful creations following different patterns. The children were also given the opportunity to work with the interactive activities in the museum

and draw their own animals and flowers like the ones seen in Morris's work.



Alongside our Art Week, the children learned about the life cycle of a frog. Children were able to identify each stage confidently as well as draw and label the diagrams.

The week ended with our lovely Father's Day Picnic. Thank you to those who were able to come along – we hope you enjoyed the morning in the sunshine and getting to see some of the work we had created throughout the week.

This week we will be learning about the life cycle of a rabbit. Please also remember to return your slips by **Wednesday morning** for our next trip to the Feel Good Centre on **Monday 4th July**.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

It has been a very lovely week in Oak class. We have so enjoyed participating in our art activities throughout

the week. Thank you for sending in all the natural materials which we made very good use of. We started the week with a visit from Ola's mummy who showed us how to make beautiful mobiles for our classroom. The children were engaged in painting and decorating the leaves ready to hang on our mobile. We also created our own montage of leaf prints on paper, using the leaves to create patterns. On Wednesday, we used the natural materials to create our own weaving frame. Children demonstrated their ability to weave in and out of the wool to create the desired effect. We also used and manipulated clay to imprint a leaf/cone pattern which resulted in a lovely keepsake. To use all the lovely materials we had remaining, children were invited to create their own collage using the leaves, lavender, and we added lentils and sand.



Alongside our art week we also learned about the life cycle of a frog! We coloured our own frogs which showed the process from the egg to the tadpole, and eventually to the frog.

During our 'out and about' session, we created our own pond and re-created the life cycle. We discussed that our pond needed water and we took it in turns using the jug to fill our pond. We placed lily-pads into the water and saw that they floated. We added some eggs and tadpoles and finally our frog.



On Friday, we invited our daddies in to celebrate Father's Day last weekend. It was a lovely event where the daddies were able to see the artwork the class had created this week and see our lovely garden in the sunshine. We hope you enjoyed the event.



Thank you to Heidi for being our flower monitor this week. We also celebrated the birthdays of Kasimir and Mila. A very happy 4th birthday to you both!

This week we will be looking at the life cycle of a rabbit with the letter of the week being 'r'.

Kindergarten - Elm Class



The children and teachers of Elm class have had such a lovely time during our Art Week. We would all like to thank Ola's mummy, Leslie, for visiting us and showing us how to make a mobile with colorful thread and beautifully

painted leaves and feathers. We all loved taking part in her art activity, painting the leaves, feathers and hanging them on the mobile, learning how to make knots.

We continued our art journey with the exploration of different types of leaves and their shapes and textures and we used clay to make clay hearts. We really enjoyed clay modelling and using various leaves to imprint a pattern on the clay. We have also painted and decorated these imprinted clay hearts. On Wednesday, we practiced weaving by creating a picture frame using thread, twigs, leaves and some flowers. For our 'out and about' session we collected more leaves, sand, flowers, and lentils to make a beautiful collage with elements found in nature.



Later in the week we looked at Andy Goldsworthy's artwork and we loved exploring his patterns. Feeling inspired, we created our own spiral of leaves which we named 'The Sun and The Flower'. We used all sorts of leaves, a small circle of sand and some flower petals to create our beautiful artwork!

We ended the week learning about William Morris's artwork and wallpaper designs. We took some of William Morris's famous prints, and cut samples from it, sticking them to a paper plate to create our own version of his patterns. We also enjoyed inviting our daddies in for our Father's Day Picnic – we hope you enjoyed getting to see all our artwork and some yummy food in the sun!

This week we will be talking about flowers and how they come to life. The letter of the week will be 'f'.

Sycamore Class

We had a very busy week last week with our art week, learning about the lifecycle of a frog and celebrating international music day!

Thank you so much to Ola's mummy, Leslie, who introduced art week to the children with a workshop. We used natural materials to create a beautiful mobile to hang in our classroom.



On Monday, the children enjoyed discussing the lifecycle of a frog. We looked at photographs of each stage of the life cycle and we role played eggs,

tadpoles, froglets and adult frogs. We moved around and had fun playing games and exercising to learn. During our 'out and about' session we explored what frogs eat. We created a sensory pond using sticks, stones, and plants that we found in the garden.

We also learned about various part of a leaf whilst painting them and printing them on the paper. The children really enjoyed this art technique and spent lots of time on this activity.



Another art project that was enjoyed by everyone was creating a collage using different natural materials. The children enjoyed using all materials they had brought in from home and we used them to create beautiful patterns. We also looked at how to

draw a tree and all children had a go creating paper plates for the Friday Father's Day celebration.

Thank you to all the daddies that were able to come and join us for a breakfast picnic on Friday. This was special for all the children, and we had lots of fun.

We would like to also thank to Rhea who shared her basket of musical instruments brought from home to celebrate world music day. World Music Day is

celebrated on 21st June each year and is also known as Fete de la Musique!

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

The nursery children had an exciting week filled with lots of fun activities.

Continuing our topic of life cycles, we explored the life cycle of a frog through video and picture

presentations. We learned about the body parts of a frog and children successfully named each part. We also created a frog collage which the children really enjoyed. We read the story "Frog finds a friend" by Max Velthuijs and sang the song "Five little frogs" using Makaton to sign-along!



It was also our art week and we enjoyed lots of art activities following the theme of nature and natural

materials. Ola's mummy came in to do a workshop with the children, where we created a mobile with leaves we had painted ourselves. Later in the week we weaved natural materials to create a picture and we also did some leaf printing and mark making.



This week we are going to learn about the life cycle of a rabbit, supported with a variety of exciting activities, books and games.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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