

W/C Monday 11th July 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



End of Term

This will be our last newsletter of the summer term. We are fast approaching the end of term and our last day will be on **Wednesday 20th July** when the school will close at 12.30pm. Please see below your child's class pick up time.

Seedlings	12.20 nursery door
Acorn	12.20pm main door
Willow / Sycamore	12.25pm main door
Elm	12.30pm *from garden
Oak	12.30pm *from garden
Children's House	12.30pm from garden

**** If you are unable to attend the end of term assembly for Oak and Elm classes then pick up from Penryn will be from the main school door as normal at 12.35pm.***

Your child will **NOT** need a packed lunch on Wednesday 20th. The teachers have lots of fun activities planned for the children's last couple of days of term.

We will be sadly saying goodbye to some children who will be moving on and out of London, and we would like to wish them all the best in their new schools. If your child is leaving us, please ensure you take home all their belongings on their last day at WMS.

We currently have 25 new families joining in September as well as many siblings. I know you will show them all a warm welcome in September.

Communication to parents will be issued this week regarding the new academic year and classes. End of year reports will be issued by email from 15th July.



Children return to school on Monday
5th September 2022.



Sports Day

We hope a wonderful day was had by all at our annual sports day last Friday.

Thank you all for your wonderful feedback from sports day – we all had fun too and I will pass on your thanks to the class teachers.

The children had been rehearsing their events leading up to the day and so we are sure you enjoyed seeing their hard work in practice. And taking part in your own races, too!



A huge thank you to all who donated cakes and helped run the cake stand on Friday, from organising the stall, to setting up gazebos, and baking and purchasing the cakes! We raised £400 for Downright Excellent, a charity very close to our hearts and that of a parent at WMS.
<https://downrightexcellent.org/>

Important Diary Dates

Class Assemblies:

- **Wednesday 20th July at 11.50am – Oak and Elm parents**
- **Wednesday 20th July at 11.50am – Children's House parents**
- **Tuesday 19th July at 9.45am – Acorn, Seedling, Willow, and Sycamore Parents**

Assemblies will last approx. 30 minutes

- **Children's House off-site tennis lesson – 13th July**

Farewell...

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Miss Adela, Miss Elsa and Miss Silvia at the end of the term. We wish them all the very best on their educational journey here and back in their home countries.

We support all our staff hugely with their next steps in their educational career.

We will be saying hello to some lovely new members of staff too and we will share details with you in due course as we finalise the recruitment side of things.

Autumn Term Invoices

Polite reminder that Autumn 2022 term were issued last Monday, and the first instalment was due on **Friday 8th July 2022**.

If you have not yet made payment, please do so, as late payment fee invoices will be issued this week.

The second instalment is due **2nd September 2022**.

Notice Period

Please be reminded of your child's notice period as per your Terms and Conditions.

If your child is not returning for the Spring 2023 term (ie. January 2023) then notice is required in writing (email would suffice) on or before September 5th 2022.

Summer Holiday Club

All payments should now have been made to secure your child's place on our summer holiday club 2022. Confirmation texts will be sent before the end of term to confirm the sessions you are booked for. If there are any mistakes in your booked sessions please do inform the office.

Off-site Tennis

Miss Hillary will be taking the Children's House tennis lesson off-site on **13th July**. This lesson will be at Lloyd Park and the children will get the opportunity to play on a real tennis court.



Please ensure permission slip has been returned and that your child is wearing their full WMS P.E. kit on this day.

Children **not** in appropriate footwear i.e. trainers will not be able to participate.

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 week and any items will be donated to a local charity shop.

Parents' Corner

A parent has organised and asked us to share details of an end-of-year picnic in Lloyd Park on **Wednesday 20th July**.

This will be from **12:30- 2:30pm** at the logs by the back entrance to the park. A lovely way to end the school year - all are welcome. Please note this is not a WMS event or arrangement.



Kids Kitchen Sessions: Arranged by a WMS parent, the first is on Sunday 24th July at 1030am in Chingford. Kids Kitchen will be running fun cooking sessions for families of under 5s over the summer in Walthamstow. Sign up via the website for more details of activities at the East London Hub -

<https://www.kidskitchen.org.uk/east-london/>

Children's House

Last week in the Children's House we learned about the life cycle of a flower. The children were able to discuss and learn about different types of flowers using classified cards. In art children printed leaves. They also used clay to replicate the shapes of leaves and some children made beautiful flowers from the clay, too.



Over the last few weeks, the children were training for our exciting Sports Day event, working very hard to be the fastest ones! The children thoroughly enjoyed our trip to the Waltham Forest Feel Good Centre to get some extra practice in before the big day.

On Friday, we were so proud of the children demonstrating their coordination, strength and balance skills, and their beautiful teamwork to complete the relay races. Children enjoyed running themselves, but the highlight was really seeing the mums and dads' race! It was a very fun and exciting day for all of us!



This week we are going to be looking at the life cycle of a human.

Kindergarten - Oak Class

It was another busy week in Oak Class. Thank you to Max for being our flower monitor. The sunflowers complimented our topic perfectly this week as we learnt about their life cycle. We were able to sequence the life cycle as well as having the fully grown plant in our classroom where we were able to use our senses in exploring its features. We learned that a sunflower tracks the sun and the flowers in the centre of the head are called disk flowers which mature into sunflower seeds. Thank you to



Erin who kindly brought in a lovely book on sunflowers that we all enjoyed.

As a class, we have been reinforcing our knowledge of beginning sounds of words. Understanding the sounds in words is important for developing readers and writers. When a child understands that words are made up of sounds, they can transfer this knowledge to their reading and writing.

A very happy 4th birthday to Heidi who celebrated her birthday last weekend.

Our show and tell sessions have been excellent this term for building your child's confidence. The children have been very keen to talk to their class about the item that they have brought in, and it has been pleasing to see the class using descriptive words and full sentences.

Of course, our week ended with our Sports Day event. As you know it was a very hot day, but the class did so well working individually and as a team. The mummies and daddies also looked like they enjoyed it and it was great seeing so many of you take part.

Our last full week this week will see us learning about the human life cycle. We will talk about how we are all different individuals as well as talking about what we would like to be when we grow up. Always an interesting topic. Our letter of the week is 'h'.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Another busy week for the Elm class has passed with lots of fun and lovely time spent together. Last week was all about flowers and their life cycle from tiny seeds to radicles, sprouts to young plants and then finally the fully-grown plant. We examined each stage in the life cycle of a sunflower and we tried to remember how each stage is different from the previous one. We discussed what changes as the tiny plant goes through the cycle, and how at the end it gives life to new plants and so the cycle continues. We practiced identifying the stages and placing them in order. We also compared the stages in life of a sunflower with other life cycles of a rose and a daisy. We finished the day with a movement activity and listened to Piotr Ilich, Tchaikovsky, Waltz of the Flowers.



We continued the week looking into kind of flowers from perennials to biennials and annuals and we also learned about the parts of a flower and how they get their colours. The children also enjoyed listening to a new song about flowers called '5 Spring Flowers'.

We finished the week with learning how to press flowers using the flower press and we all made a beautiful collage with them after drying.



On Friday we had our Sports Day event which the children have been practicing for lots across the term. It was great to see some excellent skills and teamwork as well as enjoying the sunny weather during our teddy bear's picnic.

This week we will talk about the human life cycle and the letter of the week will be 'h'.

Sycamore Class

In sycamore class, we have continued to work with the Montessori materials as well as learning about the lifecycle of a flower. We looked at a

flower, how it grows and its stages. We used the "Simon Says" touch your toes, elbows, eyebrows...etc to build body awareness in relation to the parts of a flower. We also learned about the types of flowers as we looked at different pictures such as rose, daisy, bluebells etc.

Thank you to Elyas for being our flower monitor of the week. Elyas brought in some lovely sunflowers, and we used the opportunity to explore the bright yellow flowers. We found out during our exploration that sunflowers are useful plants with large flower heads/blooms. They are named for the way they



turn their blooms from east to west to follow the sun which means they stand tall and find the sun to grow.

Throughout last week, we continued to practice for our sports day and were very excited to have been able to demonstrate this on Friday at the Sports Day event. We thoroughly enjoyed the day and it ended with our lovely teddy bear's picnic.

This week, we will learn about the human lifecycle and our phonic sound of the week is 'h'

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

The nursery children had an exciting week of fun activities and learning adventures. We learned about the life cycle of a flower through picture presentations, discussions, and art activities. The children were eager to smell different types of flowers and choose their favourite flower from the variety we had in the classroom and on the classified cards. We were identifying the parts of the flower and matching the puzzle pieces with the classified cards.



Our much-loved garden was a frequent place of visit and the summer weather allowed us a lot of water and sand play, as well as practice of fun exercises for our sport day. Friday was a success, with every child participating so well and demonstrating great teamwork in each of their events.

This week we will look at the life cycle of a human through lots of interesting discussions, presentations, and art activities.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

Important Numbers



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