

W/C Monday 21st November 2022

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Space Assembly

It was wonderful to welcome lots of WMS parents on-site

for our whole-school Space assembly last Thursday. The children have been so enthusiastic about this topic throughout the term and thoroughly enjoyed sharing all they have been learning with you. They shared facts they have learned, songs they have been practicing and some beautiful topical art was displayed around the hall. I am sure you will all agree they did amazingly well to perform in front of so many people at such a young age. Thank you all for coming and supporting them.

Children in Need

Thank you all for your incredibly generous donations for Children in Need. We raised a grand total of £85.43! The children enjoyed decorating cakes to raise money for those less fortunate than us, as well as making lots of crafts throughout the day.



The Children's House made eye patches for their own teddies, just like Pudsey's, as well as working together to create a giant Pudsey bear. The children worked as a group to draw the outline of the bear and fill the inside with yellow tissue paper

collage.

To finish, they decorated the border with painted handprints. The children discussed the work and significance of this charity and



how we can help those who are in need.

Important Diary Dates

Thanksgiving – Thursday 24th November

Decorate the Tree– Tuesday 6th December

Parent Festive Art Day – Thursday 8th December

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 15th December

Christmas Concert – Friday 16th December

Tea Towels Fundraiser

If you haven't already, please don't forget to pre-order your WMS tea towels! We only receive a limited amount and are unable to order any more so please pre-order to ensure you don't miss out! They make lovely keepsakes or Christmas gifts. There is an example tea towel in the noticeboard at Penrhyn.



The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00

We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Friday 16th December at 12.30pm and school resumes on Wednesday 4th January 2023

Parent-Teacher Meetings

An email communication has been sent with a link to book your child's parent-teacher meeting. If you haven't already, please book a slot. If you did not receive this email, please contact the office.



Decorate the Tree Day

On Tuesday 6th December, we will be having our special tree decorating day! This is one such tradition at WMS that is very special. We will be asking every child to hang a silver ball on to our tree. If your child does not

attend on a Tuesday, they are welcome to hang their special silver ball on another day.

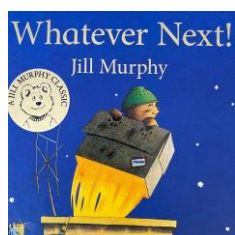
Spring Term Invoices

Spring term 2023 term fee invoices will be issued on or before 25th November 2022. The first instalment will be due 6th December and the second due 3rd January.

Class Information

Book of the week:

Whatever Next!
By
Jill Murphy



Children's House

It has been a busy and eventful week for The Children's House!

We had our whole school Space Assembly, which the children have been really looking forward to. They proudly showcased their beautiful work and their knowledge of the planets to their parents and the rest of the school. They also enjoyed sharing their favourite poem "Five Little Astronauts" to everybody. Well done children – you were able to present all that you have learned so confidently!



Our learning of Space continues. This time our focus was on Jupiter – the largest planet in the Solar System. They learnt more about the atmosphere on the planet and Jupiter's famous Great Red spot. One of the facts that they found really interesting was that a day on Jupiter is a little bit longer than their school day i.e. a day on Jupiter lasts 10 hours).

The children have also been exploring a variety of Montessori activities. One of the materials that we revisited was the Trinomial Cube, a material that consists of coloured wooden prisms and cubes that represent the algebraic trinomial formula. The children were shown extension activities to help them make further discoveries.



In Maths, some of the children are working with the introductory activities of the Decimal System (the Montessori Golden Beads) to give them further practise with place values. Others have continued working with the Short Bead Stair and The Stamp Game.



Repetition of these activities are encouraged as this will allow them to practise, master and give them a secure understanding.

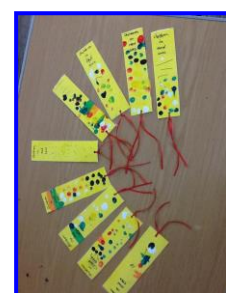
Our week ended with Children in Need Day. During our circle time, the children learnt more about the charity and what they do. We also discussed ways we could help to raise money. The children made a life size Pudsey Bear and engaged in several activities, which included creating a spotty eye patch for their favourite teddies and decorating fairy cakes.



This week we will be learning about Neptune. Our phonetic sound for the week is 'n'. We will also be working with digraph 'ay' throughout the week. We will also be celebrating Thanksgiving on Thursday.

Kindergarten – Oak Class

It has been another lovely week in Oak class. We hope you enjoyed our whole school assembly on Thursday. It was so nice to see you all and I know how special it is to see your child performing. The class did amazingly well and I was



very proud of them all as I am sure you were too. Our Christmas concert practise is now underway, and we can't wait to share this with you on 16th December.

We continued our Space learning this week by focusing on planet Jupiter. We practiced forming our letter of the week 'j' and were able to think of many other words beginning with that phonetic sound. Recognising how sounds are the same and how they are different is referred to as sound discrimination. Hearing the first sound in words is one aspect of sound discrimination, and it is an important phonemic awareness skill. It helps children to pay attention to the sounds they hear, and it aids them in learning further letter sounds.

We finished our week with our Children in Need fundraiser. The class enjoyed mark making their own bookmarks using finger painting and we also decorated cupcakes which represented the spots on Pudsey bear.

A very happy birthday to Aaron and Maxwell who celebrated their 4th birthdays last week.



This week we will be learning about the 8th planet in our solar system, Neptune. We will also be celebrating thanksgiving. Our phonetic sound of the week will be 'n'.



Kindergarten - Elm Class



Elm class began last week with a sponge-printing activity to create planets to display at our assembly. The children demonstrated excellent concentration as well as good hand-eye coordination. *"I'm using orange to make Venus and I'll add a bit of yellow"* said Freida during her artwork.

Our Space Yarn Project has finally ended and was displayed during our space assembly. Making planets out of yarn seems interesting to the children. It helps them further develop their motor skills even though some of them found the craft challenging at first, with adult support, they were all able to wrap the yarn to create the pom-pom planets. These will be used in the classroom to match with other planet replicas, something for us all to explore with in class.



The children demonstrated great enthusiasm when making their galaxy bottles. They practised their pouring skills as well as counting numbers and identifying colours. They enjoyed shaking and moving these bottles around as they watch their pretend planets and other objects inside move around.



Thank you very much to Ananya for being our flower monitor of the week. Our classroom looked more beautiful with the flowers and the children also enjoyed caring for it.

It was Penny's 'Show and Tell' last Wednesday. "I brought in my pink book about trains to show my friends". The children enjoyed looking at the book with Penny which she later on pretended to read to them in a group.



On Friday, we all enjoyed learning about what Children in Need is by listening to a short story. Thank you all for your donations. The children were able to relate their act of giving during the story time.

This week, we will continue to learn about Space. Our focus will be on planet Neptune.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 'n' in Neptune. Please continue to send safe items in with your children that begins with the sound 'n'.

Sycamore Class

We had very busy week last week in Sycamore class. We focused our Space topic learning on Galaxies and Constellations.

The children enjoyed learning that our solar system is in the Milky Way galaxy, and we spoke about the stars we can see when we look at the sky. We looked at spiral, elliptical, and irregular galaxies, which provided us with opportunities to discuss shape, pattern and size. All the children enjoyed creating galaxies and some children were so interested they asked to draw galaxies again the following day!



The children developed their pencil control by joining stars together to create a constellation.

This activity also helped children to look at details and develop their creative thinking by describing the picture or pattern that a group of stars can make up.

We are talking about Jupiter this week. Our phonetic sound of the week is "j". We will be discovering what makes this planet unique through art, discussions, and games.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

The children in our nursery were very busy last week. They all worked hard to prepare for our Space assembly. All week, the children were practicing their songs with plenty of enthusiasm! They also made beautiful collages to illustrate the song "The Whole World".



The children worked with various types of materials such as paper, sand, paint, natural leaves and sticks to make their posters. They were very proud of their work. On Thursday, we had our assembly, which was a success. Thank you all for coming and we hope you enjoyed seeing what the children have been learning this term.

We also continued to work on our space topic and last week the focus was planet Jupiter. The children learned that Jupiter is the fifth planet in distance from the sun and is by far the biggest planet in the solar system.

We raised money for Children in Need on Friday, and



the children wore spotty clothing. We also made bookmarks and paper hats to fundraise and recognise this important day. Thank you for your generous donations.

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Best wishes, WMS Admin

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