

W/C Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2023

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Happy Mother's Day

We hope all the mothers at WMS had a lovely day yesterday. The children enjoyed creating your cards and gifts in class.



### Spa Day

We are sure you are all very excited for our second annual WMS Spa Day! This was such a success last year and something the children remember and speak about fondly. Throughout the day, the children will be discussing physical health through food and exercise but also how to take care of our mental health. We regularly discuss our feelings and emotions, but this will be brought into particular focus on Wednesday as we look at ways of taking care of ourselves and our friends. The children will enjoy variety of activities such as yoga, making fruit kebabs and some mindfulness activities.



### Red Nose Day

Thank you for your generous donations for Comic Relief last week. The children enjoyed wearing red to recognise the day and learning about the charity and the work they do. In particular, the children

enjoyed baking to make their own contribution towards fundraising for this amazing charity. We raised a total of £72.83 - thank you!

### Acorn Trip to Lloyd Park

Acorn Class enjoyed a trip to the park last week to take their learning outdoors and explore in a new area. To extend their learning around weather and in particular rainbows, the children used natural

materials to create a rainbow as a group. The children were required to identify a colour, find the colour from our natural materials, and then place it in the correct place. This was a lovely outdoors activity exploring colour and nature as well as a good opportunity for turn-taking and working as a group to create something beautiful.

### Seedlings Trip to Lloyd Park

Please ensure you have returned your permission slips for your child to attend the trip to Lloyd Park this **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023**. Please note this trip is only for Seedlings Class children that attend on a Thursday and there will be other opportunities through the year for your child to attend a trip.

### Summer Term 2023

Summer Term 2023 fee invoices were issued last week. The first instalment is due on or before Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March and the second instalment due 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023. All children will receive an invoice. Please let the office know by Tuesday if you did not receive one for your child.

*We break up for the Easter break on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. Please note children do not need a packed lunch and there is no tea timers on this day.*

*Term resumes on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023.*

### Important Diary Dates

- Spa Day – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March
- Seedlings Class Trip – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023
- Topic Assembly – Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023

- Penrhyn School Photos - Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Brookscroft School Photos – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023
- Sports Day – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2023

## Topic Assembly

An email has been sent regarding our exciting topic assembly this term, all about the weather. This will take place on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2023**. The assembly will be held separately for our Penrhyn and Brookscroft buildings.

Please make sure you have RSVP'd by the deadline to confirm your attendance.

## Flower Monitor

Thank you to our flower monitors for each class last week. We had lots of lovely tulips around school and in each classroom which gave the school environment a beautiful feeling of Spring!



## Parent-Teacher Meetings

Please ensure you have booked your Spring Term 2023 parent-teacher meeting using the link sent to you last week via email.

If you are unable to attend your meeting please inform the office as teachers are arriving early or staying later for scheduled meetings and they will need to be rearranged.

## Notice Period

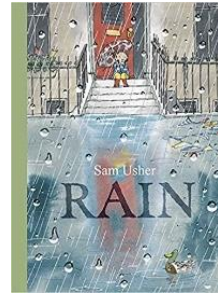
Please be reminded of your child's notice period as per your Terms and Conditions.

If your child is not returning for the Autumn 2023 Term, (i.e., September 2023) then notice is required in writing

or email by 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023. If you have any queries regarding notice periods, please email the office to discuss.

## Book of the Week

Rain  
by  
Sam Usher



## Children's House

A busy but exciting week filled with lots of learning!

Last week we learnt about about clothing for the different seasons. We identified the different types of clothing that we would wear depending on the season and weather and classified them into groups. We also looked at different types of fabrics, where they come from, whether they are man-made or natural. The children were introduced to different types of fabrics. They took turns to feel the texture of the fabrics like raw silk, polyester, organza, cotton, wool and leather and we identified what these fabrics could be used for.



For our out and about session, we had a scavenger hunt, which the children enjoyed. The children looked for different types of clothing and once they were all found, we sorted them according to summer and winter clothing.

Our phonetic sound of the week was 'm' which most of the children already know. The children were able to name lots of things beginning with – some of which were microphone, mouse, mat, map, and mummy. Thank you for bringing in lots of objects beginning with 'm' for Show and Tell. We had a map, monkey, and magazine, Ava-Lily dressed as a mermaid and shared her lovely music box.





Lots to celebrate this week. The children made a very special Mother's Day basket of flowers for all our wonderful mummies. The children used their cutting skills. They were able to cut straight lines to form the basket and swirls for the roses. I am sure you all loved it as much as we did.

We celebrated Red Nose Day on Friday. We talked about why Red Nose Day is celebrated and why we raise funds. To help raise funds, we all wore red and the children baked some yummy flapjacks. They measured the ingredients, making sure they had the right quantity on the scales. The children also took turns to stir in the oats over the hob to make a sticky mixture. They enjoyed the process of cooking and were extremely careful.



The children also learnt how Saint Patrick's Day is celebrated in Ireland and elsewhere in the world. We looked at pictures of parades and festivals. We located Ireland on the map and the children were introduced to the flag of Ireland. The children made a collage of the Clover/Shamrock – the national flower of Ireland.



This week is our well-being week. I am sure the children are looking forward to Spa Day, which is on Wednesday. We will also be looking at our well-being where we will be focussing on our feelings, talking about a healthy diet and how we can take care of our body and keep fit. Our phonetic sound of the week is 'p'. Please continue to think of words with your child beginning with this sound. They could also bring in something that relates to this sound for Show and Tell to help them make links.

## Kindergarten - Elm Class

This week in elm class we have been learning about clothing for different seasons. Children were invited to feel different textures of materials throughout the week including velvet, cotton and sheer fabrics. This activity helps to refine a child's sorting and pairing abilities as well as their tactile sense in finding differences between materials without their sight. This

week children also used their physical skills to cut pictures and sort summer and winter clothes into their respective groups. During 'out and about' we had a clothes hunt where various items of clothing were hidden around the garden for the children to find. They really enjoyed the challenge.

The class enjoyed our Mother's Day craft where they had their hands and feet painted to make flowers which I am sure you enjoyed!

On Friday we discussed Red Nose Day and its importance to help others. We decorated cakes to fundraise. Thank you for your generous donations.

Thank you to Ananya for being flower monitor this week. The tulips made our classroom environment beautiful and the children enjoyed cutting and arranging the flowers as well as caring for them throughout the week.



A very happy 4th birthday to Asaf and Otis who both celebrated their birthdays last week. The children enjoyed recognising their birthdays with a WMS Birthday Walk.

This week is our wellbeing week. We are really looking forward to our spa day on Wednesday where the children will take part in various activities including yoga, making fruit skewers for snack and practising hand massage on each other. We will talk about our own feelings and the feelings of others as well as talking about healthy foods across the week. Our phonetic sound of the week will be 'w.'

In addition to the lovely activities this week I would also like to create a wellbeing box for the class. I would like to invite children to bring in something that is special to them. That could be a photo or 'small' toy or perhaps a drawing that they have done. The box will be opened, and we will discuss the item that makes us feel happy and why.

## Kindergarten –

**Beech Class** What a busy and interesting week we had last week. We started off the week identifying the four seasons of the year and learning about appropriate clothings for each season. The children were able to name items of clothing for each season with confidence. Using our activity “Dress Seren for the Season”, the children were able to appropriately dress Seren for the right weather. We also discussed how important it is to our health to dress appropriately for each season. Using various picture cards as well as books, we looked at different types of clothings and the children brilliantly matched them accordingly to each season. Furthermore, we learned kinesthetically by getting winter and summer outfits, as this method encourages the children to actively engage further.



In phonics, the children practised identifying the sound ‘m’ and were able to think of other words beginning with ‘m’. Thank you to Fatimah, Alba and Lily for bringing in objects from home that we were all able to link and relate with. We also practised writing the letter ‘m’ on the sand tray as well as the chalk board.



During Show and Tell, Willa showed her friends her beautiful doctor’s kit. She kindly shared with other children and demonstrated how some of the tools work. Ronnie volunteered to be Willa’s pretend patient as she checks Ronnie’s blood pressure using her blood pressure monitor toy.

Our focus during ‘Out and About’ session was physical development. We used the opportunity of the lovely weather to enhance our gross and fine motor skills. The children were invited to jump out of the hoop with their feet holding on to the bean bag at the same time. At first, they found it challenging and most of the children were trying to achieve this goal.

The children also practiced scootering and navigating around the cones whilst following the arrows. This activity helps develop their physical and cognitive development which also improve their core strength, balance, coordination, and gross motor skills, and a great form of exercise. The arrow and cone help them to be aware of their surroundings and the cone which acted as obstacles in their path, helps to improve their reaction time and overall physical coordination.

Furthermore, we celebrated St. Patrick’s Day by listening to a short story and how the shamrock leaf became the symbol of St. Patrick’s Day.

We celebrated Mother’s Day by baking cupcakes and decorating it after making a lovely flower vase card to go alongside.



In addition, we baked more cakes for our bake sale to mark the red nose day. The children enjoyed measuring, pouring, mixing, scooping, baking, and decorating their cakes.

This week we will focus on “Wellbeing” and we are looking forward to having our Spa Day too where various activities will be going on throughout the day. We will be discussing healthy eating and keeping physically active, as well as talking about our feelings, as well as the importance of feeling relaxed and quiet.

Our phonetic sound of the week is ‘w’ in wellbeing. Don’t forget to continue to support your child’s learning by sending in a safe object beginning with the phonic sound ‘w’ so we can link our classroom learning to objects from home which can be brought in preferably on a Wednesday or any day throughout the week.

## Sycamore Class

We had very busy week with lots of different activities last week. On Monday we discussed different types of weather and clothes we can wear. The children enjoyed exploring different numbers on the thermometer and looking at this helps them to recognise and learn how to read the temperature.

We are also becoming more familiar with recognising the number four. This is because we continue learning about four seasons of the year and discussing their characteristics. Please continue discussing seasons with your child at home. They are enjoying having discussions and recognising different weather symbols. We also continue learning Makaton signs for different types of weather which the children and teachers are all enjoying; Makaton brilliantly supports a child’s communication skills as their language continues to develop.



We continue having small group lessons during our mornings. Last week, the children were learning difference between shades of one colour. Some of them are able to recognise the difference between light and dark colours whilst working with the teacher in small groups. We use the Montessori sensorial material called Colour Box 3. Here we choose one colour and there are seven different shades of this colour. We grade them from darkest to lightest. Montessori scientifically designed this material so that the gradation in colour was mathematically regular. This material helps to refine a child's chromatic sense as well as organisational skills.

Last week we also spent time recognising Mother's Day. The children enjoyed experimenting with paints to create their Mother's Day cards.



We learned about the Irish festival St. Patrick's Day and talked about its traditions. All of us enjoyed finding Ireland on the map and making shamrocks, learning that

this is Ireland's national flower.

Thank you for all of your donations for Red Nose Day. The children had fun decorating cupcakes and making red playdough to explore.

This week is our wellbeing week. We will be talking about a healthy diet and benefits of keeping physically active. Alongside this we will be mostly focusing on our feelings and learning how to communicate these. All of us are excited to have spa day on Wednesday where we will be taking care of ourselves and our friends.

Our phonetic sound of the week is "w" for wellbeing.

## Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

We had a very busy and exciting week at the nursery. The children were very enthusiastic to prepare for Mother's Day. They made special cards and paper flower bouquets for their mothers. All the children



were very proud of their work and couldn't wait to bring their present home! We hope you liked them and enjoyed your special day yesterday.

We also learned about St Patrick's Day. The children participated in a



cut-and-stick activity where they made a clover leaf. The children learned that this flower is associated with Ireland and we discussed this country

to aid the children's understanding of the festival.

Last week we also recognised Comic Relief with Red Nose Day. The nursery children were busy decorating cookies with red icing to contribute towards fundraising for this charity. We thank you all very much for your donations.



We also continued our topic on the weather and the children discussed the different types of clothing we wear during the different seasons.

Acorn class went for an outing at Lloyd Park and had a lovely time making a rainbow collage with the natural material they could find. Seedlings Class will enjoy their trip to the park this Thursday. Please ensure you return your permission slip to the office if you haven't already.

This week we will focus on our well-being. We will have our special WMS Spa Day on Wednesday and all the children are invited to come in Pyjamas for a relaxing day.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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