

W/C Monday 27th March 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



This is our very last newsletter for the Spring term. Please be reminded that our last day is this **Thursday 30th March**, and the

children will be dismissed at **12.30pm**. Remember, the children will not need a packed lunch. Breakfast club will be running as normal but please note there will be no lunch or tea timers club.

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 18th April 2023**. We are looking forward to welcoming lots of new families to WMS in the Summer term.

Spa Day

The children had a wonderful time last Wednesday at their 'Spa Day'! Our Spa Days promote wellbeing through a variety of activities.

Throughout the day each class participated in relaxation and breathing, yoga, discussing emotions, and discussing healthy foods.



The children enjoyed helping to prepare their special fruit kebab snack, and some enjoyed some fresh lemon and mint water!

Summer Term 2023

Summer Term 2023 invoices were issued last week. The first instalment was due on or before Friday 24th March. Please make a note that the second instalment is due on Monday 17th April 2023 - your account should be settled in full for your child's place to be secured and for them to return.

Seedlings Trip to Lloyd Park

Seedlings Class enjoyed their trip to Lloyd Park last week. The weather was beautiful and they enjoyed some games, songs and snack in our lovely local park before taking a nice walk around the park to spot some different flowers, trees and wildlife.

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

*We break up for the Easter break on **Thursday 30th 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 18th April 2023**.*

Important Diary Dates

- Topic Assembly – Wednesday 29th March 2023
- Penrhyn School Photos - Thursday 18th May 2023
- Brookcroft School Photos – Wednesday 24th May 2023
- Sports Day – Friday 7th July 2023 (school closed on this day as all children will be participating in this whole school family event).

Topic Assembly

We are looking forward to seeing you at our Topic Assembly this **Wednesday 29th March 2023**. The assembly will be held separately for our Penrhyn and Brookscroft buildings.

Please make sure you have RSVP'd to confirm your attendance. Please note for our Penrhyn building this is limited to one parent only.

We are advising that only nursing babies under 6 months can attend with parents.



Flower Monitor

Thank you, Willa, for the beautiful flowers in Beech Class last week!

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 **18th April 2023**. If you have any queries regarding notice periods, please email the office to discuss.

Children's House

A fun and exciting week for us all!

Last week's topic was centred on our wellbeing. We talked about our feelings, what wellbeing meant and how we can keep ourselves happy and fit. Some of the children talked about what they enjoyed doing and what makes them happy. We also discussed how to keep fit, and the children suggested different activities and foods that keep us healthy. As a group, we sorted healthy and unhealthy foods.

The children enjoyed being pampered on Spa Day. Everyone loved having their nails done. The children enjoyed soaking their feet in rose water. Some enjoyed having their hands massaged whilst others enjoyed

lying down and relaxing their eyes with cool cucumbers. Snack time was enjoyed by all! We had some fruit kebabs and a healthy fruit smoothie.



During Art, Miss Alex continued talking about how we could maintain a healthy diet. Together the children identified some of the vegetables they enjoy eating. Using fruits and vegetables like peppers, mushroom, okra, lime, celery and broccoli, the children created some colourful prints. We noticed that celery prints looked like flowers and okra prints looked like stars!



Thank you Angela for coming in to read to the children. They enjoyed listening to the story 'Shark in the Park'.

The children continue to explore activities independently or with friends. Some children love working collaboratively with their friends. Working collaboratively is an important facet of the Montessori classroom. Not only does it provide children with the opportunity to learn from each other and problem solve together but it also develops social skills and promotes kindness and empathy.

Some of the numeracy activities explored by the children last week:



Aaron and Vivienne working with simple additions



Jas working with Montessori Cards and Counters



Roman working with the Montessori Short Bead Stair – additions to 20

This week we will be looking at what weather reporters do, and the children will have opportunities to role-play as a weather reporter. Our phonetic sound of the week is 'e'. We are looking forward to our assembly on Wednesday afternoon. We will be having an Easter egg hunt on Thursday to celebrate the end of term. Have a wonderful Easter Break!

Kindergarten - Elm Class

This week Elm class have enjoyed participating in our wellbeing week. As a class, we discussed what makes us happy and that it is ok to feel sad sometimes. We also included how other people might feel if we did something helpful or kind. The class really enjoyed our Spa Day where we all practiced relaxation techniques through breathing.



The children were invited to give each other hand massages and enjoyed fruit kebabs for snack.

We celebrated Otis's 4th Birthday with a WMS Birthday Walk. Birthday Walks help children to understand the passage of time and the concept of one year as well as ageing, and most importantly are a precious memory for the children to celebrate their birthdays.



As we move into this last week of term and our last week of the weather topic, we will be looking at the role of a weather reporter. Using our knowledge from previous weeks we will revisit the

weather symbols in preparation for the children to practise their reporting skills for the weather that day. From our class weather diary, we will also tally how many sunny/rainy days we have had since we started this topic and visually represent it with the sandpaper numerals. In addition will also be preparing our Easter craft.

We are really looking forward to the assembly on Wednesday morning where the children will talk about their recent school trip to Lloyd Park as well as singing you a song. We look forward to seeing you. Our phonetic sound of the week will be 'r.' Please continue to re-enforce this sound at home naming as many words as possible with this beginning sound.

We wish you all a happy Easter break and I look forward to welcoming the class back on Tuesday 18th April.

Kindergarten – Beech Class

We had a busy and interesting week last week! Spa day was the highlight of the week. We discussed wellbeing, the significance of relaxation and quiet time as well as how we can also eat healthy in order to help our bodies feel stronger and better. *"We need to eat our veggies everyday, I try to eat mine...but I don't like mushroom"* said Ronnie. Our learning was also supported by reading a story called Colour Monster. This interesting book encourages children to discuss their emotions and that all emotions are ok to feel sometimes. In addition to our pamper activities, we made stress-relief balls as using balloons filled with flour. This was a lovely sensory activity.



Thank you to Willa for being our flower monitor of the week. Our class was filled with lots of beautiful flowers and the children helped care for the flowers too.



During our Out and About session, we engaged in a planting activity where we got ready for spring! The children were all excited to know that it was spring during our circle weather discussion time. We also spoke about what we can experience during this change in weather. We can't wait to see pictures of these beautiful flowers which

are expected to start sprouting around May/June this year.



Fatimah was excited to show her friends her beautiful doctor's kit. All the children listened brilliantly well to Fatimah demonstrations and also got to take turns with the instruments.

Our phonetic sound of the week was "w". The children were all able to think of words beginning with this phonetic sound, and thought of some very interesting ones! All the children attempted to write the letter 'w' on the chalk board as well as the sand tray.



This week, we will continue to practise our song for the assembly and concluding our weather topic by reflecting on the various weather experienced throughout this term using our classroom diary book. We will look at the week with the most rainy days and see if we had any snowy days as well as sunny or windy days. We will also be discussing Easter with some seasonal activities.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 'a'. We will also challenge ourselves to think of other words beginning with the phonetic sound 'a'.

Sycamore Class

We all had a great week full of interesting activities. We started the week by discussing different emotions and we talked about when we feel happy, sad, angry, or shy. Most children said that they feel happy when they are at home with their family. We have read stories about emotions and feelings and also learned a new word, "wellbeing".

On Tuesday we continued learning about how we can control our emotions and we used a breathing exercise to explain what can be done when we feel sad. The children had great time on Wednesday where we transformed our classes into a spa. We enjoyed relaxing with cucumbers on our eyes, a yoga lesson, and some breathing and relaxation games. The children also enjoyed developing their olfactory sense making

lavender playdough. The children all helped to prepare the fruit for our fruit kebab snack, and after the snack we had foot bath! It was a great week and we all feel relaxed and ready for the Easter break!



This is our last week of the term and we are very excited to see you all on Wednesday morning for our assembly. We will be revisiting what we learned this term and we will do lots of seasonal art activities for Easter.

Nursery - Acorn and Seedlings

The Nursery children had an enjoyable week filled with lots of fun activities related to our topic. We were talking about our health and wellbeing throughout the week, focusing on the food we eat and how we can keep our bodies healthy. We were identifying fruits and vegetables and spoke of the importance of drinking plenty of water. Our phonetic sound of the week was "w" and we were thinking of words beginning with this sound.



On Wednesday, we had our special Spa Day, where we had the opportunity to do mindfulness and yoga sessions, breathing exercises and mandala colouring.

We took our learning outdoors with a group colouring activity using chalk on our garden pavement. The children did incredibly well to choose complementary colours and colour within the lines!

The children loved soaking their feet in a tray with flower infused water and putting cucumber circles on their eyes. We have also created squishy stress relief balloons, filling them in with different textures such as flower or rice.



Seedlings Class enjoyed their trip to Lloyd Park and were lucky to have such lovely weather!

This week we are going to talk about making predictions on the weather and role play weather reporters, learning what their job is.

We are very excited to welcome parents in on Wednesday morning for our weather assembly, to share with you what we have been learning about this term.

**From all the WMS team we
wish you a happy and
relaxing Easter break.**

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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