

W/C Monday 1st May 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Coronation Tea Party

We are looking forward to our Coronation Tea Party tomorrow, **Wednesday 3rd May**. There are lots of activities planned for the children and we are excited to see their coronation themed lunches and plates!

Please remember to send your child in wearing red, white or blue for this day.

Please see email sent today with further details and reminders.

Further reminders to be sent regarding other events taking place this week for timings etc for you.

Geography Wooden Models

As a Montessori school our geography curriculum is rich and exciting and covers so many different areas including; land forms, flags and the study of different places. We also have lots of activities to gradually develop an understanding of mapping skills.

These begin with working with a teacher or friend to place small buildings and trees etc onto very simple working maps and then working from a guide picture to replicate.

We use the small wooden model town buildings which often come in a small string bag or box and used to be very easily found for a couple of £ - until now it seems! We are having lots of trouble finding any anywhere! We urgently need some for our new mapping activities.

If you see any sets in toy shops or craft shops or charity shops, please could you let us know or pick some up for us as long as they aren't too expensive (I'd say we would expect to pay less than £10 a set) and we will refund you!

Thank you WMS community!



'Bumped Head' Text

If your child bumps any part of their head during a school day, we will always send a standard text to you. These texts are sent as an extra precaution to ensure you are aware. If you receive a text, it is because all is well with your child and we will be keeping an extra eye on them.

Spare Clothes

We would be very grateful if any parents have spare boys' trousers for ages 2-4 that they could donate to the school. If your child has been sent home in spare clothes belonging to the school, please wash and return them.



Sun Hats and Lotion

We are looking forward to these warmer months where the children will be taking their learning outside whenever possible. Please ensure your child has a named sun hat and that sun lotion is applied before school. We will make sure that the children are drinking plenty of water to keep them hydrated and their school smocks will protect them.

Notice Period

The notice period for the Autumn 2023 term has now passed. Thank you to those who informed us that their child will not be returning for the Autumn term as per your terms and conditions.

Formal acknowledgement with leavers forms will be sent by the end of this week.

If you have given written notice but do not receive a formal acknowledgement, please inform the office.



Important Diary Dates

- Elm Trip to Library – Thursday 11th May
- Penrhyn School Photos – Thursday 18th May 2023
- Brookcroft School Photos – Wednesday 24th May 2023
- Sports Day – Friday 7th July 2023

Book of the Week

The King's Coronation
by
Marian Billet



Everywhere Bear

Everywhere bear was well looked after by Adam last week. He spent Eid celebration with Adam and joined in opening lots of presents! He also went with Adam to play football, which Adam said was lots of fun!

Children's House

Last week we learned about some of the countries that are located in Europe, namely England, Italy, France, Germany and Spain. The children were shown where these countries are located on a map and were introduced to their National flag and some famous landmarks. We practised greeting each other in English, Italian, French, German and Spanish. The children have enjoyed looking at the pictures of the landmarks, comparing how similar or different castles look. Coincidentally, we also received a beautiful postcard of Trevi Fountain from our friend Louis. Needless to say, the children were very happy to hear from him. We talked about the landmark and matched it to the country.



We celebrated our school's 22nd birthday and St George's Day on Monday. The children made a lovely poster and they used the Metal Insets to create the English flag. Some of the children continue to use this activity to create flags of other countries that have been introduced. This has helped them to recall and identify the flags.

Our phonetic sound for the week was 'l'. The children came up with lots of things that began with 'l' like Liverpool Street, lettuce, letter, lifting, laying, love, and learning!

Miss Benedetta reinforced our learning of Italy and its famous landmarks during her session. She talked about the shape of the country and likened it to a boot. The children were able to recognise and talk about the colours of the flag and she showed the children some of the famous landmark in Italy.

As we were learning about France on Wednesday, Miss Alex linked our art session to the French Artist



Claude Monet. She talked about his style of painting, how he enjoyed being outdoors and painting landscapes and how his paintings focused on colours rather than lines. Miss Alex showed the children how to recreate one of his famous works – Water Lilies using blending and stamping technique.

For our out and about session, the children used clay to create the different continents. This helped in reinforcing the shapes of the different continents and it also is a great way of refining their gross and fine motor movements.



This week our focus will be on the King's Coronation. We will be learning about King Charles III and discussing what a Coronation Ceremony is. Lots of lovely activities have also been planned throughout this week in anticipation for the King's Coronation. On Tuesday the children will engage in a variety of craft activities. Wednesday is our King's Coronation Garden Party and on Thursday, the children will take part in a procession where they will dress up as Kings and walk through Lloyd Park.

Our phonetic sound for the week is 'k'. It would be great if the children could bring in something for Show and Tell that is related to the King's Coronation this week.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week Elm class have really enjoyed the topic, learning about some famous European landmarks. We started our week by learning about Big Ben which was renamed the Elizabeth Tower following the diamond jubilee of our late queen. We constructed our own 3D puzzle of the Elizabeth



Tower and then made our own using various shapes. We extended our learning by looking at a clock. The children really enjoyed learning "o'clock". Concepts of time are taught all the way through a child's educational journey. This skill aids the basics of telling the time and understanding breaks and lunchtimes and how long they have to be away from you. Please continue to work on looking at analogue clocks at home discussing the time which you have breakfast or lunch or dinner.

We continued our work on landmarks talking about the Eiffel Tower, which is built from iron and is re-painted every 7 years. Originally it was only meant to stand for 20 years but continues to be a famous icon to this day. We also learnt about the Leaning Tower of Pisa which took over 200 years to build. We constructed our own leaning towers using toilet rolls and cut paper 'arches' to glue on.

This week we will be celebrating the Kings Coronation, with lots of lovely activities. We will be making our own crowns together with making a keepsake for your child to commemorate this lovely occasion. We will also bake some cupcakes for the children to bring home. The phonetic sound of the week will be 'k' for king. Please continue to use 'I Spy' games with your child at home to practice recognition of this phonetic sound.

Kindergarten - Beech Class

We had an exciting week as we continued to learn more about Continents. Last week we explored a few landmarks in Europe such as the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), the Eiffel Tower and the Leaning Tower of Pisa.

Since we've been learning about continents, we would like to celebrate the children's heritage as part of our classroom display board. I hoped that our parents may kindly contribute by sending us interesting facts about where they come from or pictures of outfits, food, or iconic buildings. This can be anything! For example, I originate from Africa, and will introduce the children to traditional weaving by showing them different baskets and how they can be weaved using different coloured paper, to display on our board.



For our Out and About session, we practiced using our physical skills by engaging in various physical activities. First, we looked at football and linked it to Europe, where we focused on English football. We reinforced how we can kick the football by using the side of our foot. The children all took turns to practice their skills. They also engaged in an obstacle course as they walked on the balancing beam, before climbing and jumping off the frame and going up and down the slide.



On Wednesday, the children enjoyed making hummus and eating it with their pitta bread for snacks. They squeezed lemons, blended the chickpeas, and added extra virgin olive oil. We discussed how healthy the ingredients are and the importance of healthy eating.

Last week we focused on the phonetic sound 'l' in 'landmark'. We practiced writing the letter in our literacy books as well as the sand tray and chalk board. We also linked this to objects from home and some children looked around them to find items that begins with 'l' such as light, lid, lion, and LEGO. This week, we will be learning about the Coronation of King Charles III. We will also learn who Kings and Queens are and incorporate this with various

Coronation activities throughout the week. We will be having King's Coronation garden party which we are all looking forward to!

Our phonetic sound of the week is "k" in King. We will also incorporate the letter sound 'c' to reinforce that they have the same phonetic sound. Please continue to support your child's phonic knowledge by reinforcing the same at home. You can play the 'I Spy game.

Sycamore Class



Our week about European landmarks was very successful. The children learned about the Eiffel Tower, Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Elizabeth Tower (Big Ben), La Sagrada Familia tower, and Brandenburg gate.

Each day we looked at individual countries and enjoyed looking at details in these famous landmarks. We discussed the sizes and shapes of these five countries and children enjoyed discussing where they would most like to go for holiday in summer!

Continuing our discussions of Europe, we looked at the very popular European sport of football! We learned some of the rules. Each child had an opportunity to use the obstacle course in the garden and practiced kicking the ball using the inside of their foot. We took turns and cheered for our friends while they had a go at kicking the ball.



Since we were learning about different landmarks, we used some of our sensorial materials where some children develop awareness of size difference and build an understanding of concepts in three dimensions. These materials also help child to order, develop hand and eye coordination, concentration,

and confidence.

We will continue refining the children's naturally mathematical minds by introducing more sensorial activities.

This week we will be focusing on the Coronation of King Charles and linking this to our learning about our capital city, London. We are looking forward to our Tea

Party on Wednesday and Coronation procession on Thursday where the children will build an idea of what this ceremony means.

Nursery - Acorn and Seedlings

The nursery children spent a lovely week learning about Europe and some of the countries in Europe. We are getting more confident at recognising the continents by colour on the Montessori map and singing the song "Show Me the Continents". We talked about Italy and France, identifying them on the map of Europe and looking at statues and monuments from Europe. The children really enjoyed decorating their paper cut Eifel towers. We sounded and traced letter "I", finding objects from our environment that begin with the sound "I".



The children loved making pizza during our Italian day. They were pouring, adding and mixing the ingredients to create the dough and then rolling and shaping the dough to fit in the tray. When we baked and served the pizza we made for snack it was eaten with great appetite. For our 'out and about' session we talked about the most popular sport in Europe and we had a go at playing football. This week we are going to have lots of Coronation related activities and have a Coronation Tea Party.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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