

W/C Monday 8th May 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

King's Coronation



The children enjoyed coming together as a school and enjoying the sunshine for their special Coronation Tea Party, to recognise the Coronation of King Charles. Thank you, parents, for your

efforts in creating such wonderful Coronation-themed lunches for your children! This day created a very special memory for the children and gave them an idea of what a Street Party feels like within their own WMS community.



On Thursday, we walked through Lloyd Park to give the children a sense of what a Coronation is and what they can expect to see on the day. It was lovely to see lots of you there and made the children feel very special and important!

Alongside our planned events, the children read books and participated



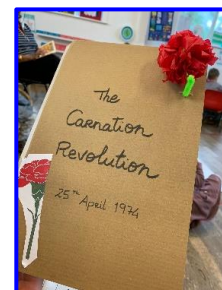
in art and craft activities to discuss the meaning of the word 'coronation' and who King Charles is, to help them understand and feel a part of this historical event.



Carnation Revolution

Thank you so much to Matilda's mummy, for sharing with us a special booklet they made, to share with us the story of *The Carnation Revolution*.

The booklet details the events of 1974, when the Portuguese armed forces marched and chanted for their freedom, causing the leader of the government to surrender. The revolution gets its name because of the gesture of a lady named Celeste, who offered a red carnation to one of the soldiers. The soldier placed it in the muzzle of his rifle, and the rest of the soldiers followed in doing the same.



This event overthrew more than 40 years of dictatorship and was the beginning of democracy in Portugal.

Important Diary Dates

- Elm Trip to Library – Thursday 11th May
- Penrhyn School Photos - Thursday 18th May 2023
- Children's House School Photos – Wednesday 24th May 2023

School Photographs



Letters were sent last week with important information regarding our School Photographs 2023. If you did not receive this communication, please contact the office.

Thursday 18th May – Nursery and Kindergarten

Tuesday 24th May – Children's House

Wellington Boots

Due to the rain forecast we are anticipating that the ground this week will be rather wet.



Please ensure your child has a pair of named Wellington boots at school so they are appropriately dressed for garden time and forest school.

Autumn Term Fees

Invoices for the Autumn Term 2023 fees will be issued from w/c **26th June**.

First installment is due by **7th July** and second installment due by **Monday 4th September**. School fees for your child must be paid in full by this date for your child's place to be secure and for them to return for the Autumn term.

Parents Corner

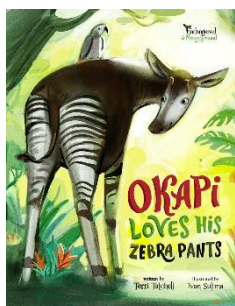
A future WMS parent whose child is very young has enquired about a recommended childminder, to bridge the time until their child is old enough to join WMS. Please do get in touch with us if you can recommend somebody.



HENRY are offering Healthy Families Programmes. The programme runs for 8 weeks and covers topics such as parenting confidence, emotional wellbeing, being active, family routines and eating well as a family. The programme is free to join and suitable for all Waltham Forest families with a child in the family under 5.

Book of the Week

Okapi Loves his Zebra Pants
By
Terri Tatchell



Class Information:

Children's House

A short but very special week for all of us! The children engaged in lots of exciting activities and events to mark the coronation of King Charles III.



Our week started off with making crowns for the Kings' Procession at Lloyd Park, which the children were very excited about. We also learnt some facts about King Charles III. The children enjoyed looking at his life through photos from his christening ceremony to having grandchildren of

his own. We also discussed what a coronation ceremony is, where and how the ceremony would take place and what we would see during the event. They enjoyed looking at photos relating to the procession and the ceremony and learning about this historical event.



The children thoroughly enjoyed the Coronation Tea Party and having lunch with then entire school. They also got a feel of what a street party was like. Thank you to all our parents for creating such beautiful coronation themed lunches. The children were very excited to show their friends and teachers their plates.

Our procession at Lloyd Park was enjoyed by all. The children had so much fun being dressed up as Kings and walking down like royalty waving to their parents. Thank you to all the parents for the help and support during the procession and creating such unique and beautiful robes for the children.

The children also engaged in lots of fun craft activities. As a class, we made a colourful collage of our King and

painted little soldiers on pegs. To mark this special event, the children also created a King's Coronation keepsake decoration using clay.

Our week ended with baking and decorating some yummy butter biscuits. The children took turns to add and measure spoonful's of flour, sugar and butter. Some of the children enjoyed checking the quantity on the scale making sure we had the correct measurements.



Last week, we also checked on the growth of our sunflowers that we had planted on Earth Day. Rhea helped to measure the height of the school's sunflower. We discovered that one of our seeds has grown up to 8 cm whilst the other was about 2 cm in height. We discussed reasons for the difference in height. It would be great for the children to start measuring the height of their sunflowers and keeping a record of its growth. Let's see how tall our sunflowers will have grown by the end of the term.

This week we will continue our learning of the continents – this time focussing on Africa. We will locate Africa on the Continent Globe and Map of the World and identify some of the countries and animals that are found in Africa. We will also look at their culture and learn how to say hello in Swahili. Our phonetic sound for the week is 'a'. Please think of words or animals that begin with 'a'.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

A lovely week in Elm class learning about the Coronation of King Charles. By the end of the week the children were confidently able to recognise a picture of King Charles.



We participated in lots of art activities last week which the class really enjoyed. We made our royal cupcakes where the children were able to talk about the

ingredients used and measure and weigh. We also created clay keepsakes of the occasion.

As a school we really enjoyed our garden party and the weather was just perfect for us! The class took part in the procession to Lloyd Park and all looked grand in their capes and crowns that we had made earlier in the week. To finish the week, we listened to the national anthem in our music lesson and music from the bands that will play on the procession route. Children were invited to march to the beat of the music.



This week we will start looking at the continent of Africa. Lots of lovely learning around this continent and we look forward to Miss Florence dressing in traditional costume and showing us some artefacts too. We will be identifying Africa on the continent globe as well as talking about culture, food and language, where we will be learning how to say hello in some African languages. We will also look at animals of Africa and compare their sizes. We will continue our phonetic sound of the week which will be 'a.' Please continue to work with your child on naming words beginning with this sound.

This week we are also looking forward to our class trip to Higham Hill library on Thursday. The children will be read to by the librarian as well as them having a browse for themselves.

Kindergarten – Beech Class

We had a busy and exciting week learning about the coronation. The children were all involved in decorating their beautiful crowns which they all decorated.

They also enjoyed making other exciting activity such as King Charles III collage, a

coronation coin using clay, finger paint flag making, as well as making fruit skewers in red, white and blue. *"This is really yummy...I like making fruit*



skewers now, my favourite is the blueberries” said Aila.



On Wednesday, the children enjoyed their garden tea party where they all ate their beautifully decorated lunches. Afterwards some chose to have their faces painted!



Thank you to Adam's parents for the delicious coronation cake for the staff!

This week, our focus will be on learning about Africa: it's location on the map, the climate, its people, and culture. We will also be looking at animals that originate from Africa.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 'a' which will be linked to our learning for the week, for example, 'a' in Africa or animals. To extend our learning, we will be thinking of other words beginning with 'a'. We would appreciate if you can send in safe objects or pictures to help the children link our classroom learning to objects from home. These can be brought in any day throughout the week or on a Wednesday so we can use it during our phonic session.

Sycamore Class



Last week we were learning about King Charles and the meaning of a coronation. We started the week by introducing the King to the children. We looked at where he lives, and what happens at a coronation.

On Tuesday, children enjoyed learning about the flag of United Kingdom and identified its colours. We looked at different objects in the classroom with the same colours. The children enjoyed preparing their own colourful fruit kebabs.

We learned about the golden carriage that will be transporting our King to his coronation which is called Gold State Coach, also known as the Gold State Carriage. There was lots of art and craft activities and children enjoyed making their own crowns to support our discussions around the topic.

We hope that you enjoyed seeing us in the park during our possession to and will cherish this special moment with your child when they are older.



Alongside our recognition of the coronation, we continued with our Montessori work cycles. It has been lovely to see children who have joined our class this term settle in and develop their coordination of movement, concentration and independence through Practical Life activities.

This week we will be learning about second largest continent Africa and its animals. We prepared lots of fun games and art activities. Our phonetic sound of the week is "a" for animals or Africa. We will be discussing African culture where children will learn interesting facts.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

It has been a busy and exciting week in the nursery. The children showed a lot of enthusiasm while participating in our coronation celebration activities. During the week, the children made crown using paper, paint and sticky jewels and wore them during our procession to Lloyd Park.

On Wednesday, the children made fruit skewers with bananas, strawberries and blueberries to represent the colours of the flag of the UK, which we had been looking at and discussing its colours.



The whole school came together for our garden party on Wednesday. Some parents were very imaginative while making their child's themed plate! This was a

precious memory for the children having their own street party with their community.

On Thursday, the nursery joined the rest of the school to participate in the coronation parade which was a success. During that week, the children had the opportunity to learn more about King Charles and his life.

This week, the nursery children will discover the African continent. We will be discussing the animals in Africa, and we will also find out more about African culture and hearing different African languages. The phonetic sound of the week is "a".

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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