

W/C Monday 10th July 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Sports Week

All the children across the school enjoyed their sports events throughout last week. There were lots of opportunities for teamwork as the children worked in groups and supported each other in each of their events, both individual and in teams.



They had egg and spoon races, obstacle courses, relay races and lots more! It was a very supportive and active week, and most importantly, lots of fun!

Lost Property

Our lost property box will be placed outside the school gate at Penrhyn this week and next. 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.

Summer concerts:

- Monday 17th July at 2.30pm – Sycamore Class
- Tuesday 18th July at 10.30am – Elm Class
- Tuesday 18th July at 2.30pm – Beech Class
- Wednesday 19th July at 11.45am – Acorn Class
- Thursday 20th July at 11.45am – Seedlings Class

The Children's House concert will take place on **Wednesday 19th July at 2.20pm** at the Brookcroft building. Please arrive at **2.15pm for a prompt 2.20pm start.**

Leavers Assembly

The children will have a short leavers ceremony at the end of their Summer Concert, to say goodbye to those that are sadly moving on from WMS.

We break up for the summer holidays on Thursday 20th July 2023. Please note school closes at 12.30pm on this day and your child will not need a packed lunch.



Milk cartons please!

We have planned art and craft activities for our summer holiday club. We are in need of some empty milk cartons if you could please save and bring in to school!

Goodbye Miss Clare

Please join us in wishing Miss Clare all the best as she retires this year. She has been a lovely part of the school in our Early Risers club, and we will miss her very much!

Autumn Term Invoices

Please ensure the first instalment of your Autumn 2023 term invoice has been settled. These were due on 4th July 2023. Late payment penalty fees will be applied.

Class Information: Children's House

It has been a busy but exciting week for us. The children were introduced to different types of food from across the globe. They learnt that different cultures have different types of food. We reviewed some of the countries that we have been learning about this term and named some of the food that is associated with the



country. The children were shown pictures of different types of food and we matched the food according to the country it originates from.

As cooking is a great way of introducing different cultures and cuisine, we decided to have the children cook and taste a Moroccan dish. Before cooking, the children were introduced to the flag and some of the flavours and ingredients that are used in Moroccan food. They were introduced to spices such as cumin and turmeric, which we would be using in our Moroccan Vegetable Style Couscous. The children enjoyed cutting and preparing the medley of vegetables. They took turns to sauté and fry the onions and vegetables before adding the couscous. The children loved it and came back for seconds!



Thank you Theo for bringing in a 4th of July cake for us, which was beautifully decorated with lots of American flags.

Theo told everyone "It's America's birthday!" and shared how he was going to celebrate it.



Last week was also Sports Week. The children enjoyed taking part in various activities. We had a water relay race, football dribble race, basketball hoop race, a beanbag balance race and a running race. They enjoyed cheering their teams on and most importantly had loads of fun!

During the week we also discussed healthy eating and the children were shown how to create a salad in a jar with a simple dressing of olive oil, lemon, salt and pepper. They had a variety of vegetables to choose from which included purple cabbage, spinach, peppers, cucumbers, carrots, corn, peas, kidney beans and chickpeas. The children enjoyed selecting their favourite vegetables and creating their own salad. Some of them had it during lunch whilst others brought it home to enjoy.

This term Kian has been engaging in lots of mini science projects with his dad. Last week their project revolved around



magnets. Using his knowledge of simple circuits, he showed the class how to create an electromagnet. He had attached a nail that was wrapped with a copper

wire to his circuit board. He showed everyone that when his circuit is closed, the electric current from the battery flows to the wire and the iron core becomes magnetised and can attract objects like paper clip. He also showed the class how to make a simple motor by combining magnets, battery and a copper wire. The children were all very fascinated by the spinning wire.

This week we will be learning more about rivers and deserts. We will be looking at temperatures and climates of forest and deserts and exploring how rivers are formed and the type of animals that live close to rivers. Our phonetic sound of the week is r. Children are welcome to bring in books or pictures relating to this topic to share with the class.

Please join us in thanking Miss Uzma for everything she has done throughout the school in the years she has been with us. She has been a wonderful teacher and we give her our best wishes as she moves on from WMS this year.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

A busy week in Elm class. This week we learnt about food from around the world. We talked about different cultures and how spices are used in foods. We talked about the colours of the various spices and looked at photographs of the plant before they become spices. We extended our learning to incorporate how plants need sunlight and water to grow and we all planted our own broad bean to take home. We also transformed the spices into an



artist's palette to create our own spice painting which was full of scents, textures and colours that stimulate all the senses.



The children also enjoyed participating in our sports week where we started the week by practising yoga. For our out and about session we all enjoyed completing an assault course around the garden together

with egg and spoon and running races. The children all showed great encouragement to their friends as they took part in their race.



This week we will be learning about land forms including rivers and desserts. We will learn about lakes, capes, islands and straits. We will also talk about how rivers are helpful for agriculture and transporting goods from one place to another and that dessert are mainly made of sand

with no trees together which animals can survive in the desserts. Our phonetic sound of the week will be 'r'. We will be using the sand tray and Sandpaper Letters to reinforce the letter formation, sound and recognition of this letter.

We have loved having Miss Lisbeth in Elm class this year and will be sorry to say goodbye to her as she is leaving to study a PGCE full-time from September. We wish her lots of luck and know she will be a wonderful teacher!



Kindergarten – Beech Class

The children had an interesting week learning about food around the world. We looked at some herbs and spices, their origin as well as how important food was and how this can be transported from the farm to the shop e.g., we looked at rice and lentils. The children explored using their senses to smell different herbs and spices whilst also using blindfold to guess which spice it was such as turmeric, coriander, thyme, basil, curry, paprika, cumin, onion seeds, fenugreek, etc. Afterwards we explored and engaged in spice painting. We discussed their colour contrast, for example, the turmeric was yellow on the paper whilst the paprika was red. We continued exploring making different patterns using paint brushes.



In addition to learning about food around the world, we planted broad beans in our little pot which is to be

transferred into our garden or a bigger pot at home. This activity helps reinforce caring for plants and watching them grow in our environment. The children were able to remember what their seeds needs to grow.



Millen brought in her favourite toy called Skye. The children were fascinated with Skye's torch as it lights up. Millen stroked Skye's hair and ears and described it as 'soft'.

In Numeracy, we introduced fractions, looking initially at 'whole' and 'half'. The children demonstrated their understanding by identifying which piece was whole and half. At the end of the presentation, Lily added to our discussion, "when we put half and half together, it makes whole, just like this."

We focused on the phonetic sound and letter 'w'. The children were able to think of some words beginning with 'w' Ella said 'web', while Ronnie thought of 'wand'.

Throughout the week we had Sports Week. The children engaged in various physical activities such as an obstacle course, water race, car race, ring toss game and egg and spoon race. The children enjoyed the ring toss game which



encouraged them to practise using their fine and gross motor skills. They demonstrated their concentration skills and body control to assess the distance and try to throw the rings with precision whilst using their hand-eye coordination. It was a great week full of beneficial activities, from learning more about spatial awareness to increasing dexterity and overall enjoying socialising with their friends.

This week, we continue to learn more about continents as our focus will be on rivers and desserts. We will look more on land and water forms, names of climates for example, temperate.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 'r' in river. We will also be thinking of other words beginning with the sound 'r'.

We look forward to our class concert on the 18th of July at 2:30pm.

Sycamore Class

Our sports week was very successful. The children enjoyed different sports activities where they actively experimented with different ways of moving like jumping, skipping, crawling, or sideways walking/jumping. The favourite activity was the egg and spoon race and many children commented how much they enjoyed it, and how they loved supporting each other.



We also learned some new yoga postures and practiced balancing on one foot. Some children have made visible progress in this, and they can do the tree pose for longer. We had fun imagining a story about being a little seed and growing into a big apple tree by using different postures!



We continue learning about continents of the world and children enjoyed exploring puzzle map in small groups where they joined in discussions, shared ideas, and took turns.

Last week we also explored different spices and we all enjoyed spice painting. Our favourite spice was cinnamon. We explored different smells, colours and enjoyed discussions about similarities and differences of several spices. Some of them liked pepper, or ginger was not so popular amongst the children and they had fun commenting on what they thinking when smelling these spices. For example, Francesc commented "Ginger is too spicy for me. I don't like spicy food."

We were discussing how plants and spices grow and how we use them in different dishes around the world. We looked at the life cycle of an apple and children showed good understanding of the life cycle process. We ended the lesson by learning simple fractions. We used an apple as an example and children explored different language such as half or quarter by cutting the apple. We also used different sizes for printing by dipping the cut apples into the paint.

This week we will be learning about rivers and deserts. We will be discussing temperatures and climates of forests and deserts, exploring different animals, and talking about famous rivers on our planet such as the

Nile or Amazon rivers. Our phonetic sound of the week is "r".

We are looking forward to our summer concert which will be on 17th. July at 2:30 pm. Please speak to Miss Petra if you didn't receive message about your child's costume! We are looking forward to seeing you all there.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

Last week was sports week across the school and the nursery children thoroughly enjoyed these physical activities and teamwork. The nursery children were motivated and enthusiastic to participate in an obstacle course. They have been practising for the past few weeks and were very proud to be able to complete the course independently, developing their gross motor skills and coordination of movement. The children had been jumping, balancing, crawling and climbing.



During the week, the children also discovered some spices and herbs from different continents. They have enjoyed smelling the different spices and herbs and discussing their preferences. We have also created some spice paintings during our art sessions, with the children painting freely, using their imagination. This week, we will be looking at landforms, rivers and deserts of each continent. The phonetic sound of the week is "r"

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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