

W/C Monday 3rd July 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

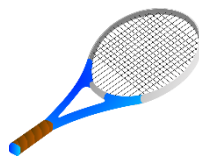
Martha's BMX Tournament

We are so very proud of Martha, who used to attend WMS, as she took part in her first ever BMX London Youth Games, representing Waltham Forest. Following three initial races in which she came second and third, Martha went through to the finals and won bronze! She contributed towards Waltham Forest coming third out of all the London boroughs. Such a lot of hard work and an incredible achievement!



Sports Week

This week, the children will be participating in sports events in the garden as part of our sports week. These will be ongoing throughout the week so every child will get to take part in some races and obstacle courses! Please ensure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for the garden this week.



Headlice

We have had a case of headlice in our Penrhyn building. Please do check your child's hair and notify us / treat if necessary.

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.

Tea Timers

Thank you for returning your booking forms for your Tea Timers session requirements for the new academic year in September. We will be emailing you confirmation of your child's place and sessions for the first half of the upcoming autumn term.

WMS Birthday Walk

We celebrated Freida's 4th birthday on Friday. She shared some lovely pictures of herself and family and the children enjoyed singing the birthday song while she did her Birthday Walk.



At Walthamstow Montessori School we like to celebrate birthdays with a 'birthday walk', which allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time.

If your child is celebrating a birthday, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange one of our birthday walk celebrations.

Important Diary Dates

- Sports Week – w/c 3rd July
- **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

We look forward to celebrating your child’s achievements during their time at WMS and saying a fond farewell. Not everybody is moving away and we have many families with siblings joining the school. So we know it isn’t really goodbye!

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

Parents’ Corner

We want to share with you a concert happening at Fellowship Square on Tuesday 4th July that may be of interest.



Songs of the Forest: the Waltham Forest Song Cycle, on Tuesday 4 July at Fellowship Square. The suite of songs have been composed by primary school children from across the borough, with composer Kate Stiltz working with Waltham Forest Music Service. Inspired by Waltham Forest’s natural environments, the songs are a musical journey through our wild spaces and parks, which we hope will inspire our young people to explore and enjoy our outdoor spaces.

Schools will perform at 11.30am to 12pm and 2.30pm to 3pm.

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.

Autumn Term Invoices

Invoices for the Autumn Term 2023 fees were issued last week. The first installment is due by **Tuesday 4th 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.

Class Information: Children’s House

Last week we revisited the Europe Continent but this time solely looking at flags. We discussed what a flag is and using our Montessori Parts of a Flag cards, they were introduced to the terminology of the different parts of the flag – Canton, Field, Fly, Flagpole, Hoist and Halyard.

We looked at the flags that were introduced at the beginning of the term i.e. The United Kingdom, France, Italy, Germany and Spain. Some of the children were able to recall and name all the flags. The children learnt that colours, symbols and patterns on flags represents the country, its history and its people. For example the Union Jack/United Kingdom flag combines the flag of England, Scotland and Northern Ireland and the colours on the Italian Flag represents the field/plains, the snowy alps and the colour of love. To complement our topic, Adam also brought in a Slovakian and Czech Republic flag that he had made. He felt proud as he showed his flag to everyone.



The children enjoyed designing their own flags as well both in the classroom and during our out and about session. Some wanted to have rainbow-coloured flags whilst others incorporated vertical and horizontal lines and shapes such as triangles and squares into their design.



In Art, Miss Alex and Miss Andrea showed the children how an embossing machine works. They chose their patterns and created an embossed card.



The children enjoyed listening to the book of the week “The Little Cockroach” which is about a little Cockroach named Pedro who wants to see the world. What was lovely to see was some of the children remembering and

recognising sights like the Leaning Tower of Pisa that we introduced earlier in the term.



We ended our week with a scavenger hunt in the garden where the children looked around for different European flags.

This week we will explore food from around the world. We will look at herbs and spices and the countries they grow in. Children can bring in pictures of foreign or exotic food/fruits that they enjoy and talk about its origin or even a recipe of a food that they enjoy. Our phonetic sound of the week will be 'w'.

We will also be having our Sports Week. The children will take part in various activities including egg and spoon races, bean bag and running races and yoga. This will be incorporated throughout the week.

Please may you send your child in with a jar this week, which will be used on Wednesday for a planned activity.

Kindergarten - Elm Class

This week's learning has been around the flags of Europe. Children were presented with parts of a flag and learnt new vocabulary including staff, field, finial and truck. We talked about what a flag represents and places where we might find flags. We initially started with the flag of the United Kingdom and children did really well in colouring their own flag following instructions. We then moved on to the flag of France and noticed that this flag had the same colours as the United Kingdom flag. We reinforced our knowledge of colours red, white and blue and children were invited to individually find different objects in our environment which were these colours.

During our 'out and about' session we created our own flags using coloured sticks and talked about the shapes we had made and their properties. On Thursday we looked at the flag of Italy and extended our learning by making pizza. Children really enjoyed making the



dough using good hand manipulation to knead the dough.

We reinforced the phonetic sound 'f' last week and the children have practised the formation using the sandpaper letter and some practised writing it using a pencil.

Thank you to Talia for bringing in your show and tell last week. The class enjoyed looking at the Frozen programme and the lovely book on how cities work. Children are invited to bring in show and tell on Wednesday this week.



This week we will focus on food from around the world. We will talk about different cultures and how they have different types of food. We will use our sense of smell to identify some spices and where they come from. We will extend our learning to talk about what a plant needs to grow and what happens when they don't have enough light and rain. The children will also plant their own broad bean to look after at home. Our focus phonetic sound will be 'w'.

Kindergarten - Beech Class

Last week we looked at flags of Europe. We focused on some European flags from the UK, Italy and Finland. We looked at what a flag is and what makes them unique. The children were able to remember that a flag is a symbol of a country and we also looked at pictures of where flags can be found such as airports, Houses of Parliament, or at sports events.

During our Out and About session, we focused more on the three flags and played the missing flag game where children identify the missing flag. This activity helps strengthen the children's problem-solving skills as they try to work out which flag is missing, as well as their working memory. We also looked at different parts of a flag such as the field, finial, and staff.



Matilda brought in some constellations and a torch for us to look through the constellation disc towards a wall. The children were fascinated to see the shadow and we discussed the shapes and sizes that we can see. Matilda said the Orion constellation looked like a “dress” whilst Ella-Roux pointed at the Canis Major constellation disc and said it looked like a “dog” to her. Matilda confidently showed the children the torch and how to use it to look through the constellation discs. We looked at who Astronomers are and how constellations were used a long time ago to keep track of things such as seasons.



Maisie brought in a coloured in picture of her uncle and auntie who got married in Spain. Maisie shared with her friends that she travelled to Spain, and she showed everyone a picture she had coloured whilst at the wedding.

On Thursday, the children baked some cakes. They practised their numeracy skills as they measured looking at figures on the scale and knowing when to stop. They also practised their coordination of movement as they each scooped and poured flour, butter, and sugar together before mixing with a wooden spoon. They enjoyed decorating their cakes using the Italian flag colours.

This week, we will be learning about food around the world. We will explore various herbs and spices and what grows where, as well as the origins of the foods we have and how it is being transported. Our phonetic sound this week is ‘w’.

Sycamore Class

Last week we learned about flags and looked at the flags of different countries. We looked at different landmarks in London like Tower Bridge, London Eye, Buckingham Palace and Big Ben. After this short discussion children were introduced to the flag of the Union Jack. We described the flag, looked at the colours and tried to find the same colours in our classroom environment.



Throughout the week, children actively used the puzzle map of continents. Some of the children were introduced some countries in Europe. We learned the

parts of a flag, and looked at flags of other countries in Europe.

The children enjoyed this topic and we will continue introducing them to more flags and countries. There was lots of art activities where we used red, blue and white colours to reinforce our learning of the union jack flag.



We ended the week by making cupcakes. The children were fascinated by the use of the scales and they enjoyed measuring ingredients, coordinating their movements to pour just the right amount and thoroughly mix the ingredients.

This week we will be learning about the different foods found and enjoyed in different countries across the world. We will be exploring a selection of spices and talking about different dishes in countries around the world.

Our phonetic sound we will focus on this week will be "w". We will be practicing letter formation using the sandpaper letter ‘w’.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

The nursery children had an engaging and fun week. We talked about and looked at flags from around the world, focusing on the flags of European countries. We were



distinguishing the different colours and symbols on them as well as learning about the names for different parts of a flag.



The nursery children are having lots of fun practicing their songs for the summer concert and last week we created the props for the show. We made our Chicken Licken and Foxy Loxy crowns using paper templates and cut outs.

We also had some great time practicing different sport challenges and obstacle courses in preparation for our Sports Week this week. The children have been very excited and enjoy the sports games and challenges a lot.

This week we are going to be talking about the different food and spices around the world, supporting the topic with a variety of activities.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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