

W/C Monday 11th September 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely summer break and were able to spend time with your families and friends. A very special welcome to our new families; I am sure you will join us in making them all feel very welcome.



The children have had a wonderful first week back at WMS and are enjoying making lots of new friends.

Our weekly newsletter is released each Monday and contains lots of important information to keep you up to date!



Jeans for Genes Day

Each year at WMS we fundraise for genetic conditions through **Jeans for Genes Day**. This will take place this year on **Friday 22nd September 2023**.

Please send your child in jeans/denimwear on this day with a suggested donation of £1 minimum for this wonderful charity. If you have any old or unwanted denim you can send in these would be great for Jeans for Genes related art activities!

Important Diary Dates

Whilst all important dates and reminders are featured in our newsletter each week, a full list of dates to note for this term can be found on our website under 'Diary Dates' and on the school noticeboard.



Gardening Volunteer

It would be a huge help if any parent was available one day this week to help plant some flowers in

our front garden. We will supply the flowers, we just need some extra hands getting the front garden looking beautiful for the autumn.

Notice Period

Please be reminded that if your child is not returning in January 2024 then written notice to the school office should be received no later than this **Friday 15th September**.

If you have already provided notice an acknowledgement letter will be sent to you in due course.

Notices received after this time, as per your terms and conditions, will mean that Spring term school fees would be due in full, and you will automatically be invoiced accordingly.

Summer Holiday Club

The summer holiday school this year was a huge success. The children engaged in lots of learning surrounding weekly themes and enjoyed lots of art activities and outdoor learning.



Our next holiday school will be from 20th to 22nd December 2023. Booking forms will be sent later in the autumn term.



No Dogs

Please be reminded that dogs are not to be brought on to the school premises at any time. This is for health and safety reasons.

Artist of the Term

Our artist this term is Renoir. Renoir was a French artist and had a



leading role in the impressionist movement. The children will be shown some of his most famous paintings and learning some related terminology.

School Uniform

All children must wear their WMS smocks each day and have plimsolls at school to wear in the classroom. If your child does not have a WMS school bag and smock, please contact the office to purchase.

Meet the Teachers

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new staff members Miss Hatti, Miss Adila and Miss Kenny, who have joined the WMS teaching team this year. They have all enjoyed meeting and getting to know the children. All three new members of staff are based in our Children's Houses at Penrhyn alongside our current team.

School Reports

We hope you enjoyed reading your child's school report. Please don't forget to return the slip at the end of the report to share your thoughts surrounding your child's progress.

Bumped Head Texts

'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.

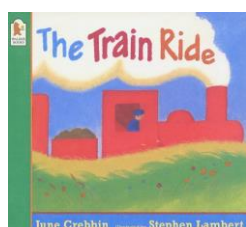


Safer Parking

Please be reminded that parents are **not permitted** to pull-up or park on the driveway in front of the garages or in front of the school gates. Please use safe and legal bays **only**. This is a health and safety risk as well as staff needing access to this area.

Book of the Week

The Train Ride
by
June Cribbin



Class Information:

Children's House Brookcroft

It's been a lovely first week back in our Children's House. We have enjoyed welcoming new friends to our class and to the school!



Thank you Isabella for bringing in flowers last week for our class community. Having fresh flowers in the classroom creates a beautiful learning environment, as well as allowing children to take pride in caring for and maintaining the beauty of their room. Flower arranging is a lovely practical life activity each week.



Ronnie shared a scrapbook he made over the summer, all about his travels. Thank you so much for presenting and sharing this with your friends! We enjoyed hearing all about it.

We made the most of the sunshine by taking our learning outdoors throughout the week. Children enjoyed some outdoor Practical Life activities such as pouring and scrubbing, and we introduced prepositions using objects in the garden in a group session.



As children familiarise with the environment they have begun being introduced to some of the Montessori materials. Here a child is working with the Large Moveable Alphabet, independently creating words for small objects using his phonic knowledge.



On a Monday at the Children's House we are fortunate to have a dance class with Miss Lindsey. Your child can be bare foot for these lessons or preferably in ballet shoes if they have them.



Children's House Elm

First week back in class and the children are settling well as they familiarise themselves with their new

environments as well as the various Montessori materials set up in the classroom. The children were happy to see their friends as well as greet and welcome new friends to the community.

Our topic this term is on Transport and the children have been introduced to different types



of transport. Children were interested to hear about the Unicycle and Zeppelin which are not common types of transportation they have seen. We hope to broaden their understanding as we continue to learn more about transports this week. During art, the children enjoyed making their traffic lights, afterwards they played the traffic light game, demonstrating good listening and movement skills. You can help reinforce this to your child by speaking about traffic lights you see out and about. This week, we will continue to focus on transportation, where we will centre our learning on "How do we get to school?"

In numeracy, the children will be looking at various small world vehicles with different numbers of wheels, such as bikes with two wheels, tricycles with three wheels and cars with four wheels. This activity will be supported with the use of our sandpaper numerals 0-4, to help children identify the numbers and sort vehicles based on their number of wheels.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 'a'. Please do reinforce this phonetic sound with your children at home daily. E.g. playing the I SPY game or simply saying I can hear 'a' in 'ambulance' and drawing your child's attention to the sound. This can be practised at home or on the way to school.

Children's House Oak

Welcome back to a really exciting term. The children have all settled into the routine and it has been lovely to hear their stories about the school holidays. Over the coming weeks the children will be introduced to all the new activities we have within the Childrens House. Within the classroom, one aspect of the Montessori curriculum that the children can work with are practical life activities such as pouring and transferring. In doing practical life activities, the child can develop a high level of concentration, develop a sense of order, take pride in completing a job, increase independence, develop respect for his or her

community and surroundings, and improve their coordination of movement.

Last week we introduced the topic of transport. This week, the mode of transportation that we use to get to school will be the focus of our



learning. When your child is on their way to school, encourage them to talk to you about the different types of transport they see, describing their colour, number of wheels, use, etc. In class we will also be talking about the sounds of different transport as well as using vehicles to make patterns in play dough or with paint.

This week's phonetic sound is 'a.' Please emphasise this sound to your child at home and encourage them to think of words also beginning with this sound.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

We have had a lovely first week in our nursery classes. We are enjoying welcoming new friends and all are settling very well into the community. The children are becoming familiar with the classroom materials and have begun being introduced to some Practical Life activities available on the shelves.

We introduced our topic of transport and the children have engaged with this brilliantly already. In small groups we have discussed the traffic light and played games to reinforce what the three colours are as well as what they mean: stop, get ready, and go! You can help reinforce this knowledge by pointing out traffic lights when out and about with your child. We will continue to look at different types of vehicles this week and counting how many wheels they have.

Our phonetic sound this week is 'a'. Please reinforce this at home by drawing your child's attention to the sounds in words, for example by saying "I can hear 'a' in ambulance." You could extend this by helping your child to think of other words beginning with this phonetic sound.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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