

W/C Monday 16th October 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Harvest Festival

The children enjoyed their Harvest Festival assembly held in the sunny garden last week. They sang beautifully and enjoyed Miss Lorna's reading of Handa's Surprise, with lots of opportunity for the children to join in!



Thank you so much for your generous donations. These will be collected this week and gratefully

received by Mill Grove Children's Home.



Please note our Autumn half-term dates. School finishes on Thursday 19th October (Tea Timers as usual) and resumes on Monday 30th October.

No Nuts

Please be reminded we have a strict no nuts (and no grapes) policy at WMS. We have several children and staff with severe allergies. This extends to walnuts so please be conscious of what your child has brought to school.

October Holiday Club

You will receive a text this week confirming your child's sessions in our October half-term club. Please ensure your payment was received by the deadline stated on your invoice.

Request: For some planned activities art activities in class, we would like to ask if any parents have empty cardboard **egg boxes** they could bring in! Thank you in advance.

Tea Towels Fundraiser



We are excited to receive our tea towels for our annual fundraiser. We only receive a limited amount and are unable to order any more so please pre-order to ensure you don't miss out! They make lovely keepsakes or Christmas gifts. An example from last year will be placed in the noticeboard.

The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00

Spring Term 2024 Invoices

Your child's invoice for the Spring term 2024 will be issued from Monday 27th November. The first instalment will be due on Monday 4th December 2023 and the second instalment due on Wednesday 3rd January 2024.

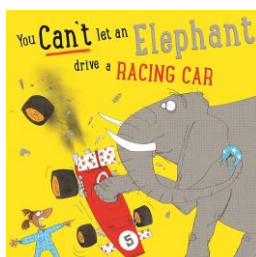
Black History Month

Thank you Naia for bringing in some flags to share with your friends in Oak Class. The children really enjoyed looking at the flags of Barbados and . Here is a photo of Naia with the flag of Barbados!



We would really encourage for you to let you child's class teacher know if your child or family has anything they would like to share with us on this topic.

Book of the Week



You Can't Let an Elephant Drive a Racing Car
By
Patricia Cleveland-Peck

Signs of Autumn

Your child will be sent home this week with an Autumn bag, to collect signs of the new season when out and about during half-term. This is a lovely way to bridge home and school learning. We look forward to seeing what the children have found and how they have decorated their bags when they bring them back after half-term!



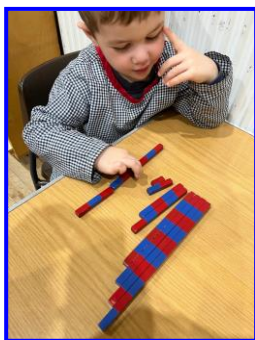
Class Information:

Children's House Brookcroft

In our Brookcroft Children's House last week we had discussions around the history of transport. The children were able to recognise that at first, humans' main way of transportation was by walking. Over time, we have progressed to using animals and wheels and nowadays a vast variety of different modes of transport thanks to technological advancements. In a group art-activity children had the opportunity to discuss and create carriages as part of their historical learning.

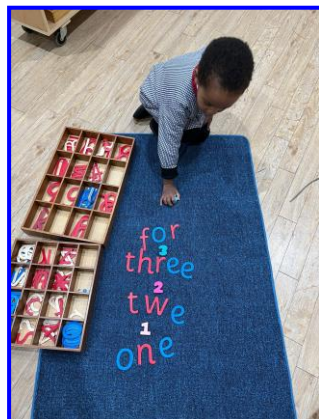


We enjoyed going to visit our friends at Penrhyn to join for our Harvest Festival. The children read and sang beautifully; thank you for all your generous donations for Mill Grove.



It is lovely to see children continue to explore with the materials in our environment. The small number rods have been used to introduce arithmetic. Children find connections between smaller rods being put together to become equal to larger rods, and what happens to the quantities when you add or take away rods.

In the Language area, a child is observed taking small wooden numbers and using their phonic knowledge to begin building words. In a Montessori classroom, children working independently with the Large Moveable Alphabet are never corrected in their spelling. The moveable alphabet provides a child with the means to express



their thoughts without the obstacle of handling a pencil and letter formation. They use their current knowledge of letters and sounds, and this becomes more accurate over time as their phonological awareness and reading experience increases.

This week, we will begin discussions around water transport. Our phonetic sound will be 'm' – please help your child to hear this sound in everyday objects and when out and about!

Children's House Elm

This week we celebrated the Harvest Festival. Children have given thanks for the crops which have been safely harvested through interactive stories, rhymes, songs and more.

In group sessions, we have spoken to the children about Black History Month. This has prompted some lovely discussions around what makes us unique and observations around everybody having different skin colour, eye colour, hair colour and more. We recognised the month with an art activity.



We have also been learning about the history of transportation - how first humans had only legs to walk and transport around, later the use of animals and wheels. Children recognised that in today's world we have lots of different types of transport thanks to the development of different technologies. We made an old historic carriage to understand the significance about this history.

Our out and about session was learning about how different size vehicles pass through narrow and wide tunnels, increasing the children's spatial awareness.



We heard the sound 'n' in sound games and groups last week. Some children traced the sandpaper letter and others are able to practice the formation on a chalk board or tracing in sand.



This week is our last week before the half-term. We look forward to lots more learning!

Children's House Oak

This week in Children's House Oak, we have been learning about the history of different land transport vehicles. We covered cars, trains and bikes over the week and the children enjoyed looking at photos of old vehicles and seeing the progression of how modes of transport have changed over the years.

We also had our Harvest Festival assembly, the children enjoyed presenting their song "the wheels on the tractor"! We showed good listening skills by supporting the other classes in their songs and poems.

We spoke about Black History Month with the children. Naia brought in some flags of her family's heritage, which the children really enjoyed looking at and learning about.

The children took great joy in making oat and raisin cookies for Harvest week and loved exploring the different ingredients. The children have also really enjoyed transferring activities this week. These activities help with fine motor skills, concentration and hand-eye coordination.



This week we will be learning about water transport. The children will be learning about identifying different methods of water transport like boats, yachts and submarines. We will also be speaking about the different parts of a sail boat.

Our sound of the week this week is the letter "m". Children can practice finding things around the house that begin with the sound "m", some may be able to recognise where a word ends with the sound 'm'.

During our out and about session we will be looking at the difference between a boat and a submarine and looking at what items float and what items sink. This is a fun experiment you could recreate at home during the half-term.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

Another successful week for our Nursery classes. We enjoyed learning about history of transport and all children were very engaged in conversation about how they get to school. We used different shapes to create

car, bus, or train and we are becoming more confident when identifying shapes and colours.

We enjoyed celebrating autumn by having harvest festival on Tuesday. All WMS classes had fun reading books and singing harvest songs in the garden. We are also enjoying mud kitchen in the garden. Children are collecting sticks and leaves to use when outdoors and mixing them with water and soil. Our sound of the week was "n". We looked at different objects beginning with this sound and some of the children practiced their writing skills using sand paper numbers.

In the classroom we continue playing singing games with actions. These are very popular, and we hope that you are hearing some of the songs at home.

Children are enjoying using practical life and Sensorial activities where they develop independence, concentration and hand and eye coordination.

This week, we will be discussing water transport. We will be learning about different boats, yachts, ferries and hovercraft. There will be lots of art activities and a sink and float experiment. We will continue learning to identify new shapes.

Our letter of the week is letter "m". Please feel free to find objects beginning with "m" at home as well.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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