

W/C Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Chicken Pox

We have been notified of several confirmed cases of Chicken Pox at the lower school. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children. It starts with red spots, that can appear anywhere on the body. Chicken pox is contagious until all the sores have crusted over which normally takes between 7-10 days.

*Please note our Autumn term ends on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm. Your child does not need a packed lunch on this day.*

### 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. A pre-order form has been emailed for orders to be placed.

**Payment must be received for your pre-order to reserve your tea towels.  
£7 per towel or £25 for 4**

### Autumn Bags

Thank you to all the children for bringing back such lovely items in their autumn bags! The children enjoyed sharing and exploring what they brought in small groups and on the nature tables across last week.



### Important Diary Dates

**Children in Need – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**

**Thanksgiving – Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November**

**Decorate the Tree – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> December**

**Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**School Class end of term concert dates to be confirmed shortly.**



### Thanksgiving

We will be celebrating Thanksgiving on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.**

We would like to invite a parent from the US in to help with this event, so please contact the office if you would like to do this!

### Children in Need

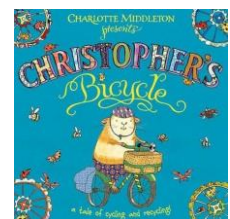
Our fundraising day for this important charity will take place **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2023.**



Please send your child in with a **£1 donation to wear colourful, spotty clothes to mark this day.**

### Book of the Week

Christopher's Bicycle  
by  
Charlotte Middleton



### Class Information:

### Children's House Brookcroft

It was a very busy and fun week back in our Brookcroft



Children's House. We had lots of discussions around the changing seasons and what signs of autumn we can see on our walk to and from school. Alongside this, we spoke about Guy Fawkes and other seasonal celebrations. All the children had the opportunity to work on the design for our class pumpkin with which they were very creative!



The children were shown a 'sink or float' activity, and enjoyed predicting which items would sink or float. We explored how weight can affect flotation. This is an activity you could

recreate with your child at home with various objects!

During our 'out and about' session we looked at all the collected items children had gathered over the half term. We then talked about Guy Fawkes, bonfires, and where and when we may see or make one. As the weather was very unpredictable on Thursday we stayed inside and made the bonfire with paper and added some of the collected leaves. For art, we talked about fireworks and why we would be seeing quite a few over the next few days. The children used their handprints to represent a bonfire and added some glitter for the fireworks.

On Friday, the Children's House made their very own pizza. The children took turns making the dough and topping the pizza with tomato sauce, pepper, fresh tomatoes and cheese. Afterwards, we all enjoyed



having the pizza for our snack!



This week, we will continue our topic by looking at people who are involved in transport like ambulance drivers, train drivers, firemen and taxi drivers. For our Out and About session, we will be looking at some different experiments like making our own waves and inflating a balloon using a bottle. Our phonetic sound of the week this week will be "g".

## Children's House Oak

Last week in Children House Oak, we have had a very busy week covering Guy Fawkes, talking about

Halloween and we continued discussions around autumn and water transport.

Children had a lot of fun decorating the class pumpkin with paint and glitter and then putting it for display in the classroom. We also continued our activities and discussion around Autumn as children took turns decorating a large sheet of paper with colourful leaves and glue, we also took turns a circle time to look through the children's Autumn bags and discuss what was inside them.



Later on in the week, we opened up one of the pumpkins so the children could have a sensory exploration session, looking at the seeds, the different textures of the pumpkin, the smells and they each had turns scooping out the insides.

We discussed Guy Fawkes with the children and had an art activity where children created their own firework pictures using marbles and paint. For our Out and About session, we had an experiment where the children watched and learned about how weight can affect flotation, as we also explored that water can be heavy and cause a boat to sink, even though initially it was floating. We have been covering more about land and water forms as part of our topics and children have enjoyed creating their own land and water forms out of paper, glue and sand.



This week we will be discussing Remembrance Day with the children. We will also continue our topic by looking at people who are involved in transport like Ambulance drivers, Train Drivers, Firemen and Taxi Drivers. At circle time we will be discussing how we use these different types of transport in different jobs. We will also be listening to the song "Here comes the fire truck". We will be doing art based activities with the children around Remembrance day and the work people do in Transport. Our phonetic sound of the week this week will be "g". Please continue to encourage your children to keep on thinking of words beginning with our weekly phonetic sounds. The children had a lot of fun last week with the sound "d", and came up with some fantastic words like dinosaur, dentist and den.

## Children's House Elm

Last week, we had a very busy and intensive week preparing, decorating and focusing on different activities. Children enjoyed decorating a pumpkin. They used a variety of colour paint and glitter. It's a great opportunity for sensory learning for younger children. We asked them about differences in texture, size and more. Having them paint the pumpkin allows them to think critically about how they will approach their art. This activity will allow them to develop those fine motor skills in a safe manner. Proudly we display our decorated pumpkin outside.

For "Out and About" we were learning the meaning of "floating and sinking ". We explain to children, " objects float if they are light for their size and sink if they are heavy for their size. We gave them the opportunity to explore objects around the garden and children can identify if the object can float or sink. Children enjoyed themselves and they took part in the activity. They develop their vocabulary, fine and gross motor skills, and socialising with each-other.

We also introduced land and water forms. The children saw how to pour water into corresponding molds for each form. The children learned that a lake is a body of water that is surrounded by land, and an island is surrounded by water.

Furthermore, last week we celebrated Etta and Beckett's birthday walk , using Montessori materials. They both felt very excited and special while sharing their pictures with other children.



Our phonetic sound of the week was "d". Please make sure to practice with your child at home and encourage to find words which begin with the d sound. In addition, the children also explored rhyming words as they try to find pictures/words that rhyme together, e.g, jar/car , pen/ten.



**Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings**

Last week we covered a whole range of topics. We started the week learning about Halloween. Children enjoyed learning about life cycle of pumpkin and we explored seeds while carving the pumpkin. After carving the pumpkin we place the seeds inside a sealed bag. Everyone enjoyed exploring what is inside of the bag and this was also great opportunity for the expansion of vocabulary, moving the seeds up, down, left, right, or in the middle.

We continued learning about water transport most of the children remembered what a cruise ship, submarine, rowing boat and yacht were. This was a lovely opportunity for a science experiment where we explored objects that sink or float.

Our letter of the week was letter "d". Children used the sandpaper letter to trace the letter, said the sound loud and thought of objects beginning with this sound. This was very successful, and we found lots of different objects in the classroom beginning with the sound "d".

Our out and about session was exploration of Autumn bags that children proudly showed all their friends. We enjoyed exploring Autumn objects, talking about colours of the leaves and characteristics of Autumn. Thank you for helping us with this activity and encouraging your children to look for different objects.



We ended the week by learning about Guy Fawkes Day where we had discussions of why we may see fireworks over the coming days. This week we will be talking about people who work in transport.

We will be talking about paramedics, taxi drivers, firefighters, pilots and train drivers. Our phonetic sound of the week is "g".



**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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