

W/C Monday 11th March 2024

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

World Book Day

We loved seeing the children's creative costumes in celebration of World Book Day last week!



Every year we celebrate World Book Day to encourage a love of reading to the children and celebrate our favourite authors and characters. Each child took home a book token to exchange for a free book in a local bookstore! Thank you to all the parents who came in to read their favourite childhood book to the children.



Our last day of this term is Thursday 28th March at 12.30pm. Please note your child will not need a packed lunch on this day.

Red Nose Day

On **Friday 15th March** WMS will be fundraising for Comic Relief. We are busy planning lots of exciting fund-raising activities to help support this wonderful charity. All children and staff are invited to dress in red – you could even paint or wear a red nose if you have one!

Please bring a recommended donation of £1 to support this charity.



Ramadan Mubarak

We are wishing a very happy Ramadan to our families who celebrate. We will be discussing this festival with the children, learning its significance and what it represents for Muslims around the world.

Math's Day

Wednesday 13th March is

Math's Day at WMS! To celebrate this day, **please send your child in wearing a number or number-themed clothing!**



International Women's Day

On Friday we recognised and discussed International Women's Day with the children and why it is so important. We discussed inspiring female figures such as Maria Montessori! We are lucky enough to have our own inspiring young lady, Miss Florine's daughter Alisha. Alisha was one of the very first pupils at WMS when the school first opened. She has completed her medical degree and gained her first placement as a junior doctor in London. Congratulations Alisha, we are so very proud of you!

St Patrick's Day

Happy St Patrick's Day to our Irish families celebrating this Sunday. We would like to invite the children to **wear green on Monday 18th March** to celebrate!



Early Risers

A communication was sent today regarding our Early Risers sessions. From the summer term you will need to book to reserve your child's place on required days. Please ensure you have read this email and returned a booking form by **22nd March** if you require this service.

Notice Period

Please be reminded that if your child is not returning in September 2024 then written notice to the school

office should be received no later than **Friday 19th April 2024**.

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

Parent-Teacher Meetings

You will receive an email with a link to book your Parent-Teacher meeting with your child's lead teacher. If you do not receive an email with link, please contact the office.

Birthday Celebrations

At WMS we recognise birthdays with a Montessori Birthday Walk. The child walks around the sun holding a globe for each year of their life, helping children to understand the passage of time.



Happy Birthday Tilly!

If your child is celebrating a birthday soon, please send them in with photographs of themselves at each age so we can celebrate with a birthday walk.



School Photographs

Your child must have black plimsols and a WMS smock to have their photo taken.

Wednesday 15th May – Penrhyn

Thursday 16th May – Brookcroft

ASC Invoices

These were issued on Tuesday 5th March 2024. Invoices that weren't settled by 8th March will incur a late payment fee on the next invoice.

Class Information:

Book of the Week

Welcome to our World
By
Moira Butterfield



Children's House Brookcroft

We had a busy and fun week at Children's House Brookcroft.

In numeracy, some children have been working hard on their addition and others on their subtraction. In literacy, the children had focused on the letter sound "r" and found many words starting with the letter sound. They all have continued to work on the practical life activities to reinforce their fine motor skills which prepares a child for writing, concentration, independence and social skills.

On the occasion of World Book Day, we discussed and shared our favourite books. Thank you to all our parents who came to read to the children throughout the week. We also made some beautiful bookmarks that the children took home on the day.



During the week, we also talked about Mother's Day and the children made a flower bouquet using paper straws and cards to celebrate someone special.

This week, we will focus on household items and how they are used. We have a busy week ahead as we will also talk about Ramadan and what it entails for the Muslim community as well as St Patrick's Day and how it is celebrated in Ireland

and across the world. On Wednesday, we will be marking Maths Day and on Friday, it will be Red Nose Day! Please bring a £1 donation wear red on this day.



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Children's House Oak

Last week in Oak class we had a very busy week with lots of fun activities and events. The children enjoyed making a special gift for Mother's Day and discussed being thankful for people that are special to us.

We celebrated World Book Day on Thursday and we really enjoyed seeing all the children's creative



costumes. We had a lovely visit from Jaya's mum who read the children some stories in the afternoon. The children also made their own bookmarks inspired by "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".

For our Out and About session, we acted out the story of the Gruffalo and pretended to be the different characters.

On Friday we discussed International Women's Day, in particular we spoke about Maria Montessori and why she was a very inspirational woman!

This week in Children's House Oak, we are learning about household items and where we find them. It would be lovely for the children to bring a small household item for show and tell to aid our discussion around household items and where we find them.

We also have some events we will be discussing throughout the week. We have Red Nose Day on Friday, please bring a £1 donation to wear red on this day. Furthermore Ramadan will be starting, Math's Day is on Wednesday 13th March and we will be covering St. Patrick's Day on Friday. We will be having some lovely art and baking activities around these different events as well as groups to introduce them and their significance to the children.

We will also be re-visiting 2 of our phonetic sounds this week "p" and "h". The children have really enjoyed using the 'sound bag' and are always really excited to see what we items we have in there. We are looking forward to another full and exciting week with the children.

Children's House Elm



Last week was full of fun and excitement in Elm Class. We learnt about World Book Day, and enjoyed dressing up as different characters and gathering to celebrate the day. We welcomed many beautiful characters to our classroom such as the Gruffalo, Meg the

witch, unicorns, astronauts, stick men and many more! Each child felt special and proud as they showed their friends how they've dressed up and spoke about the stories they belonged to. The children heard and discussed many stories which were bought from home for classroom reading. The props were lovely and creative too! We thank Cora's mummy for visiting our class and sharing amazing stories with the children.

We also discussed Mother's Day with the children and how to show those we love that we are thankful. We hope you enjoyed your precious gifts!

Our phonetic sound of the week 'r' was practiced in an interactive way with stories and relevant discussions around the objects such as ring, rope, ribbon, ruler etc. We engaged their active minds by playing a memory game after which involved recalling which object was missing from the rest. The children could trace the sandpaper letter, some enjoyed writing it in sand or on a chalk board. This week we are revisiting sounds 'p' and 'h'.

We have been reinforcing the learning of animals and habitats through various indoor and outdoor activities. We now know the importance of habitats and how it helps protect animals and birds. We are learning to use appropriate vocabulary for animals' homes such as coop, barn, sheds, stables and more.

We are also becoming aware about our environment by observing each day's weather during our calendar routine time. Spring is here and we regularly discuss how we see these changes in mother nature. Often children come up with what they observed on the way to school using vocabulary such as blossoming flowers, bird sounds, clear skies, warmer weather and so on.

Indoors, we are also learning about different cultures and how they are diverse in different continents. We have also learnt that animals and birds mark their homes in different places based on habitats around the world.

Francisc shared with his friends all about bus transportation in London, the different routes covered by buses, how special buses are different from the regular buses, how they cover longer distances with lesser stops and much more. Elsie brought in a lion toy and a lovely picture of herself being in her mummy's tummy at 20 weeks to show her friends. This was fascinating for her friends to see!



Thank you to Tida for being our flower monitor this week, beautifying our environment with some pretty flowers she enjoyed arranging.

This week we are introducing household items and their purpose. We are looking forward to celebrating

Red Nose Day, understanding it's importance and who does it help; please bring a £1 donation to dress in red on this day. Math Day is going to bring out the mathematicians in us on Wednesday, exploring the world of pre math and logical applications. We will also discuss about Ramadan and St Patrick's Day that are marked during this week.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

Last week we enjoyed lots of celebrations. We were talking about our family and the celebration of Mother's Day. The children enjoyed art activities and making Mother's Day presents. We engaged in lots of language activities and learned new vocabulary through games and discussions.

On Thursday, we enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book character. We read books and had discussions on how to look after our book corner. We discussed who the author and illustrator of books are, and the children enjoyed this new vocabulary. All the children enjoyed having Esther's mummy coming and reading us a story called 'The Tiger Who Came to Tea' by Judith Kerr. In the afternoon, the children enjoyed a puppet show about the very hungry caterpillar!



Last week we were also discussing different shapes, tracing and identifying rectangles. We played games to identify colours and rectangular objects in the classroom.

We are also practicing some new yoga poses and breathing exercises to help us feel calm and relaxed. Our favourite yoga posture at the moment is tree, where we practice balancing on one foot. Activities for the coordination of movement are crucial in a child's early years. The children are also practicing hopping on one leg through games and action rhymes.



We ended the week by continuing talking about Mother's Day and International Women's Day.

This week we will be learning about objects in the house. We will be

introducing different household items and explained what they are used for, such as cutlery, jug, pipette and so on. We will have discussions about how different items are used in our daily lives.

We will also introduce Ramadan and St. Patrick's Day during this week. The children will be making art activities related to these events. On Friday we will celebrate Red Nose Day. Please dress your child in the colour red and bring a £1 donation for this wonderful charity.

We will be revisiting two phonetic sounds: "p" & "h".

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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