

W/C Monday 18th March 2024

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March the children and teachers at WMS were fundraising for Comic Relief.

The children wore red, learned about the work of this wonderful charity, and baked and decorated lots of baked goods to sell and raise lots!

Thank you all for your generous donations.



Maths Day

We celebrated Maths Day last week at WMS. The children came to school sporting numbers on their clothing and did lots of math-related games and work throughout the day!

They played games to reinforce quantities by having to carry out actions a certain number of times after rolling a giant dice, and games to reinforce number-symbol recognition such as bingo!



St Patrick's Day

Happy St Patrick's Day to our Irish families who celebrated on Sunday 17th March. The children enjoyed wearing some wonderful green outfits to celebrate on Monday!

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.

Easter Bonnets

We love seeing our parents' creativity! On Thursday 28th March

all children will come to school wearing an Easter bonnet they have made with you at home. We are looking forward to seeing all your wonderful Spring creations!



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.

Visit from Marlowe



We were thrilled to have Marlowe the Cockapoo visit us. Marlowe is a very friendly, gentle and a patient dog who enjoyed lots of love from all the children! The children were able to stroke her and give her some commands and treats. We also learned what a harness is and how it keeps a dog safe. Some of

the children were fascinated by the light which she had around her neck and learned that it's for people to be aware whenever Marlowe is out for a walk. Thank you for visiting Marlowe!

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

Please ensure you have checked through lost property for any missing items that may belong to you. Any items left over will be donated to a local charity shop on Friday 22nd March.

Summer Term Invoices

Summer Term 2024 invoices were sent on Monday 18th March 2024. Please ensure you have received and checked your child's invoice. Payments not received by the instalment dates outlined on your invoice will incur late payment fees.

Parent-Teacher Meetings

Please ensure you have booked your parent-teacher meeting using the link sent via email.

Please ensure you have completed and returned a parent feedback slip following your meeting.



School Photographs

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

Wednesday 15th May – Penrhyn

Thursday 16th May – Brookscroft

Class Information:

Children's House Brookscroft



We had a fun week at Children's House Brookscroft last week. The children have continued to work on their numeracy and literacy skills. Some children focused on number recognition

11-20 and the letter sounds of the week. We were impressed with all the words starting with "p" and "h" the children thought of! We also discussed household items and each child shared ideas of things they have at home.

We continue to do our morning groups, where the children discuss what makes them kind, gentle, courageous and other positive qualities that bring a calm and gentle start to each day.

On Wednesday we celebrated Maths Day. The children enjoyed a number 1-10 bingo game and we also made a number caterpillar using paint and our fingers. In the afternoon, we made kites using cards and paper and they each decorated theirs with shapes and numbers and tried to make it fly.

On Friday, we celebrated Red Nose Day. For the occasion, we decorated fairy cakes to raise money for this good cause. Thank you all for your donations.

This week, we will be looking at houseboats and we will celebrate St Patrick Day on Monday 18th. The phonetic sound of the week is "t"

Children's House Oak

We had a lovely and busy week last week in Oak class, with loads of fun and engaging activities. In groups we discussed household items and where we found them. In class we have classified cards for each room in a house. The children have really enjoyed exploring the new activities on our cultural shelves and have been keen on doing focused learning around the sandpaper letters. We often find them using the sand trays and practicing the sound of the week and letter formation.



We are bringing loads of attention to our lovely insets for design as we have noticed the children have had a lot of focus on drawing recently and we have begun to direct them to these insets to help them practice their fine motor skills and pencil control, ready for writing in the future.

On Wednesday we had World Maths Day, during circle time we had a discussion around the numbers on the children's clothes and we had some exciting and interactive activities focused around math's, like shape stamping with paint, and the children particularly were enthralled by our very fun Large Dice hopscotch game in the garden!



We also spoke about Ramadan as the Islamic month began on Monday, and we had a parent very kindly send a box of dates for the children to try. We started our St. Patrick's Day art activity which we will be completing on Monday as the children will be coming in wearing green that day to mark the occasion. Friday was Red Nose Day and the children decorated cupcakes to raise lots of money; thank you for your generous donations.

This week marks the last week of our topic this term around Houses and Homes, and our last weekly topic will be around Houseboats. We will be discussing what a houseboat is and where they are found, how Houseboats are different from normal boats and engage in discussions around what the children think it would be like to live on a boat. We will be using different shapes for the children to be able to create their own houseboats on paper and having discussions around what their houseboat would look like and feature.



Our phonetic sound of the week this week is "t". As usual we would love for the children to bring in a small item for show and tell that starts with the letter "t". Parents can extend this learning at home by practicing the sound with games like I-Spy. Our Out and About session this week will be a science experiment of 'sink or float'!

Children's House Elm

Last week in Elm class, we continued to enjoy learning more about Homes and Houses where we focused on household items. We identified what items they were and where they can be found in the house using items from our Practical Life Area. This activity helps us practise our sorting skills as well as building our ability to see patterns, make connections, and form logical conclusions which will further help us develop important skills such as mathematical and logical thinking. Furthermore, we listened to different household appliances sounds such as, kettle boiling, tap running and washing machine running and the children were able to guess what the items were with a bit of adult support.

During our Out and About session, we celebrated Maths Day by playing the number hunting game. Everyone had fun looking out for hidden numbers and placing it on the table. We then had to rearrange the numbers in order from 0-9. Afterwards we went



exploring the garden looking for different objects such as stones or pebbles, twigs, snails, shells and leaves to place on each number. This activity encouraged the children to use their gross motor skills as they run around the garden. The natural materials gathered from the garden serves as a sensorial exploration as we discussed the different textures, sizes, colours and smells.

We enjoyed a lovely visit to the Higham Hill library where we were read a story by the librarian called "The Perfect Present". Afterwards, we explored the library by picking a book we like and looking at the pictures. We also practised how to borrow and return a book using a library card. One of our favourite experiences there was returning the book because we enjoyed placing the books in the "book bin". We also had the opportunity to join in their nursery rhymes session before making our way back to nursery. We enjoyed the walk back and looked at different houses in relation to our spring term topic.



Miss Hatti kindly spoke to us about Ramadan. We learnt why it is celebrated and its importance. This activity helped us to learn the important values like empathy, self-discipline, and gratitude. It fosters respect for diverse cultures and traditions within Islam as the children explored the outfits.

On Friday, we dressed up in red and discussed the reason. We showed the children the charity box and told them where the money will be going and how the charity will be grateful for their contributions.

We reinforced the phonic sound of the week by thinking of words beginning with that sound such as 'p' in pot; and 'h' in house. We also practised the letter formation using our fine and gross motor skills as we write and trace in the sand tray as well as in the air.

We also discussed about St. Patrick's Day and learned the vocabulary of a 'shamrock'. We created and decorated some shamrocks to take home!

This week, we will continue to learn more about Homes and Houses whilst we focus on Houseboats. We will be looking at houseboat pictures and discussing what it

is, why are there houseboats, where can it be seen, what can be taken or seen on houseboats, how houseboats are different to the regular boats and also naming the different parts of the houseboats.

In numeracy, we will focus on vocabularies such as small, big, tall, short, wide and thin as well as looking at colours and mixing various colours to get a particular colour.

Our phonetic sound of the week is 't'. Please continue to reinforce this sound with your child and practise playing the I Spy game when out or indoors.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings



We had another successful week full of interesting activities and discussions. We discussed what kind of household items we can find around our homes. Each day we looked at different rooms in a house.

We talked about the kitchen, bathroom, living room, bedroom and dining room. We played a memory game where we identified different household items around the classroom. Then we covered the items with the scarf and removed one item. The children did really well remembering which item is missing from the mat. The children really enjoyed discussion about their homes where they were describing sizes of the bedrooms and their favourite rooms.

We also introduced Ramadan, where children listen to a short story and joined in a discussion about what the festival represents. We will continue this topic next week and children will be making art activities related to this festival.



Our maths day was a huge success. We looked at different numbers, learned about shapes around us and that we could see in our environment, and enjoyed an art activity where we printed different shapes on paper. We ended the day by having a special visitor Marlowe. The children stroked her, learned about what she likes to eat, and what games she likes to play.

Our Red Nose Day celebration was also lots of fun. We made flapjacks and enjoyed playing games where we danced, sang and moved. It was all about having fun and raising awareness of this charity. Thank you for

sending your child to the nursery wearing red colour and donating £1.

This week we will be learning about St Patrick's Day that was celebrated on Sunday. Our colour of the week is green and we will also continue with our houses and homes topic. We will be discussing houseboats!

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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