

W/C Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024

# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



**This** is our very last newsletter for the Spring term. Please be reminded that our last day is this **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March**, and the children will be dismissed at their respective times given below.

Remember, the children will not need a packed lunch. Breakfast club will be running as normal but please note there will be no lunch or tea timers club.

### Dismissal times:

**Nursery classes (Acorn and Seedlings): 12.30pm**

**Oak class: 12.15pm**

**Elm class: 12.20pm**

**Brookcroft: 12.30pm**

We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. We are looking forward to welcoming several new families to WMS in the Summer term and we are sure you will join us in giving them a very warm welcome. We are also sadly saying goodbye to some families moving away, and wish them all the very best.



*We have an Easter display on our culture table this week. The children have been introduced to some Easter objects and seasonal activities they can work with.*

## Dance Performance



The children were very proud to have their parents watch their ballet lesson at the Children's House this week. They have been working so hard and really enjoying their lessons each week. We hope you enjoyed watching what they have been working on.



## Easter Bonnets

We love seeing our parents' creativity! On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> March at 12.30pm. Please note your child will not need a packed lunch on this day.*

## Flower Monitor

Thank you Zofia for bringing flowers for Elm Class this week! The children enjoy beautifying their environments by flower arranging and taking care of fresh flowers throughout the week.



## Easter Holiday Club

Confirmation texts will be sent this week of your child's place in our holiday club.

If you have booked and paid for a place in the Easter club but do not receive confirmation, please contact the office. Please keep this text to show the team next week if required.

## Summer Term Fees

The first instalment of your summer term 2024 fees is due today, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Please note the next instalment date given on your invoice.

## 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 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024**. If your child will be receiving confirmation of a Reception place on 16<sup>th</sup> April please ensure you provide written notice that your child is leaving and the name of their next school.

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.



## School Photographs

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

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May – Penrhyn**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Brookscroft**

## Class Information:

### Children's House Brookscroft

This week at Children's House Brookscroft, the children discovered the boathouse. They were fascinated by the fact that some people choose to live on boats. We learned that some families lived on canals or rivers and others travelled the world on their houseboats. In mathematics, some children continued to recognise the teen numbers using the Seguin board. In language, some worked on CVC words while others continue letter sound-symbol association with sound games and sandpaper letters.



The children continue to work with practical life activities, refining their coordination of movement and preparing their hands for writing.

During art last week, we made beautiful daffodil fields using paint and tissue paper.

In our out-and-about session, we worked on linking quantities to numbers using leaves, twigs and stones. This week, we've planned a lot of activities around Easter for the children. A reminder that the



children should come to school wearing an Easter bonnet made at home on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March!** We will also be having our trip to the park on **Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of March**, please do not forget to return your child's permission slips.

### Children's House Oak

Last week we had our final lessons on the topic of



Houses and Homes, and the children were learning all about houseboats. The children enjoyed talking about what a houseboat is and why it's different from normal boats. We had an art session on making our own houseboats whilst we spoke about what our own houseboats would look like

on the inside if we each had one. We also had a large box to make into a boat, that the children enjoyed painting in the garden whilst we had some sunshine! We also made a wheel and exhaust pipe for it and the children enjoyed this vocabulary.

We introduced the children to a 'Sink or Float' experiment. The children searched around the gardens collecting items to use for the experiment, they then tested the items one by one whilst predicting what they thought would happen. We came to the conclusion that heavy items would sink and light items would float.

Our sound of the week was the letter 't'. Robin and Sophia-Rose both brought in interesting items to share with their friends this week. Robin brought in his Ammonite and Sophia Rose showed her friends a wooden bird toy that her dad handmade.



This week is our last week at school before the Easter holiday. We will be having a lovely week full of easter themed activities. We will also be practicing numbers and reinforcing our phonetic sounds. Eid-ul-Fitr will be in the easter break this year so we will also be making Eid Cards. We are looking forward to welcoming the children back on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April.

## Children's House Elm



Last week Elm class has been learning all about different kinds of houseboats, rooms in a houseboat, and how some families use them to travel around the world. During one of the discussions, the children shared that they would like to have a picnic on the boat deck, enjoy watching and feeding sea birds and animals, and wished to travel to see grandparents and friends that live afar.

We collected different items such as twigs and leaves in our out and about session which we used to create beautiful houseboats with flags. Through simple origami we folded paper to build our own imaginative houseboats. We could see children excited to finish this artwork with details of picnics on boat decks, families and friends in the rooms, mermaids and sea creatures to watch beneath too! It was one lovely travel journey!



The children have been enjoying the continents boxes in our classroom. These boxes are introduced which speak about the different continents, cultures, people, landscapes, food, architecture, vehicles and more. This increases the children's social awareness and understanding of other people and cultures.

The children continue to work with exercises of practical life, such as zipping, buttoning, folding, transferring etc. We see that children use this learning independently by zipping their coats, changing their shoes, pouring water in cups, or offering drinks or plates of food to friends.

We thanked Zofia for bringing in beautiful flowers last week. Flower arranging includes pouring water in vases, wiping spills, cutting the stems with scissors and arranging the flowers nicely in the vase. The children take pride in caring for them throughout the week, refreshing the water and keeping their Children's House beautiful.

Children learnt how different objects float or sink with hands-on learning experience, taking turns, being patient and watching closely as each object was immersed in the water tub. It amazed them that items that look and feel heavy need not necessarily sink!

Last week we reinforced the sound 't' and saw responses such as taxi, turtle, toolbox, trampoline and more. This week we are going to have fun with lots of Easter activities and reinforcing the sounds covered this term.

## Nursery - Acorn and Seedlings

We began last week by learning about St. Patrick's Day. Children enjoyed creating shamrocks and we discussed St. Patrick's Day traditions.



We also learned about houseboats. We used photographs to discuss how houseboats differ to normal boats, and we talked about different parts of houseboats, life in a houseboat and where we may see them in London. We encouraged children to design their own houseboat using different shapes. Children were encouraged to discuss their plans before they started creating using words like tall, small, thin, wide and many more. It was interesting to hear everyone discussing how life on a houseboat may be in windy or rainy weather. The children had lots of ideas and shared their thoughts with their friends.

Everyone enjoyed our sink and float experiment. All the children did very well in taking turns, predicting and finding out if objects are going to sink or float. It was a lovely experience for the children and they had lots of fun guessing about their own chosen object!



We were also enjoying sunny days in our garden and used the sand tray to build and make houses. We practiced catching and throwing a ball, skipping and hopping on one leg.

This week we are planning lots of easter-related activities to introduce during our work cycles. All of us are looking forward to our Easter egg hunt!

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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