

W/C Monday 8th July 2024

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Trip to Children's House

The children transitioning to our Children's House in September enjoyed a visit there last week. They had a short work cycle, some time in the garden and enjoyed lunch together as a class. They were talking lots about it through the rest of the week and we hope they're looking forward to their first full day there tomorrow.



Library Trip

This morning the children of our Brookscroft Children's House enjoyed a trip to the library. They walked beautifully, were read a story by one of the librarians and had some time for a snack and book-browsing before a nice walk back to school. As ever, we were impressed and proud of their maturity and sensible manner both travelling and inside the library.



Sports Week

We are looking forward to Sports Week this week! This will be happening in each class throughout the week in the school garden so every child will be involved. Therefore, please ensure your child is appropriately dressed throughout the week with trainers for taking part in the various fun sporty activities!



Our last day of this term is Friday 19th July 2024. Please note school closes at 12.30pm on this day so your child will not need a packed lunch.

Autumn Term Invoices

Please ensure your autumn term invoices are settled by the given instalment dates. Please refer to the email sent to parents today for further information.

School Trip Dates:

Elm: 10th July
Oak: 11th July

Important Diary Dates:

Penrhyn Summer Concerts:

Elm Class: Monday 15th July at 2.20pm
Oak Class: Tuesday 16th July at 2.20pm
Nursery Acorn: Wednesday 17th July at 11.45am
Nursery Seedlings: Thursday 18th July at 11.45am

Brookscroft Children's House Key Dates:

Monday 15th July: 2.15pm Dance Assembly
Tuesday 16th July: Tennis Lesson at Lloyd Park
Friday 19th July: 11.45am Class Summer Concert followed by Leavers' Ceremony

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Concert Letters

Last week you will have received an email with finer details about your child's summer concert and leavers assembly. If you did not receive this please notify the office.

No Grapes

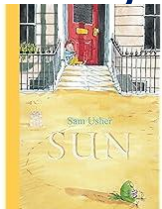
A gentle reminder that we have a **no grapes** policy at WMS as they pose a choking hazard, even if cut into pieces. Thank you.

School Photographs

We hope you have enjoyed receiving your school photos. If you are expecting a photo to be delivered to school and have not received it, please let us know. If your child attends Brookcroft and you have not received your photos, they should reach you tomorrow.



Class Information: Book of the Week



Sun
by
Sam Usher

Children's House Brookcroft

Last week the children learned about the bee. The children have learnt about the life cycle of a bee and have been introduced to the vocabulary of larvae and pupa. We talked about how important bees are in our ecosystem and that they are 'pollinators' for flowers, fruits and vegetables. Bees help to transfer the pollen to help these things grow. Bees also give us honey and have a special dance called the waggle dance.

We talked about our sound of the week 'e' and the children came up with many words and names of children in the class beginning with this letter.

We continued to practise our summer concert which we can't wait to share with you and the children are gaining confidence saying their lines.

For our out and about session last week we talked about the life cycle of the bee and listened to our book of the week 'Little Bee.' The children were invited to hunt around the garden looking for paper bees that had been hidden. We had a pretend hive where the children placed the bees they had found.

We finished the week by cooking with the ingredient honey. We made some flapjacks with oats, honey and butter. Children were invited to spoon and mix the ingredients.

This week we will continue our learning on bees. The children will be learning about how bees make honey and how different bees have different roles. Bees also work together and help each other so this will also be a focus of discussion around how the children can help and work together just like bees.

Children's House Elm

Last week we began to explore the different kinds of bees that exist and the similarities and differences between a honey bee and a bumble bee. We talked about the concept of pollination and the different fruits and vegetables that grow due to pollination.



This week we will continue to understand more about bees, we will observe a honeycomb and see where bees hold onto pollen, where they drink the nectar from, how they make honey and where the queen

been lives.

In art we enjoyed finger printing with paint to create honeycomb and then collaged bees on to the printing.

We made 'bee' themed cookies using oats and raisins and then decorated them with yellow and black rolled out icing to make the features of the bee.



It was Marcellus' birthday and he very much enjoyed doing his birthday walk. Happy birthday Marcellus!

Children's House Oak

Last week, we started learning about our last minibeast of the topic, the Bee. We looked at the lifecycle of the bee and through this, the children learnt another new word reading about a hatched bee egg, which is called a grub. We also spoke about pollination and why bees are important, through investigating how bees carry pollen on their bodies.



The children have been recalling that only female bees have stingers, bees prefer purple flowers and that only honey bees make honey. We also looked into how honey bees make honey and how beekeepers keep bees. The children were able to investigate some real bees and look at real honeycomb.



On Thursday we had a lovely morning for our out and about session, where the children pretended to be bees, buzzing through an obstacle course to find flowers for nectar at the end. It was a fun way for the children to exercise their gross motor skills through jumping, climbing, crawling and running.

On Friday we enjoyed baking some cupcakes and decorating them with fondant to make them look like bees.

We celebrated Reya's birthday with a WMS birthday walk on Wednesday as she turned 4. Happy birthday Reya!

This week is sports week where we will be practicing lots of sporting events with the children like the egg and spoon race, tossing hoops on a ring and relay races.

We will also be continuing our learning around bees, with this week focusing on the body parts of a bee and their habitat. We will be looking more closely at what a bee hive is like on the inside and what the different roles are in a colony. The children continue to work well on preparing for the summer concert and have also been making beautiful props for decoration. On Thursday we will be having our second trip to Lloyd Park where our second group of children will be going on a minibeast hunt.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

We had a very busy week last week in our nursery classrooms. Throughout the week we were learning about bees. The children are able to talk about all stages of the bee's lifecycle. We also discussed the different body parts of the bee. Did you know that bees have five eyes? We looked at the number five and counted in sequence.

Bees are amazing and hard-working animals and the children learned they have different roles, such as the Queen Bee.

The children learned about how Worker Bees collect the nectar from flowers and store it in a hexagon-shaped beeswax honeycomb. They turn this nectar into honey by drying it out by flapping their wings gently. This creates a warm breeze which dries out the honey. We talked about how honey is natural and it has lots of vitamins for our bodies. Lots of the children said they like honey in their porridge! We recognised that bees are super important for nature and complete pollination by sprinkling pollen on flowers, making them grow. We also discussed how people wear suits to protect themselves not to get stung by the bee when they visit a bee hive. We had lots of fun learning about bees and we will continue discussing this topic with the children!

This week we will be having sports week. We will have lots of sports games, obstacle courses and yoga to complete in the garden. We will be learning how it is important for our body to exercise and stay fit and healthy.

We have different types of activities planned throughout the week where children will be practicing skipping, throwing and catching a ball, egg and spoon races and learning the importance of working as a team. We have sports activities planned for every day so everybody will be involved.



Best wishes, WMS Admin

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