

Walthamstow Montessori School

Our Weekly News



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Jeans For Genes Day.

We had such a fun 'Jeans For Genes Day' last Friday! 🎉

The children wore jeans and denim and we had many exciting activities planned for this special day. They enjoyed creating art pieces made from the many donated pieces of denim.

We thank you all for your generosity and many donations. We managed to raise an amazing amount, which we will donate to this wonderful charity to help support children and families affected by genetic conditions.

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HARVEST FESTIVAL

On Tue 8th October, we will join together to hold our Harvest Festival Assembly. This is only for the children who attend Tuesdays and parents do not attend.

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HARVEST DONATIONS

We will be collecting your Harvest Donations very soon. More information and details on what to donate will be shared in the next newsletter.

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OCT HOLIDAY CLUB

The deadline to book a place has now passed. You should have received a confirmation email & an invoice due on Sep 20th. Let the office know if you have not had yours.



Half Term

Begins Thursday 17th October at 3pm. Early Risers & Tea Timers clubs will run as usual on that day.



Our Book Of The Week.

'Meet The Planets' by Caryl Hart, a rhyming picture book about the planets of the solar system.



Name me!

Please remember to name all your child's belongings, including lunch boxes, smocks, plimsols etc. Thank you so much!

Acorn & Seedlings

We had another successful week learning about our planet Earth last week. The children who are settling are making great progress and we are very proud of them.

We looked closely at planet Earth. We counted it as the third planet in our solar system and we looked at number 3. The children had already learnt that Planet Earth is made of land and water and last week, we introduced them to the continents of the world through a song called "Show me the continent". We looked at the continent globe and compared the size of each continent. In our literacy lesson, we learned all about the sound "e". The children traced the letter using the Montessori sandpaper letter and enjoyed looking for different objects around the classroom beginning with "e". (Elephant, elbow, envelope etc).

We are developing our knowledge and beginning to recognise colours through games, and Montessori activities using Colour Boxes 1 and 2. Each week we have a new colour of the week for the children to become familiar with; our colour last week was blue. The children enjoyed

looking for blue objects and comparing different shades of blue, whilst discussing their preferences.

We used shapes to create a space rocket, and this helped us to learn and identify shapes such as a circle, a triangle, a rectangle and a square. The children had so much fun decorating the rocket, which will be displayed on our board this term.

The children are enjoying Practical Life activities, exercising their fine motor skills and developing their concentration. Our art area was very popular last week. The children enjoyed practising their cutting skills and creating different collages using their own cut out pieces. Our Grace and Courtesy lessons are a great opportunity to build confidence and independence.

We enjoyed celebrating 'Jeans for Genes Day' and there were lots of fun activities prepared for the children throughout the day. Thank you for all of your kind donations.

Children's House Elm

Last week was full of curiosity and wonder as we explored our space topic further. The children enjoyed learning about the solar system and the planets.

We encourage the children to be compassionate, independent and responsible in our classroom. This is done through our morning routine and an activity when each child chooses a quality they would like to work on throughout the day. It always amazes us to see how the children display so much compassion by being gentle and kind towards each other, as well as a great deal of independence and a sense of responsibility.

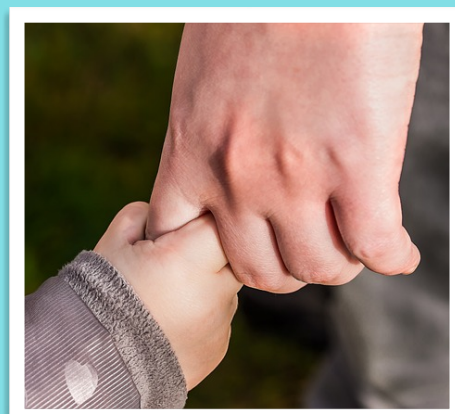


Parent Corner

The local authority have informed us of a free parent course, available in September.

BAP Course is a free nine-week evidence based model for parents of children aged 2 to 11 years. Parent Group Leads will guide you through the EPEC manual to help children and families get the best start in life, by supporting parents to manage their child's feelings, communicate and interact positively with your child, use positive behaviour management strategies, and manage parental stress.

Sessions are offered face-to-face at one of the local Family Hubs/Community Halls and are available in September. To sign up, email EPEC@walthamforest.gov.uk, and provide your name, phone number, email address and the age of your child. Or you can call [07799913026](tel:07799913026).





We thank Aria for being last week's happy flower monitor and bringing in some lovely flowers to arrange with her friends.

Group times and art lessons focused last week on teaching the children that the sun is a big ball of hot gas and fire, and that planet Earth is made up of water and land. They had fun pretending to be a planet orbiting around the sun, enhancing their motor skills and their ability to follow simple instructions.

Our Out and About session helped us be more observant of our planet Earth. We talked about how it is made up of all kinds of living things and how can we keep it protected by not littering and planting more trees. It was great to hear some of the children's discussions as we lay down in the garden, watching the open sky and observing life around us. We saw living things such as birds flying above, trees and plants swaying in the cool breeze, bees buzzing and butterflies fluttering.

We started our Italian lessons last week. The children were inquisitive and intrigued to know and learn more. They were introduced to a new range of common and 'often-used' words, such as the names of family members and colours. A few children could recall the names of the colours by identifying them in their clothes, 'I have verde socks', 'I am wearing a rosa jumper', 'I have nero shoes'.

The letter of the week 'e' was reinforced with the help of objects beginning with the sound. We used our 'thinking caps' and came up with responses such as 'I hear the 'e' sound in the word elephant and egg'. The children enjoyed practising their letter writing in the sand and forming letters in playdough.

We had some great Show and Tell performances last week and the children showed enthusiasm and confidence. We extended our knowledge about volcanoes, as one child shared beautiful insights on this topic through a picture and fact-based book.

Harvest songs are a great tune to sing to both indoors and outdoors, as we eagerly await the upcoming Harvest Assembly next month.

This week, we will continue to explore our space topic by extending our knowledge of facts about the moon and developing an awareness of NASA and astronauts. We will use weights and measures for logical learning, use various describing words for the Moon, learn about the Moon's phases, and create Van Gogh's Starry Night inspired art work.

Children's House Oak

Last week we carried on with our topic on space, focusing on our home, Planet Earth, for the week.

During our circle time and group presentations, we spoke about how there is only 1 Earth that we live on and we had a look at the land and water globe, which is a material that teaches the children a basic understanding of the Earth being made up of land and water. As they hold it, the globe also allows the children a tactile and more concrete way to understand that Earth has a spherical shape, and they are also able to feel the rough texture of the land masses and the smooth texture of the sea. We spoke about the continents as we looked at a continent map and had a look at some pictures from each place. For our Out and About session, we spoke about recycling and saving the planet. The children enjoyed laying on the ground and observing what they saw, as we spoke about how we share our planet with different animals and insects, and how important it is to take care of our planet for ourselves and the creatures all over the world. We then spoke about what recycling is, why we recycle and where everything ends up. Our sound of the week was the letter 'e' and our number of the week was the number '1'.

This week, we will be learning all about the Moon. We will be talking about what the Moon is made of and how many days there are in a lunar cycle. We will also be looking at pictures of and discussing man's first trip to the Moon. Our sound of the week is the letter 'm'. For our Out and About session, we will be acting out our own trip to the Moon using sound effects and visuals. For our baking activity, we will be making our own edible moon rocks!

We continue to learn about our Artist of the Term Mondrian, as we create our own art pieces inspired by his work. We have also begun to prepare for our Autumn Harvest Festival concert. We regularly discuss Autumn and what changes we will be seeing as soon as the season begins to change. The children are really enjoying singing the songs as part of our morning circle and are very excited. Our number of the week this week is the number 2.

Children's House Brookcroft

We had another wonderful week last week in Brookcroft Children's House, as we continued exploring the topic of "space".

We started with an introduction to the solar system using the embroidered planets mat and a model of Planet Earth. The children enjoyed placing Planet Earth on the dotted line and learned how the planets orbit the sun. In the afternoon, the children had ballet with Miss Tracey, enjoying twirling away to the rhythm of the music!

On Tuesday, the children were introduced to all of the planets on our embroidered mat as they enjoyed taking turns orbiting the planets around the sun one by one. The children have been practising their gross motor skills on the new rainbow triangle climbing frame in the garden and



are doing so well! On Tuesday afternoon, the children had their first Italian lesson of the term, singing songs and introducing themselves. They also continued their tennis lessons with Miss Hillary, practising hitting and aiming with the ball and racket.

During art this week, the children painted yellow suns and blue spirals to start their own space mobiles. They are continuing to work on their grace and courtesy, understanding the expectations within the Children's House as they develop self-control and independence. We made the most of the glorious sunshine on Thursday afternoon as we spent it in the garden singing 'Mr Golden Sun', experimenting with the 'sink and float' activity, exploring classified cards and scrubbing wellies!

We ended the week celebrating 'Jeans for Genes Day'; the children used recycled jeans to decorate the letter 'j'. Miss Jessica introduced 'The Planet song' to the children, as we continued our fascinating discoveries of Space!



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Don't forget to follow us on Instagram too and look out for regular posts of what we are doing.
([@walthamstowmontessori](https://www.instagram.com/walthamstowmontessori))

Download a 'Wow Moment' form here!



Role Play Magazine

We are working in partnership with The Lloyd Park Children's Charity, who support families with children under 5 years living in Waltham Forest.

Find their magazine online, as well as a timetable of all the activities and sessions they organise locally. If you would prefer a paper copy, ask your child's teacher for one, as we do have a few copies of the timetable in the office.



Artist of the Term.

The children have continued to enjoy creating Piet Mondrian inspired art. New activities for the children to explore have also been placed on the shelves in Elm and Oak, focussing on Mondrian's most famous pieces of art.