

Walthamstow Montessori School

Our Weekly News



The Montessori Work Cycle.

At WMS, our Montessori classrooms offer the children a carefully prepared environment to explore. Each morning, we dedicate a precious, extended period of time to what is called 'The Work Cycle', when the children are free to engage with the materials and activities of their own choosing. The teachers' role is to quietly observe, only intervening when necessary or to introduce a child to a new exercise.

The Work Cycle assists the children's development and offers them many opportunities to develop independence and great focus and concentration, as well as a deep joy for learning and a care for the environment. The children move from one activity to the other in their own time, frequently repeating an exercise many times before tidying it away and selecting another.



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WMS NEWSLETTER

Our weekly newsletter is sent out every Monday. Look out for it in your inbox; it will keep you up to date with all things WMS!

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BEDDING BAGS

Remember to take bedding bags home regularly for a wash. Just ask a teacher at the end of the day & bring it freshly washed on your child's first day back at school.

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HALF TERM

We will be closing for the half-term break on Friday 13th February at 17.45pm. School will resume on Monday 23rd February 2026.



Spring Invoices.

Don't forget that the last instalment of your Spring Term invoice is due to be paid on the 4th February. We thank you for a prompt payment.



Holiday Club.

Our Easter Holiday Club will be finalised shortly. Look out for an email from the office soon, with details on how to book a place for your child.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch.

Did you enjoy looking out for birds in your garden at the weekend?

Which species did you spot and how many of each bird did you see?



Last week at WMS.

We made more bird feeders to help the birds through the winter. We enjoyed spotting them in the garden while learning about their movements, body parts and sounds. Some classes took part in a feather treasure hunt and created beautiful feather bracelets.

Arden in Seedlings Class and Achille in Oak Class were the Flower Monitors.

Our continent focus remained on Europe and our country. The children learned about the royal family and the King's coronation, explored the colours of the UK flag, and made their own edible flags. They also created crowns from natural materials and enjoyed exploring London landmarks, including Big Ben and Buckingham Palace.

We worked on the sound and formation of the letter 'k', for 'king', and in Maths, we compared long and short and studied the number 7.

At Children's House Brookscroft, the children practised peeling and slicing foods for snack. They created beautiful poppy paintings inspired by Claude Monet using cotton buds. Lark showed photos from her Disneyland family trip, Max shared his weekend with Everywhere Bear and Albert was the Flower Monitor.



Books of the Week.

Children's House Brookscroft are reading 'The Storm Whale in Winter' by Benji Davies. Acorn and Seedlings classes are reading 'When Winter Comes', by Ekaterina Trukhan, and Oak & Elm classes are reading 'One Snowy Night' by Nick Butterworth.



Walthamstow Wetlands.

Walthamstow Wetlands regularly offer free, fun, family activities.

Join them for a weekend session exploring the pond and surrounding areas to discover the wildlife living at Woodberry Wetlands. Activities include using nets to look at the animals found in the pond and looking under logs to see which mini beasts can be spotted.

Find out more [by clicking this link](#). The next session is on Sunday 1st February.

