

Happy 25th Birthday Walthamstow Montessori School



“Thank you for creating this truly special one of a kind school. We’re so grateful to have been part of it for a number of years. What an incredible thing you have done for this community. It takes guts, determination, dedication, love and passion.”

EJ, current parent.

Happy 25th Birthday WMS!

Just six weeks after opening WMS, Miss Lorna arranged the first school photo. The photographer changed the date last minute, so sadly not all the children could attend. There were usually 26 children in each day and school finished at 3pm, except Fridays when it finished at 12:30pm. There were no breakfast or after-school clubs for many years.

The school had five teachers, all trained by Miss Lorna at the Montessori training college, and they have since moved into senior roles in education. The children in the photo are now aged 27–29 years. Miss Lorna still keeps in touch with many of them, and several now have children of their own.

Miss Lorna forgot to wash Eliza’s smock the night before the photograph and she is still slightly embarrassed about it today! Eliza is happily standing directly in front of her in this special photograph.

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FEES

2nd School Fee Instalments were due on the 23rd April, last instalments are due on May 23rd. Notices of children leaving WMS at the end of July will be acknowledged this week.

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PHOTO DAYS

Photo Days are coming soon. The children will need to wear their smocks.
CH Penrhyn: Wed 6th May
CH Brookcroft: Thu 14th May.

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BANK HOLIDAY

May we remind you that school will be CLOSED on Bank Holiday Monday, the 4th May!



Yorkshire travels.

Iris spent most of Easter in East Yorkshire near places painted by David Hockney. His brother once lived a few houses from Iris’ grandparents’ bungalow, and after his mother died, Hockney moved into her Bridlington home, where he set up a studio and painted the local landscape, art Iris and her family love.

Iris’ mum took a photo of her and her grandpa outside the house. They are delighted that David Hockney is this term’s artist.



Mr Phil runs.

We are so proud of Mr Phil who ran the London Marathon yesterday for the first time to raise funds for GOSH, a cause close to his heart. He finished in 4 hours 50 minutes and raised over £26000. If you would like to kindly make a donation, [click here](#).



Last week at WMS.

We celebrated our school's 25th birthday. At Children's House Brookscroft, the children shared birthday memories, designed cakes and explored the number 25. The week was festive with dancing, decorations and a garden lunch. The highlight was Thursday's shared celebration at Penrhyn Avenue.

Elm Class learned about caterpillars in Forest School, creating their own with malleable materials and sticks and going on a bug hunt. They now have a worm garden and discovered worms prefer damp soil. The children will collect grass to feed them.

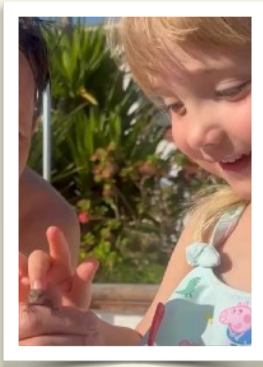
Oak Class explored the number 25 and the colour silver, creating a beautiful patchwork star. They set up a minibeast table, observed a spider hunting a bee, discussed life cycles and fed their snails daily with cucumber.

Acorn and Seedlings classes celebrated with birthday discussions and making bunting with green handprints. They built a bug hotel, explored objects beginning with "a," and practised independence through daily routines and tasks. Seedlings Class made a silver and green nest for Miss Lorna to mark 25 years of WMS.

On Thursday, all the children at Penrhyn shared a celebratory lunch in the garden with Miss Lorna and Miss Eliza, her daughter. We thank you all for your lovely cards and generous book donations.

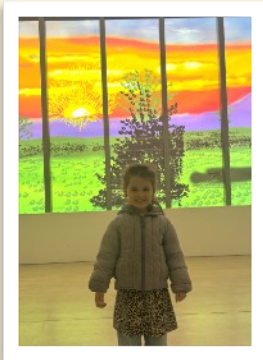


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Holiday encounter.

One of our pupils sent this picture of a very exciting holiday adventure when she stroked a little amphibian and wanted to share this lovely pic with her friends as we begin our topic on minibeasts.



David Hockney.

This little one was thrilled to see a David Hockney window painting in Margate and wanted to share! She is excited to learn more about him. Thank you for sharing!



Book of the Week.

This week, all classes will be reading 'One Springy Day', by Nick Butterworth.

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Miss Lorna & Miss Eliza

