

W/C Monday 25th June 2018

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Sports Day – this Friday

Friday 29th June, 2018

Please remember school is closed this week on Friday as we will all be off site at the sports ground.

Please ensure you have returned your slips indicating your attendance and orders for T-shirts. If you have sent in an order and do not receive your t-shirt by Wednesday, please let the office know by email – subject heading ‘T-shirt’.

It is always an extremely enjoyable event for all and we look forward to seeing all our families at the George White Playing fields. Please remember school is closed on this day and that you must stay on site at the playing fields with your child during the event.

If you have responded that you are able to bring a gazebo and or cakes then that would be fantastic. We will send a further email with more info so we can see how best to coordinate this.

Diary Dates to Remember!

Please note that we close for the summer holidays on Tuesday 17th July. Early Risers will run on this day but Tea Timers’ will not as there will be staff training taking place.

Summer Concert: Whole school family event. Friday 13th July at the Chingford Assembly Hall.



With the continuing hot weather

PLEASE ensure your child has sun-screen applied before school and a named sun-hat. There were still



children that came in every day last week without a hat to protect them from the hot weather. We will keep them as cool and hydrated as possible so please send them in with a sun hat.

WMS Summer Holiday Club – Extended Days

Please return your booking forms if you require either or both of the extra days now available; i.e. 8th and 9th August.

The Big & Little Toddle

Please return any sponsorship forms and monies ASAP. As we want to see the grand total.

Autumn 2018 Term Fees

Invoices have been issued and each child should come home with an invoice for school fees which are due by this Friday (50% as outlined on the invoice). Payment for school fees, if being made by cheque would mean that both instalment payments would need to be received on or before Monday 2nd July (extended slightly due to sports day). Please postdate the second cheque accordingly.

Payment by Bank Transfer or child-care vouchers/cash should be made on or before the same deadlines to secure your child’s place for the Autumn term.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the school term.

Class Information

Please return your child’s music festival permission slip.

Elementary:

Last week, children have been learning about ancient civilisations in history. Children were using the history of writing cards and comparing

how ancient civilisations used different methods to communicate their thoughts and ideas. Some children were working on pronouns and conjunctions, using the parts of speech materials, handwriting activities, reading comprehension tasks, editing skills and writing paragraphs using topic sentences. Next, Children have been discussing playground rules and sharing of equipment. Elementary children came up with some good ideas on how to organise playground equipment and playground rules, so that it would be fair for all classrooms. Children used their out and about time to organise playground equipment into baskets, so that each class would have an equal amount of items to share and created a wonderful rule list for the playground. Children were able to present their ideas to the other classrooms in an assembly.

Children continued to rehearse songs for the Waltham Forest Music Festival, as well as rehearse for the end of the year school play. In maths some children have been working on division with the unit board and then completing the corresponding multiplication problem. Other children are working on converting fractions to percentages, and writing the corresponding decimal. Other maths activities included long multiplication, continued graphing work test tube division, division with the stamp game and reviewing equivalencies in fractions. Children also worked on their weekly spelling words, editing their writing and various parts of speech activities.

This week, we will continue to rehearse for the play and music festival. We will also complete more work with fractions, angles, and geometry activities and topic work.

Sports Day is coming up on the 29th of June as well, so children will be continue getting ready during gym class for various sports day activities.

Prep:

Last week, Prep class enjoyed learning about trees and the parts of a tree. Children learned how they are formed and the different characteristics that define them. Children continued learning about money and at the end of the week we created our own market! This week we will learn more about time, telling the time in different ways. We will also rehearse for the summer concert and the Waltham Forest Festival. At the end of the week we will be celebrating Sports day

and children will be decorating banners for the day, we hope to see you all there!

Reception:

Last week, we continued our topic and discussed the many different types of jobs at sea. We have had conversations about the main features in regard of each role and in particular about scuba divers and at the reasons why divers may choose this profession. We have discussed with the children possibilities such as scientific research, hobby, selling sea creatures on the black market, and scuba divers training holiday makers within the resorts.

The children were able to explain their knowledge, understanding and experience with the movie Finding Nemo where the scuba diver gets Nemo away from his family.

The children then had to voice their concerns about the practice of certain scuba divers with a drawing.

This week, in our out and about session, the children showed strong team work whilst carrying planks and logs from one side of the garden to the other to make a long plank and then the challenge to was to walk the plank!

This week, we will be having group conversations about seaside trips, water safety and beach warning flags as well as sea and shore poems.

Kindergarten:

Oak:

Last week, we had an exciting time in Oak class by participating in lots of role play activities. We focused on 'people who work by the sea' by learning about fishermen, rescue workers and lighthouse keepers. The children looked at pictures and discussed the clothing, work and equipment used.

The children enjoyed listening to the story of 'the lighthouse keeper's lunch'. We also discussed the purpose of a lighthouse. Throughout the week, we discussed healthy and unhealthy food and created a display area on this subject. We have also been practising for sports day and we are ready and very excited to participate.

This week, we will be focusing on the seaside. We will be enjoying lots of fun outdoor activities as part of our learning.

Sycamore:

Our topic 'Seas and Oceans' continued last week with some exciting activities relating to people who help us at sea including divers and searching for pearls. Each child chose a number card then matched the quantity of pearls to the numeric symbol. This activity is an extension of our Montessori materials including cards and counters where the child matches the loose quantity to the loose symbol.

During circle time, there was much communication and language development as some of the children imparted their knowledge by sharing information with their teachers and peers about different types of people that help us at sea. We also looked at images of sea planes and boats where the children participated in matching and pairing various boats.

Throughout the area of expressive art and design, the children worked coherently in different groups to create a light house. After the lighthouses were finished, there was much excitement as the lights were switched on whilst



the light house keepers lunch was read to the children by their teacher. During our drama session, there was some excellent role play as the children acted out the role of a fisherman casting his fishing line at sea.

The children also made a message in the bottle adding different elements from the sea to it and incorporating their own message.

This week, and as we are shortly approaching the holidays, Sycamore class will be learning about the beach and all the areas surrounding it including sun safety, ice cream craft, fruit kebabs, sand painting and post cards to our family. In addition to the above, we will also be reinforcing our letter of the week 'j' by linking the sound to different objects in their environment.

Beech:

Last week, Beech class were very busy learning about people who work in or by the sea. We all enjoyed looking and discussing about divers, lifeguards, light house keepers and lifeboats. We

discussed in a group and looked at their clothes and the important equipment that are used in the various professions.

Children enjoyed making a lighthouse in our art sessions.

This week we will be learning about the seaside and what we can find at the seaside. If the children have anything at home they would like to share with the class then please bring it in.

We look forward to our sports day Friday – we have been practising our races and look forward to ending the session with a teddy bears picnic.

Nursery:

Last week, nursery children continued with their topic by learning about how people travel in different countries. Children explored the sandpaper globe and learned about different animals such as camels, dogs, elephants and yaks. For our Out and About sessions, we collected flowers and leaves and created beautiful collages by doing a sticking activity. We have also been practising our Sports Day races and have done lots of running games. Throughout the week, we have been also been continuing our concert song practice along with all of Kindergarten which has been fun.

This week, we will be making comparisons between transport in the past and transport today. We will also be preparing for Sports Day and using many props.

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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