

W/C Monday 2nd July 2018

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Thank you

to everybody that came to WMS' sports day last Friday, 29th June. It was an amazing day and the children all did us proud competing in their races. And the parents too!



We would like to say a big thank you to our parent reps for running such a successful cake stall and fundraising for some new school garden equipment.



Thank you also to all of you that baked and purchased. We raised a **grand total of £145.00.**

It was lovely seeing our lower school children in their lovely WMS sports day t-shirts. For the remainder of the Summer term, your child is welcome to wear this to school instead of their school smock. We do have some in stock still so if you would like an additional one then please let us know.

Congratulations to Emir from Elementary that won our 'design the sports day programme'.

Thank you to all our families that came along to enjoy our 18th annual sports day

WMS Summer Holiday Club – Themed Fun Days!

We have extended the holiday club until 9th August due to demand. If you require a place for your child on either the 8th or 9th August then please let us know ASAP. There will be some exciting and themed days planned from the team.

Summer Concert

We have lots going on but this is our next whole school Summer event. Full information on this whole school off-site event being held on Friday 13th July at the Chingford Assembly Hall, will be handed to every child today. Please check school bags if you do not get handed one. We will also email the letter too and have copies available at the school doors. It gets even busier in the school office as we prepare for the Autumn term too so we would really appreciate if deadlines could be adhered to.

Order Now - Summer Concert DVD's

As you will know we have our summer concert is filmed by a professional company.

You are able to order DVD's in advance to save you time and to ensure you get a copy. Please send the order form in with £15. DVD order forms will also be at the door for convenience as well as sent by email. Please address all orders to Miss Kate/DVD by Wednesday 11th July at the very latest. After this time, we will not be taking any pre-orders. After the event, additional copies are unable to be purchased.

Early Riser/Tea Timer Club advanced booking

If you require the clubs during w/c 9th July and/or w/c 16th July, then please note you need to book and pay in advance for the place.

A booking form will be sent home with those who will be receiving invoices today for services last week. Otherwise a copy will be emailed to you and further booking forms will be available at the front doors. Please ensure you return these by Friday 6th July to secure your place.

Waltham Forest Music Festival.

As you will know, our Upper School children will once again be representing WMS and joining lots of other schools from around the Borough at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall on Tuesday this week. We hope many of our parents can join us too in the audience and we wish our children lots of luck and fun at this event.

Autumn Term Fees

Invoices have been issued. 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. The first instalment cheque would be banked on Tuesday 3rd July with second instalment banked on Thursday 6th September. Please post-date accordingly.

Payment by Bank Transfer or child-care vouchers/cash should be made on or before Monday 2nd July to secure your child's place for the Autumn term and then second instalment on or before Thursday 6th September.

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

Every child will receive a school fee invoice so please contact the office immediately if you have not yet received.

Head-lice

We have had a reported case of head-lice. Please check your child and treat accordingly. Thank you.

Summer at WMS!

Children at Penrhyn enjoying their new garden benches!



Reminders – overview!

- Your child's Autumn term invoice to avoid late penalty fees;
- Summer Concert Letter – return the slip to book your tickets to attend;
- Order your Concert DVD's now!
- Pre-book Early Risers/Tea Timers for w/c 9th July and 16th July (booking forms at the door);
- Leavers' Assembly RSVP – please return along with your Leavers' Form that provides us with your child's ongoing school details. This is a mandatory requirement.
- Your child's school photo order should be with us soon and needs to be collected from the school by 17th July;
- You child's Summer Term school report – this should be sent home before the end of term!
- Notice: if your child will not be returning to WMS in January 2019 you will need to advise the school in writing on or before 6th September.

Class Information

Elementary

It was wonderful to see the whole school coming together to cheer the children on for Sports Day! Well done to all the children and families that attending and participated!

Last week, Elementary have been practising singing for the Waltham Forest Music Festival as well as rehearsing for the end of the year school play. They are learning that singing and plays are a form of creative writing and expressive arts.

Also, they are learning valuable team work skills and collaborating. Costume notices went home attached to the children's script, and costumes are due back to the school by Monday the 9th of July for our first dress rehearsal.

In maths, some children were measuring shapes and finding the area and perimeter. Others were working on their division skills. Children also are learning about ancient civilisations. They are reading books and using History of writing and History of maths cards to write facts about the civilisations of interest.

In literacy, some children are editing sentences, while others are editing their ancient civilisation reports. Children were also practising for weekly spelling tests.

This week, children will perform at the Waltham Forrest Music Festival at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall, as well as practising for the school play. For homework this week, children should read the script and work on their lines. Some children took the songs home to practise as well or they have bought the CD, so that would be wonderful if children could practise sing the song with the lyrics.

We still have some Bee Musical CD's available. Please send in £3.50 and we will send one straight home to you.

Prep

Last week Prep class enjoyed learning about money. Children learned to recognize coins and make different amounts. We created a little market and children were very happy to work out the amounts they needed to buy the objects in the shop. Prep was very busy designing the props for the summer concert and we all had fun rehearsing for the Town Hall festival. Thank you all for coming to Sports day we all enjoyed a sunny day out of the school participating as teams in our Mini Olympics and races. This week, we will be learning about time and we will try to start creating the project 'green houses'. We will also continue with the quizzes and assessments for spelling and numeracy. This will help to revise all the concepts learned during the term.

Reception:

Last week we focused on the seaside, lovely family trips to the beach and all the places we go on holiday that have a seaside nearby.

We have had lovely group conversations about things we do when we are at the seaside, things we eat and make when we are at the seaside.

We have also talked about the dangerous effects of sun exposure for long hours and what we do to prevent sun burn and heat stroke.

Water safety, role of the lighthouse and beach warning flags and their meaning have been the main group conversations of the week.

The children had lots of fun at Sport Day and so did we!

I look forward to seeing you all at the next event which is on Tuesday at the Walthamstow Assembly Hall for the Music Festival.

This week, we will be looking at the most polluted ocean in the world, at the risks of overfishing, whaling, at all the sea creatures caught in plastic and in oil and discuss with the children possible solutions for a better planet.

Kindergarten:

Oak:

Last week, Oak class enjoyed learning about the seaside. They participated in group discussions, created shell necklaces and decorated pictures of sun hats. We also discussed about how to keep safe from the sun by using sun hats, sun cream and sunglasses. For our out and about session, we created a seaside environment in the garden and participated in lots of role play activities. The children's communication and language skills were extended by sharing their holiday experiences. In addition, we listened to the song 'I do like to be on the seaside'.

This week we will be focusing on pollution and our letter of the week is 'k'.

Sycamore:

Our topic continued last week on Seas and Oceans. The children learnt all about how to keep safe in the sun. During drama there was much enjoyment as the children participated in a role play activity. Each child was given the opportunity to simulate the actions of putting on sun cream, drinking water and putting on their protective clothing. They also participated in a group discussion where they could impart their knowledge on what was learnt about sun safety.

Our art activity was much welcomed as the children demonstrated good hand eye coordination to stick and glue their chosen gems for their ice cream craft. During our sand painting activity, this extended into the Sensorial area of the Montessori materials where the children were able match the colours from their sand painting to colours in colour box 3. They also went on a little discovery hunt within their environment to see how many different items they could find with varying shades of each colour that was mixed.

We ended the week delightfully with our sports day, where the children demonstrated much enthusiasm during each event.

This week, we will be looking at recycling materials with some exciting activities planned including recycling relay race, recycled weaving activity, different materials around us, messy magpie counting game and the children will also be designing their own recycling poster.

Beech:

Last week, Beech class has been learning about the seaside. We looked at different things we can find at the seaside. Children had nice discussions about their experiences in a group and made a drawing. Furthermore, in our "Out and About" session this week, we had the weight and volume of sand activity. Children had the chance to weigh the sand on scales and add water to the sand and weight again afterwards and collected data. They made amazing comments. When we finished our activity, children made a big sandcastle! It was a very hot and busy week. This week we will be learning about the air, water and land pollution.

Nursery:

Last week, the nursery children continued with the topic about transport, making a comparison between the transport in the past and today. They looked at a model of a horse carriage and were surprised to discover that people travelled for days for destinations that were not so long. Also, the children compared the cars, the buses, the trains and the bicycles now and in the past and tried to differentiate between them, spotting the differences. Children discovered that the bicycles looked so much different in the past and they giggled at the picture. For our out and about sessions children enjoyed doing some yoga in the garden, learning and trying to do all the different poses, discovering what their body can do.

Children had fun during the Sport's day where they participated in three different races: egg and spoon race, balancing a bean bag on their head and a normal race. The children completed all the races successfully and they all received a well-deserved medal and stickers.

This week, we will be focusing on emergency services where children will recap of what they have learnt so far and engage in making a big display board of a building on fire and all the emergency services present. They will participate in reading sessions about the emergency services and engage in an imaginative role play related to the topic.

Please help your children by finding fun ways together to support their work in school.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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