

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Children in Need

Our fundraising day for this important charity is this Friday 16th November 2018.



The day's events have been emailed to all parents and these are on the doors to remind you. We look forward to this enjoyable and educational day and thank you for your support.

Spring 2019 School Fee invoices

We will be sending a text to all parents to advise when fee invoices are available for collection.

Firefighter Russ

Both the Upper and Lower School enjoyed their morning assembly with our special visitor.



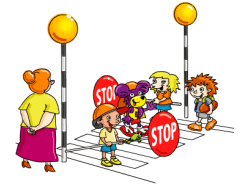
Children were able to try on a firefighter's uniform and learn lots about what being a firefighter means and the important role they play.

The children all contributed by asking lots of very good and interesting questions!



Road Safety Week

If your child is in Reception, Prep or Elementary then they should have come home with a trip letter yesterday.



Please ensure that you collect one from your child's teacher if not and please if you could all return your signed permission trip slips by Friday 19th November that would really help with the organisation.

Parent Meetings

Time slot sheets are now up on the school doors for you to sign up to.

If you cannot make the appointments, please speak to your child's class teacher directly and reschedule. **Please note that we cannot accommodate children or siblings at these meetings** and Tea Timers has only a couple of available spaces which can be offered on a first come first served basis. If you require our Tea Timers Club for your child, please book a place ASAP. The cost of each session is £10.00.

Remember all meetings are being held at Penrhyn hall.

Carol Concert

Letters for this lovely annual event being held off-site at St John's Church have been sent home with every child. If you need further clarification on any area, then please let me know. This event takes quite a bit of organising so if you are unsure of anything just pop us an email.

Class Information: End of Term!

Please be reminded that the last day of term is Tuesday 18th December at 12.30pm.

Elementary:

Last week, children began full rehearsals for the Christmas concert. All scripts will go home by the end of this week. Children worked on planet research, extending their knowledge of solids, liquids and gasses, and determining what matter exists on the planets they were researching. Children, read, wrote and edited their work. Children also had lessons on using prefixes, suffixes, homonyms and homophones. Some children are also working on joined up writing skills, where others are working on print. In art children created poppies and had lessons about Remembrance Day. We also celebrated Diwali, the Hindu New Year. Children also discussed Children in Need activities, and this year we will be having a 'Everyone's Got Something Special' Talent Show as a fundraiser. Children are invited to play an instrument, sing a song, recite a poem, do a dance, tell a joke, share a piece of art, or demonstrate a science, cultural or history poster.

The idea is meant to be something that would help cheer children up who may be hospitalized or unwell. The children in Elementary will write letters to tell you more about the fundraiser and about donating. In maths, some children are multiplying decimals by more than one digit, graphing and others are working on dynamic subtraction, identifying angles, perimeter and area.

This week, will be learning about water and the inner core of the Earth and prepare for Children in Need. We will also look at more geometry skills.

Prep:



Last week, Prep had a wonderful time at the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge. It was an extremely interactive session. The children engaged really well with questions and answers relating to the subject. They got first hand experience of looking and learning about

the historic nature of a building that was built 500 years ago. Inside the lodge, they experienced what it would be like in a Tudor Kitchen, the type of food that was served, how lavishly it was displayed and where some of the exotic food would come from. The children also got a chance to feel and handle a cross bow, hunting horn and a fawn deer's antler. They also learnt about

Tudor fashion and got to dress up in Tudor clothing. I bet that was one of their favourite parts of the trip! And I must say it was lovely hearing some of their comments- "that was the best trip!" "I had so much fun!"

Back in class we worked on addition word problems. Some of the children continued working with extended activities using the Stamp Game, Division Board and Multiplication Board. The children also wrote a short recount of the class trip. Joint writing using Cursive Sandpaper Letters was introduced. They were all eager to work with it and it has been one of the first activities that they seem to explore and repeat.

This week, we will be looking at 2D shapes, lines of Symmetry and fractions. We will also be looking at Pronouns and the use of superlative and Comparative Adjectives in Literacy. We will explore land and water forms and learning about Oceans and Seas. Throughout the week the children will be learning about Children in Need - the history, understanding ways of communicating and reflecting on people who are special to us. At the end of the week, the children will be showcasing their special talent.

Reception:

Last week, the children enjoyed a fun trip to the Queen Elizabeth Hunting Lodge. It was a very useful trip that we were able to talk about after as it connected so well with our topic Houses and Homes. We also had some fun activities throughout the week, Children made firework pictures and Diwali cards. We also learnt about Remembrance Day on Friday and we made Poppies.

This week, we will be working on fractions during our work cycle. Reception class will be making lots of fun things for their very own Dolls House. On Friday we will be joining in with the Children in Need Talent Show. Throughout the week we will all have an opportunity to practice what we will be sharing. Please can parents take time to practice with their child at home. Children can do anything of their choice such as dance, sing, read, comedy, magic tricks.

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week, Beech class learnt about Diwali and Remembrance Day. We were busy talking about

the Hindu festival of light, Diwali, where we learned about the story of Rama and Sita. Children helped with making a dough with which we made divas. Furthermore, we looked and read different books about Diwali and children discussed about the pictures in groups. Children talked about traditional clothes worn, they compared Diwali with other festivals and enjoyed colouring a Rangoli. We also talked about Remembrance Day, we coloured in a poppy and observed a 2-minute silence on Friday.

This week, we will be looking at the different traditional clothes and food from around the world. If you have any traditional clothes you can bring them in!

Sycamore:

Last week, Sycamore class participated in many activities relating to festivals and celebrations. On Monday, we all learnt about Guy Fawkes and how to keep safe when using fireworks and visiting displays. Our discussion concluded with the children rolling marbles in a tray through paint on paper to produce some spectacular fireworks artwork. They also enjoyed learning about the Hindu festival Diwali. The children firstly listened to a story relating to the history behind Diwali. We all explored the Montessori puzzle map where each child was given the opportunity to locate the yellow coloured continent known as Asia. The day proceeded with the children using their olfactory sense to smell different herbs and spices relating to different foods and sweets eating during Diwali. We also created some beautiful Diya's to complement our activities on Diwali.



The children demonstrated good communication and language skills as we discussed Remembrance Day. Lovely art

activities marked the event with Sycamore class making some lovely Remembrance Day poppies and a wreath displayed on our main board in the classroom. A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect for Remembrance Day which the children participating very well.

This week, we will continue with some exciting activities planned for our celebrations and

festivals. Our letter of the week is i, so we would be grateful if you could continue to support your child in finding any words beginning with that letter for discussion during circle time.

Oak:

This week Oak class was learning about the Festival of Light "Diwali". We decorated Diya lamps choosing independently colours and patterns for our designs. We listened to the magical story of Rama and Sita and a mean King Ravana. We commemorated the 100th Anniversary of the end of the WWI by 2 minutes of silence. We made some lovely poppies out of playdough and buttons to take home for our mummies and daddies.

Nursery:

Last week, nursery children were engaged in a variety of activities related to celebrating Guy Fawkes day and Diwali. They created pictures of fireworks by splashing paint on the dark coloured paper.

Children were also introduced to the Diwali festival through stories, music and dance.



Children really enjoyed creating diya's (tea candle holders), traditionally included in the Diwali celebration in India, making a Rangoli painting and having

elephant snacks. Also, the children were creating poppy craft, acknowledging Remembrance Day and have joined the 2-minute silence together with all the children from the setting.

This week, there will be many activities related to the town we live in London.

Children, will be creating a model of a double decker bus and we will have a sticking activity that will create Big Ben and a 3D



model of the London Eye for the display board.

Children are enjoying placing the London landmarks along river Thames themselves.

**Please support your child's
learning by finding fun ways
together to support the class topic
at home.**