

W/C Monday 19th November 2018

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Children in Need

As a school we managed to raise a massive **£183.90** for this wonderful charity. A big thank you to all the parents, children and staff for helping to make this day a huge success.



Road Safety Roadshow

The Upper School will be taking part in a Road Safety Roadshow on Wednesday 21st November at Walthamstow Town Square Gardens.

Please can all Upper school children arrive at school by 9.15am. Any children who require breakfast club need to ensure they are dropped off to Penrhyn by 8.50am.

If you have not returned your permission slip, please ensure this is returned asap.



Our annual Christmas Concert is taking place on Friday 14th December 2018 at Chingford Assembly Hall. Your child will be bringing a letter home this week giving you all the details of this lovely festive event.

Please complete the Concert ticket slip and return to the office by Friday 7th December.

2018 Tea Towels – Get your orders in quick!

As you know, the children have been drawing their self-portraits to go onto a very special tea towel. These make amazing gifts for all and grand-parents especially love them.

Each year we sell out and we cannot re-order so please get your orders in quick. Please send £6.50 per tea towel in an envelope with your child's name and class and 'tea towel' written on the outside.

We are also offering a special deal '4 for £22.00' – a saving of £4. As soon as they arrive we will let you know and put one on display. We think every WMS child is on there so if you would like to pre-order to ensure you do not miss out then please do send your orders in NOW!

Please send your orders in an envelope to the office marked to the attn 'school office' with your child's name along with the payment inside.

WMS Christmas Holiday Club

We have 3 more spaces available on our Christmas holiday club.

Please send in a booking form by Friday 23rd November 2018 to secure a space. If you require a form please email the office or ask at the door.

We are offering the following dates;

Wednesday 19th December, Thursday 20th December & Friday 21st December.

Parents Meetings

Lower School – Tuesday 20th November
Upper School – Wednesday 21st November

To help the evening run smoothly please ensure that you arrive on time for your meeting slot and unfortunately we **cannot** accommodate children or siblings at these meetings.

Thank you for your understanding.

Class Information: End of Term!

Please be reminded that the last day of term is Tuesday 18th December at 12.30pm – children will not require a packed lunch on this day as it is our children's Christmas parties.

Dates for the diary:

Carol Service, Thursday 6th December
Christmas Concert, Friday 14th December
Christmas Party, Tuesday 18th December

Elementary:

Last week children raised money for Children in Need by having an Everyone's got something special talent show. Children had discussed ways to cheer a child up who might be suffering from a long-term illness, who is hospitalised. Children discussed, shared and wrote their ideas down. Children then dressed up and performed their talent show on Friday. Some children played an instrument. Others, sang a song, showed some art work, designed comics, performed a dance, demonstrated a learning poster or brought in a model of something they've created.

It was a chance for the children to celebrate their own unique special interest or talent and to share it for a charitable cause.

Also, children are rehearsing for the school play. In class, children are working on long division, long multiplication, perimeter, area, multiplication by decimals and recognising different types of angles. Children also are working on writing about topics, editing skills and letter writing.

Prep:

Last Friday we did our part to fundraise for Children in Need. We shared our special talent and got creative by making our very own Pudsey Bear Patches.

Back in class the children revisited the topic 2D shapes. They were introduced to the properties of 2D shapes e.g. vertices and the number of lines of symmetry. The younger children worked with the 2D shape cards. This exercise helped them to learn the names of shapes that they were unfamiliar with. Older children chose to work with the Multiplication Bead Box and the Division Board. In Literacy, we looked at Pronouns and Superlative and Comparative Adjectives. Some children are working with the Logical Adjective Game. In Science we looked at how we could reduce waste. The children made a list of things they could reuse and recycle.

This week we will be exploring natural and man-made materials and looking at some of London's famous landmarks. We will also be working with Conjunctions. In Maths we will explore 3D shapes and fractions.

Reception:

A busy week for Reception Class!

We all enjoyed the visit from Firefighter Russ and he was impressed with how much we knew!

We have been practicing for our Christmas concert and are learning the songs and the story.

In art we have been continuing to make our house!

Friday was such fun as it was Children in Need day and we all watched and took part in a talent show!

Kindergarten:

Beech:

As part of our topic 'Festivals' last week we have been talking about different festivals around the world. We looked at different festival books and pictures and discussed about how people celebrate differently. Children enjoyed looking and trying on different traditional clothes from around the world.



Furthermore, on Friday we talked about Children in Need day and children baked some yummy cookies. They manipulated the dough and decorated with sprinkles. We had a lovely time and enjoyed selling our cookies at the end of the day.

This week, we will talk about the Milad un Nabi, thanksgiving, Guru Nanak and traditional food around the world.

Sycamore:

Another exciting start to the week here at Sycamore class as we discussed different festivals and celebrations around the World. We also learnt about Chhath Puja and the important elements that are associated with the celebration including the Sun and different rituals.

For our out and about session, the children demonstrated excellent spatial awareness and motor skills as they collected sticks in our garden to construct stars.

To coincide with our festivals, the children enjoyed our role play activity where we looked at traditional costumes from India, Thailand, Macedonia and many more countries. Each child in turn was given the opportunity to dress up in different costumes.

During circle time, we worked with the touch tablets to help refine the children's tactile sense. Each child attempted to match the paired contrasting boards from the sensorial materials which are an indirect preparation for writing.

We also discussed Children in Need and the importance of the charity including their vision that every child in the UK has a childhood which is safe, happy, secure and allows them the chance to reach their potential.

As always, Children in Need went down a treat with lots of cakes to sell for the fundraising event.

A special thank you to all the parents for adhering to the spotty dress code. All the children looked lovely!!

This week we will be looking at traditional food, so please can you send any food pictures from magazines with your child for discussion during circle time. We will also be focusing on Guru Nanak and Milad Un Nabi which I am sure your children will have lots of information to share with you afterwards.

Oak:

Children of Oak class learnt about different festivals from all corners of the world. We created beautiful compositions made out of circle decorated with yellow paper to commemorate the symbol of life - Sun, which is also a symbol of Indian festival Chhath Puja. We made our own elephants using our hand prints as a part of our day dedicated to Indian culture. On Friday we looked at and tried on different traditional clothes from all over the world. We also learnt about Children in Need charity and how we can help them: We made cookies and had a bake sale at our school.



Nursery:

Last week, the children learned about the city we live in - London. They loved exploring the culture table with all the wooden models of London landmarks and books about London. The children made crafts such as a double decker bus, Big Ben and the London Eye. For the out and about session children made hedgehogs out of mud and used sticks for the prickles. We then dug a hole in the ground where we put the hedgehogs to sleep during winter. The children collected leaves to make their beds nice and cosy and learned about hibernation.



To mark Children in Need day, we made cookies and book marks with a spotted pattern in order to raise money for the charity.



This week, the children will have the opportunity to learn about the countries their teachers are from. We will begin with Macedonia, then Albania, Lithuania and Yemen. The children will explore these cultures by trying out traditional clothes, painting the flags, looking at various pictures and exploring objects that represent these countries.

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



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