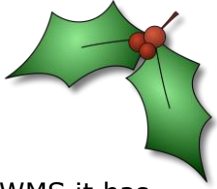


# Walthamstow Montessori School

## Newsletter



WMS it has been yet another busy but fun packed term. The children have all worked very hard. We hope you have enjoyed hearing about all the exciting projects the children have worked on and been involved in.

**This** will be our very last newsletter for 2018! Here at

### Christmas Concert!

The children and staff are really looking forward to seeing you all at the Christmas Concert this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December. This is a whole school event with our nursery children through to Elementary class performing on the stage!

**As you are aware the concert is being held at Chingford Assembly Hall. Entrance is by ticket only purchased in advanced. Deadline for purchasing tickets has been extended to Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December. For Health and Safety/Fire Regulations, we are required to liaise with the venue for numbers.**

Don't forget to order your DVDs in advance at £15.00 each. We will be taking orders on the day but to avoid the rush or miss out please pre-order, as after the concert we are unable to order additional copies. Order forms are available at the front doors at both buildings and attached to this email.

### Festive Art and Crafts with our WMS parents



festive art session. Thank you joining us and we hope you enjoyed the session.

On Friday, we welcomed Aarav's mummy Shilpa and Nico's daddy to the Upper School and Joe's mummy and Imogen's daddy from Kinder garden for a special



### DT Workshop

The children in the Upper School got creative by constructing a model of their choice for their DT workshop. By the end of day, they had created a wonderful city!! Some lovely and very inventive designs from the Upper School were seen, they all did amazing and enjoyed the day!



### Planting bulbs and Wreath making

Reception class had a hands-on afternoon at Lloyd Park last week, where they planted daffodils, crocuses and snow drops. The children also made some beautiful Christmas wreaths from a willow branch, which they wound around the willow branch to form the wreath. They then decorated the wreaths using ivy, berries, bows and cones. On Thursday, our Beech class children will be enjoying a session with Vicky too. Please ensure all permission slips are returned to ensure your child can attend.



### Christmas Post Box

Don't forget to post your Christmas cards, so that they can be distributed to the children before the end of term.

### Party Time

We are having our children's Christmas party on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup>. Food lists are up, so please if you can sign up by Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December that would be great and we thank you for your contribution in advance.



## Carol Concert



Thank you to all the children, staff and parents who helped to make this year's Carol Concert a success. The children sang and performed beautifully. Thank you for all your lovely feedback.



## Christmas Jumper Day



Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper Day at WMS on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Get your jumpers ready!!!!

## Christmas Carols



Some of the children from the Upper School went to Heavitree Care Home today to sing some carols to the residents. We like to do this every year and the residents always enjoy it so much – as do we too!

## Tea Towels

Don't forget to buy one of our lovely Tea Towels we still have a few left. They are £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00.

## Local Christmas Event



## Lost Property

As the end of term approaches please could you ensure you check the lost property bin for any items your child may have mis-placed during this half of the term. Please could you check before Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December as after this time we will be removing the items left and donating to charity.

## Notice Period

Please be reminded of your child's notice period as per your Terms and Conditions.

If your child is not returning for the Summer 19 term (i.e. April 2019) then notice is required in writing (email would suffice) on or before January 5<sup>th</sup> 2019.

## Class Information: End of Term!

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

### Dates for the diary:

**Christmas Concert, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December**  
**Christmas Party, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

### Elementary:

Children had a great time last week performing and singing in our annual carol concert. It was wonderful especially for children to be accompanied on the piano by the very talented, and accomplished London musician Adam Beattie.

Also last week, Miss Alex led a special DT day, where children designed and created buildings and homes.

It was an all-day project, and wonderful to see how engaged children were with these activities, as they were provided with plenty of time and materials, allowing them to absorb themselves entirely in the activity.

Next, children have been rehearsing for the school concert, which will be on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December.

We will now have a **dress rehearsal on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>**, so please have costumes ready for this day, as we want to complete a run through with costumes to ensure everything is ready.

Last week, we will be completing our rehearsals and looking forward to seeing you all at the on the **14<sup>th</sup> at the Chingford Assembly Hall.**

### Prep:

The children had a pretty exciting week this week! We started our week by talking about the Advent Calendar. We looked at what Advent really means, how and where it started and how traditions differ from country to country. We had D&T day on Wednesday where the children had the opportunity to conceptualise and get creative by constructing a model of a type of house or building of their choice using a variety of material. At the end of the day we put all the models together to create a city!

Our Christmas Carol Service went off beautifully with all the children performing at their best! I am sure all the parents enjoyed this lovely service!

We ended our week with an Art & Crafts session where the children enjoyed making their very own Christmas Cards and decorations.

Back in class, we continued with our topic on Capacity. We also looked at the use of commas in sentences and we compared and grouped everyday materials based on their properties.

We hope you all have a lovely Christmas Break and best wishes for the New Year!



### Reception:

Last week was very busy for Reception class. On Tuesday we had very exciting afternoon session at Lloyd Park with Vicky. She explained to us and showed us how to plant Snowdrops and Daffodils. Vicky also showed us the tools, we used in our work later. Vicky had prepared a surprise for us - we had to make decorations from natural materials... And we did a great job with that too!

On Wednesday we had our first Design and Technology day with Miss Alex. We were designers of buildings and homes, and later we produced cardboard models.

At the end of the day our parents were very pleasantly surprised by our work.

We were looking forward to the Carol Concert on Thursday that we took part in with our Christmas poem, played our favourite Christmas songs and really enjoyed the other performances.

On Friday we thoroughly enjoyed participating in our art activity. We decorated Snowmen, Reindeers and Elves. We also decorated a candle, so that parents can light during this festive period. We would like to say thanks to Aarav's mum Shilpa and Nico's dad Martin who supported us.

This week will be also very exciting for us. We will learn more about Christmas in other countries, their traditions, clothing and decorations. We will find vowels at the beginning, middle and end of the word, compose, read syllables and words, sentences.

We look forward to performing for you all at our Christmas Concert on Friday.

### Kindergarten:

#### Beech:

Last week, Beech class continued talking about Christmas. On Monday we made an Advent calendar which tells the planned activity for Christmas for the day and we hung it on the wall. Furthermore, we learnt about Hanukkah, the Jewish festival of light. We made the candle, Menorah and played the Dreidel game. Children demonstrated excellent

understanding and followed the instructions of the game. We also started making Christmas decorations and on Friday we had a lovely time with some parents helping to make props for the concert. Beech class teachers wish you a very happy Christmas and New year!! Hohoho!



#### Sycamore:

Our topic continued last week with some exciting activities relating to Hannuka and also Advent. During circle time, some of the children imparted their knowledge by sharing information with their teachers and peers about different festivities. We all enjoyed our annual carol concert, where the children demonstrated excellent vocal skills which I am sure you will all agree.

The children also participated in making an array of lovely arts, crafts and decorations throughout the week which they enjoyed with much enthusiasm.

In the sensorial area of the Montessori materials, we explored colour box 3 to further enhance their visual sense.

In Colour Box 3 there are 63 tablets: seven shades of nine colours – red, yellow, blue, green, orange, purple, brown, pink, and grey. To start off with, children worked with one shade of colour. The directress will place 7 shaded tablets of the chosen colour on a flat surface and the child will be asked to find the two tablets that are the most different (the darkest and lightest tablets), placing them next to one another in order to observe the contrast.

Then, after placing the darkest tablet on the left, the directress will tell the child to look for another tablet that is only a little different; once the child has done this it will be placed directly to the right of the darkest shade. The child will then look for the tablet that is only a little different from the new one, and so the exercise continues until the child has successfully arranged the shades in decreasing order.

The children were very engaged in our literacy activities where we learnt different rhymes and stories. There was also much exploration with the sand paper letters, and sand tray as the children traced the letter of the week whilst making the phonetic sound.

This week, Sycamore class will be continuing our festive crafts. For our grace and courtesy activities, we will focus on how to politely interrupt which is a necessity to develop key social skills.

Last but by no means least, we are all looking forward to our Christmas concert where all of our children

have been practising to provide a show full of entertainment just in time for the festive season!!

#### **Oak:**

What a busy week in Oak class we have had! We worked like busy little Elves creating amazing art around the Christmas topic to decorate the class and to gift our parents. We had a chance to create an Advent calendar and we learnt many words relating to shapes and sizes while doing it. We learnt about Hannukah, which is the Jewish festival of lights, and we played a traditional Hannukah game called Dreidel. We also listened to a story about Hannukah Menora candle and its meaning and its importance in Jewish culture. Finally, we travelled on foot to the Upper School where we performed for all the mummies and daddies at our annual Carol concert. We enjoyed the trip and the performance very much!



#### **Nursery:**

The nursery children had lots of fun last week taking part in the seasonal festive celebrations. We talked about the Jewish festival Hanukkah and explained the meaning of the Menorah. The children enjoyed creating some handprints of a Menorah. We had a discussion about the Christmas tradition and started creating a variety of decorations followed by our Carol concert. It was an amazing event filled with lots of excitement and we were very proud of how the nursery children behaved and performed.

This week we will be continuing with the Christmas spirit, decorating the Christmas tree, singing more Christmas carols, creating baubles, wreaths with silver decorations and reindeer handprints.

Today Mariam's daddy who helped in our fun Festive art session this morning. Thank you for your support and giving up your time to help with this activity



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