

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Road Safety Roadshow



Last week the children from the Upper School attended a Road Safety Roadshow at Walthamstow Town Square, where they met with Community Police Officers. The children learned about potential dangers and also how to keep safe on our roads.



The highlight of the trip was meeting our local Mayor and her impressive gold Chain!

### Invoices – Spring 2019 Term

Invoices for every child have been distributed. 50% of your child's Spring term fees should be received by 3pm today.



Our Christmas Carol Service is taking place on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 10.30am** at St. John's Church on Chingford Road, E17 4LH.

This is a lovely Festive event and we look forward to seeing you all there.



### Christmas Post Box

Our Tea Timer club children enjoyed designing and constructing their new Christmas Post box which will be outside our front door and ready to receive

Christmas cards from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Please post in plenty of time so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

To help your child write their cards, class lists are available at both school doors.

### Don't forget to order your Tea Towels!

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!

### E-Safety Workshop

A fun and interactive Theatre Show and workshop is being held on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January for our Upper School children. The day is centered around E-safety and how we act on-line and in life.

We will forward more info on this day in due course.

## WMS Christmas Holiday Club

We have a few more spaces available on our Christmas holiday club.

Please send in a booking form by Friday 30th 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 19<sup>th</sup> December, Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December & Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December.

## Surprise Baby Shower



It was an emotional good bye to Miss Katie on Friday, as she goes on her well-deserved Maternity Leave. We wish her and Dan all the best and we look forward to meeting

the new arrival at WMS very soon.

Miss Celestina will be covering for Miss Katie in the office, please be kind to her as she learns the ropes.



## Christmas Concert DVD

Please find attached our DVD order slip for our Christmas Concert. Spare slips will be available at the door. DVD's cost £15.00 each. This is a lovely momento for you to keep.

## Parents Evening

Thank you to all that attended their child's parents meeting last week.

## Wanted!

Do you have any of the following that you can lend the upper school for their Christmas concert. Please talk to Miss Michelle or email the office

1. Four poster boards
2. Three Large pieces of cardboard
3. Three sets of battery operated Fairy lights
4. Five blankets three pillows
5. One baby blanket
6. X-mas tinsel, garland

## Class Information:

### End of Term!

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

### Dates for the diary:

Carol Service, Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Concert, Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December  
Christmas Party, Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December

### Elementary:

Last week, the children really enjoyed practising and learning their lines for the Christmas Concert. The children had a great time at the Road Safety trip. In class children are creating learning posters about planets and the fundamental needs of humans. Some children are working on long division skills and others are working on dynamic subtraction. The children are also practicing for their Carol concert.

This week, we will be exploring the inside of the Earth as well as the Time Line of Life on Earth. It was wonderful speaking to so many parents at last week's parents' meetings.

### Prep:

Last week was very busy, the children attended the Road Safety Show at the Walthamstow Town Square Garden. They enjoyed the event. The children had a chance to meet the local Mayor and had opportunities to interact with community police officers regarding potential dangers and how to keep safe on roads.

Concert rehearsals are in full swing and the children have been working hard learning the songs and their lines!

Back in class, we have been exploring 3D solids and their features and comparing them to 2D shapes.

We also looked at some of the famous landmarks in London. The children drew their favourite landmark and wrote a couple of facts about it.

In Science we explored materials that are man-made and natural and classified objects. The children then went on to think and classify some of the objects that we use or see in our everyday life according to Natural or Man-made.

### Reception:

This week in reception class we have spent time making furniture for our dolls house. We also went on a trip with the rest of the upper school, to learn about road safety. We met a police officer and we spoke to someone from the fire brigade who explained how we can keep safe in our homes.

Also, in class we learnt how to hold and use a ruler. We also enjoyed making some lovely pictures for our display board with leaves from the garden.

### Kindergarten :

#### Beech:

Last week, Beech class were really busy learning about different festivals. We looked at different types of food from around the world and the children were trying to guess the name of the foods and the country that they came from. We also talked about the Prophet Muhammad's birthday, Milad un Nabil. The children enjoyed colouring a turkey for Thanksgiving Day and writing about what they were thankful for.

The week we will start talking about Christmas and St. Andrew's Day.

#### Sycamore:

Last week, in a group the children played a game with their teacher using the sandpaper letters. A letter was shown to the children and they were supported to see if they knew the sound. In the Montessori environment the direct purpose of using the sandpaper letters is to teach the children the sounds of the alphabet by means of muscular and visual memory. Once the children sounded out the letter, they were then given lots of clues as to name objects and things associated with that letter sound. For our 'Out and About session' we spoke about what Thanksgiving Day is and how people celebrate it in America. The children decorated a turkey picture and the teacher asked all the children what they were thankful for.

This week, the children will learn about why we put up Christmas trees during this festive season. Also, we will learn who St Andrew was and why he is the patron saint of Scotland. Another celebration the children will learn about is 'Hanukkah' the Jewish festival of lights and why this is an important time for Jewish families to come together and celebrate.

#### Oak:

Last week, Oak class continued learning about traditions and celebrations from different parts of the world. We looked at the globe and learnt names of the continents. We found out that each country has a different unique flag and they are all so colourful! We talked about traditional food from the UK, France and China, how it is cooked and how it is eaten. We also learnt about Guru Nanak's birthday and the birthday of Prophet Muhammad! In our 'Out and About'

session we made jugs using baker's clay (which we made ourselves from scratch). The jugs were then

baked in the oven to harden; after that we painted them using paints and paint brushes. Finally, in our Art session we made pictures of turkeys to commemorate Thanksgiving Day, which is a traditional celebration in the USA. Our letter of the week was "j" and our book of the week was "Jumblebum" - a story about a funny monster who will eat your dirty clothes if you do not tidy up your room.



### Nursery:

Last week, the Nursery children learned about the countries where their teachers come from. We had presentations of the countries Macedonia, Albania, Lithuania and Yemen through pictures, stories and music. The children got the chance to explore the culture corner with variety of items coming from these countries and identify them on the puzzle map of Europe. Throughout the week, there were painting and sticking activities of creating the flags of these countries.

This week, the children will have an opportunity to learn about the continents of the world and embrace the diversities of different cultures. We will be reading multicultural books and listening to world music. On Friday we will be celebrating St. Andrew's Day and create a Scottish flag.



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