

W/C Monday 17th September 2018

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Back to School



We have

had a fantastic first week back. The children have settled well as if they had never been away! If you haven't yet met your child's class teacher, then we will do our best to make sure you do. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher urgently then please email or call the school office.



Important Diary Dates

The children should have come home with a 'Welcome Back' letter from their class teacher last week. This will be confirming the bits you need to know about the timetable such as PE days etc. Further copies will also be displayed on both school notice boards. We are just in the process of confirming class trips etc with venues.

Curriculum Meetings

Upper School Parents, please be reminded that we have our Curriculum Meetings this week. A chance for you to find out more information of what will be covered this term

Reception – Wednesday 19th September – 10.30
Prep – Thursday 20th September – 10.30
Elementary – Friday 21st September – 10.30

Autumn term School Fees

Your child's school fees for this term should now have been paid in full on or before 5th September to avoid late penalty fees. If you paid 50% before the summer break, then you should have by now paid the second instalment if your second instalment was to be by bank transfer/cash or child care vouchers.

Don't Forget

The school day starts at 9.30am. The door will open at 9.25am. At 9.45am the door will close and registration will be in progress. The door will then be re-opened at 10am to those pupils arriving after this time. If you are running late or your child will not be attending school, please contact the school office before this time to report late arrival or absence.

Meet the Teacher

We would like to introduce to you this week our New Prep Class Teacher Miss Uzma and Miss Heidi who is an assistant at the upper school as well as our School SENCO leader. Miss Uzma has settled well into Prep Class and has enjoyed meeting and getting to know all the children.



Jeans for Genes Day 21st September

Don't forget we are supporting this fantastic charity on Friday 21st September.

We would like to invite all our children that attend school on a Friday, and staff, to donate a minimum of £1 and come to school on this day in their jeans/denim. **No smocks or uniform required on this day.**

If you have any unwanted denim, then please donate as children will be participating in 'denim' related art activities throughout the whole of next week.

Communication

We will be sending a TEST text out to all our parents. If you do not receive one on Friday 21st September at approx. 12.30pm, then please let us know.



'Bumped Head' Text

If your child bumps any part of their head during a school day we will always send a standard text to you. These texts are sent as an extra precaution to ensure you are aware. If you receive a text it is because all is well with your child and we will be keeping an extra eye on them.



Display Board of the Week

Each week we will share with you one of our creative display boards that the teachers and children have enjoyed making that week. This Week we have chosen our Autumn Board which was created by Sycamore Class, Using materials found in and out the class room to create a colourful display.



Elementary:

Children have been settling back to school very well. They've helped shape our rules and procedures in the classroom and created a need or rule chart to help keep everyone working together in a peaceful and safe manner. The rules they thought of are: We walk in the classroom, We speak in calm voices, We use kind words, We use one work at a time and put it back when we are finished, We concentrate on our work and respect the concentration of others and we help others. Children are also taking responsibility with classroom jobs, creating a community where they want to learn. It really is a joy to watch everyone pitching in, as well as getting right to their morning work with enthusiasm.

This week, some children were exploring three digit multiplication, using the checkerboard and others who have perfected their multiplication time tables, chose to learn how to complete the

work abstractly. Other children were working on triple digit addition with exchanging with the stamp game, their times tables with multiplication chart, lessons with long multiplication using the bank game and place value in the millions, by using the Large Bead Frame.

In literacy and topic work, children are hearing and writing creation stories from around the world. For our out and about session this week, children went out into the garden, and picked something in nature to begin writing about, making up a story about its origin. We used this to springboard further explorations into some theories of how the universe began. Some children who are familiar with Montessori's first great lesson presented part one to the rest of the class in a creative way. Some put on a short skit about the theory of the Big Bang, where another child directed the children to complete an experiment.

Children also interviewed each other about their likes and interests, and then also asked others in the classroom about their holiday travels. Children presented their partners answers to the class, as well as plotted on maps about where people in the classroom went. Children were using an atlas to find out more information about the places people travelled.

All in all it was a wonderful and productive start to the new term.

Prep:

A very warm welcome back! We have had an amazing first week in Prep Class. Our topic for this term is "About Ourselves". We started off the term by getting well acquainted with new and old friends, laying down ground rules for our classroom and writing about our Summer holiday. The children were read a story called Beegu by Alexis Deacon. They drew and wrote their very own version of the crash landing along with a description of the Alien. For Maths, we compared and ordered numbers from 0 up to 100; used <, > and = signs and rounded up numbers to the nearest ten and hundred. In Science, we learnt about the different parts, bones and the functions of organs in our body.

This week we will continue to work with the book Beegu. We will also be working on our Diagraph sounds using the Montessori Reading Folder and the function of the Article "a" and "the". In Maths, we will be looking at Place Values, Number Bonds and Addition and Subtraction operation using the Golden Beads.

For Science we will be looking at our five senses and the life of Helen Keller. On Friday we will be celebrating Jeans for Genes Day. The children have made some lovely posters and will be creating crafts to raise funds for the charity.

Reception:

Last week Reception class were introduced to their topic, Houses and Homes. We looked at lots of different books around the topic as well as drawing our homes. We spoke about the differences in homes and looked at the different shapes that are used to create the shape of a house. We enjoyed our first tennis session of the term which the class enjoyed.

This Week Reception will be focussing on their Bedroom. Talking about things we have in our bedroom and how we create a personal and cosy space. On Wednesday the children are invited to bring in something from home for our show and tell. So we can look at and discuss different toys, teddies or items we have in our bedroom. We Will also be practising our sewing skills this week and we will start to make our own mini pillow.

Beech:

A very warm welcome to all! This term Beech Class is going to be very busy with lots of activities about our topic Autumn. Last week we started talking about 4 seasons. We have looked at the Weather changes, The clothing for each season and talked about the migration of birds. We read the book "Follow the Swallow" from Julia Donaldson. The children also enjoyed acting the story out. For our Out and About session last week we made 3D shapes using playdough and sticks.

This week we will be learning about trees. We will look at different types of trees, parts of a tree, the life cycle and lots more. Also this week we will start our 'Show and Tell' group. It is going to be every Wednesday. Please feel free to send your child with anything your child has either made, found or got at home that is special to them that week. Please note we would only like children to bring things in from home on a Wednesday.

Sycamore:

Last week the children were introduced to this terms topic as they learnt many interesting facts about 'Autumn'. They thoroughly enjoyed exploring their natural environment and

recognizing the significant changes that can come about from one season to the next. Throughout the week we also looked at how the weather is becoming slightly cooler. The children demonstrated excellent communication and language skills as they discussed and shared their own thoughts on what we should wear during this season.

On Thursday, we all participated in a weather reporter for the day role play activity. The children were able to successfully identify different pictorial symbols when asked by their teacher.

This week, Sycamore class children will be learning about different tree life cycles to further enrich their knowledge on this terms topic. On your journey, please encourage your child to collect anything of interest to our Autumn topic for discussion with their teachers and peers throughout the week.

Oak:

Oak Class have settled back well. We have started to look at our topic 'Autumn' looking closely at the changes of weather. Also learning about Weather symbols and looking at a weather forecast. We did a Seasons matching game, we looked at and listened to the Little Acorn story. Also Oak children practiced their fine motor skills when rolling playdough and decorating it with natural materials, such as dry autumn leaves and acorns. We also created beautiful wreaths using leaves from our garden.

This Week we will continue to look in to our topic of Autumn. We will be focussing on the life cycle of trees. When Walking to school please look at any trees you walk by and discuss with your children the difference in size and colour.

Nursery:

Last week, Nursery children did very well in settling into the new term and we are very impressed with how quickly the children got back into the routine. Throughout the week we have focused on lots of creative activities such as sticking different materials and mixing different paint colours. In addition, we have spent lots of time outside where the children were very excited to see the vegetables which have grown over the summer. They collect the carrots, washed them and learnt about the different parts and healthy eating. We also had lots of fun during our Out and About session by encouraging the children to

collect and mix different materials to create potions.

This Week we will be focusing on grace and courtesy by reinforcing how to walk in the classroom, Tuck in chairs, Tidy work away and how to use the floormats.



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

Best wishes, WMS Admin



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