

W/C Monday 29th April 2019

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter



**Welcome back!** We hope you all had a lovely break and are ready for the Summer term! A special welcome to our new families. I am sure you will join us in making them all feel very welcome!

We have lots, as always, planned throughout the Summer term with the second half of the term the busiest as we work towards Sports day and our Summer concert. The whole school participates in these events along with parents so please make sure you make a note of these particular dates in your diary.

Summer term diary dates are attached and are also available on both school notice boards and our school website. As each event gets nearer we will provide you with full information and timings.

Class 'Welcome Back' letters have started to be distributed to each child along with individual class timetables for the Upper School classes. Please let your class teacher know if you did not receive a copy.

**Please note that we close for the half term break on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May, school re-opens on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Early Risers and Tea Timers will run as normal on this day.**

## Happy 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday WMS!

WMS celebrated another successful year on the 23<sup>rd</sup> April. The school has grown significantly during this time when Miss Lorna first opened the school with just 4 members of staff and 26 children!



## Sports Day

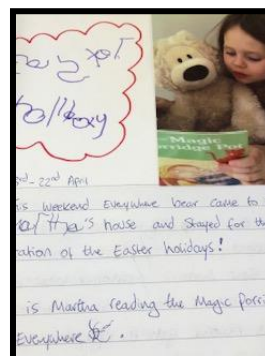
This year WMS Sports Day will be on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July at 'The Feel Good Centre' in Walthamstow. Upper School children will be having some athletic training at the centre before Sports day. More details to follow. If any of our parents have some athletic skills that may be of use, we would love to hear from you.



**Congratulations** to Neve in Upper School, who over the Easter break auditioned for the ENO (English National Opera) production of 'Noyes Fludde' by Benjamin Britten, being choreographed by Wayne McGregor.

Neve was successful and has been offered a dancing part in a duet, there are two casts, so Neve is one of 4 dancers to be selected. We look forward to hearing all about this exciting production and we wish Neve every success with this amazing opportunity!

**Everywhere Bear** Thank you to Martha for taking such good care of 'Everywhere Bear' over the Easter holiday and taking him on so many lovely adventures!



## Piano Lessons

Mr Vadim has some availability for Upper School children should they be interested in learning the piano. Lessons are 1:1. If you would like more information please email the office.



## Spring is here!

Summer uniform is compulsory for all as of 7<sup>th</sup> May. To help the children be responsible for and take a pride in their smart uniform class teachers will do uniform checks each week. Uniforms can be ordered on line from [www.speedstitch.co.uk](http://www.speedstitch.co.uk) or just click on the uniform link on the school web site and it will take you directly to our supplier's web site.

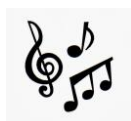


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## Tennis

Upper school children have now started their tennis lesson at Lloyd Park on Wednesday mornings. Can you please ensure that your child has a rain jacket to wear.

## Composer of the Week



Listening to classical music has many benefits from helping boost your confidence to improving your memory! Our composer of the week at WMS is Claude Debussy he was a French composer who lived from 1862-1918, he was amongst one of the most influential composers of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Debussy was born into a poor family in France in 1862, his obvious gift at the piano sent him to Paris Conservatory at the age of 11.

## School Photos

The school photographer will be at the **Lower School** on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May** and at the **Upper School** on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May**. More details to follow. Please ensure you have the full and correct summer uniform for your child. ***Our uniform provider is Speedstitch.***

## 'Test' Parent Text

We will be sending a 'test' text on Friday to all parents. If you do not receive this text, please email the school office. It is important that you are correctly on our system so we can communicate any urgent messages or reminders.

## Notice Period

Please be reminded that if your child will be leaving WMS at the end of the Summer term (i.e 19<sup>th</sup> July 2019) then written notice to the school office should have been received no later than Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April. If you have already provided notice, then an acknowledgement letter will be sent home with



your child this week. Notices received after this time, as per your terms and conditions, will mean that Autumn term school fees would be due and you would automatically be invoiced accordingly.

## Class Information

### Elementary

We had a busy first week back after the Easter holidays. In Maths we started doing written addition and subtraction. In Literacy we practiced our comprehension skills by reading about Vikings ' Longships and the legend of Ulfberth. The children also were informed about this term's topic, specifically the film production company. It was wonderful to see the excitement from everyone. The children discussed about the function and professions within a company of this type and we brain stormed to come up with a name for our film production company.

In Geography and Classics, we talked about the Schism of 1054, mystery places around the world, and where English as a language started from.

The children had their first tennis lesson of the term and started by using their hand eye co-ordination to enable them to hit the tennis ball correctly with the racket.

In art, we celebrated St Georges day by drawing a picture of St George and his dragon.

We also talked about evergreen and deciduous trees in Botany, and in Physics we experimented with water in a cup and a tissue on top and why it won't fall down once you turn it over.

### Reception and Prep

We have had a busy and exciting week to start our summer term. It has been lovely welcoming our new children that have come up from Beech class. They have settled well and they have already been producing some fantastic work, along with the rest of the class.

We have started to plan for our Cafe/shop and have already voted to name our cafe, Rainbow Cafe. There have been lots of discussions about different roles/jobs in the cafe and the children have started to think about which job they would like and be good at. We have started to talk about different foods that we will sell in our healthy cafe. Children have spoken about healthy eating, naming foods that are

healthy and unhealthy. Children have also had opportunity to plan a healthy meal. We have looked at the food pyramid introducing the children to the 5 different food groups.

Children spent time learning the food groups, then they were able to place various foods into the correct group.

The class enjoyed being back at Lloyd park for their tennis lesson, the rain didn't stop play!

In our 'out and about' session this week we used our 5 senses in a scavenger hunt. All the children were able to see, smell, touch, feel and taste to find everything on their list, well done!

In art, we have started to make things that we will hopefully sell when we open our cafe/shop.

If you can help us with any of the following things, it would be appreciated: Empty food tins and lidded jars, takeaway menus and any unwanted books.

### **Kindergarten:**

#### **Beech:**

A very warm welcome back to all of Beech class for the Summer term. This half of the term we will be talking about our topic of the term 'Enterprise' and we will open our own café!

Last week, the children were introduced to the topic and started talking about different types of jobs. We looked at books and discussed different occupations.

The children drew on a piece of paper designing their own café.



This week we will be learning about money.

#### **Sycamore:**

A lovely start to the term for Sycamore class. We all shared some amazing stories about our Easter holiday adventures.

Our topic started with a discussion on 'Enterprise'. The children demonstrated good communication and language skills as they interpreted their own definition of the meaning of the word 'Enterprise'. After the discussion with their teacher, the children were able to explain that 'Enterprise' is an organisation created for business ventures. We also participated in a matching and pairing activity where the children matched differently dressed images of people with matching images if the equipment used.

The children enjoyed making a role play café by manipulating the playdough to make various items that you would find in a cafe. To accompany the playdough café. We participated in a sequencing activity where the children followed different arrangement patterns on a card.



The children helped to design and decorated their own WMS 18<sup>th</sup> birthday piece of art.

This week we will be looking at money, in both paper and coin form.

#### **Oak:**

A very warm welcome back to all our friends in Oak class! We hope you have had a lovely Easter break and you are ready for a new term. We are also welcoming our new friends who are starting with us in Oak class and we look forward to a term full of new friendships and exciting learning!

We have started this term by sharing our stories about what we did during our Easter break, recapping class rules and getting familiar with the new materials, such as terminology cards. Our topic of the term is Enterprise. During the week we had a group discussion about business and what types of businesses there are. We also touched upon different occupations, such as Firefighters and imagined what would it be like to be one! We had a vet clinic activity where we had a chance to practice being veterinarians, which was very exciting! We have been practising letters and numbers in group activities as well as individually and in one-to-one sessions. Our book of the week is 'My World, Your World' by Melanie Walsh.



#### **Nursery**

The nursery children were excited and happy to be back and see their friends after the Easter break. We started our summer term with an introduction to a variety of art activities. Last week we created a flower collage and made fruit and vegetable prints with paint. We continued with further exploring natural materials and used chlorophyll from the leaves to colour in a tree. This week we will be

talking about plants and how to take care of them, focusing on indoor plants. New activities such as cleaning the leaves of a plant and watering the indoor plants will be introduced. Through science experiments the children will have an opportunity to see that the flowers do drink water and what the basic needs of the plant are.

We produced a lovely collage of three canvases in celebration of WMS's 18<sup>th</sup> birthday.



**Please help your children by finding fun ways together to identify topic of the week at home, to support their work in school.**

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

## **Important Numbers**



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