



W/C Monday 13th May 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Waltham Forest Music Festival



The music festival is a three day event and is supported by the Arts Council England and London Borough of Waltham Forest, which will include a variety of concerts showcasing a wide-range of musical talent from across the borough.

Upper school children will be participating in this year's music festival on **Tuesday 25th June** at Walthamstow Assembly Hall. They will have the opportunity to be involved in a special interactive performance from Palisander. More information about this event to follow.

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

Spring is here!

Summer uniform is compulsory for all as of 7th 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 or just click on the uniform link on the school web site and it will take you directly to our supplier's web site. To help we do have some very good quality second-hand uniform for sale – see below.

Composer of the Week



Richard Wagner (1813-1883) was born in Leipzig Germany. He learned the piano as a child, but wanted to be an author. He wrote his first play

when he was 13, but decided to turn it into an opera and began studying composition. Wagner had an opera house built at Bayreuth, Germany, where his operas were performed, at a festival every year.

Artefact boxes

We now have seven artefact boxes in our geography section, one for each of the continents.



We need to fill these boxes with artefacts and items from the different countries within each continent.

Some examples of items we are looking for are; **Postcards, Money, a Model of a landmark, clothing, jewellery, small book, an animal.**



If you have any items, please hand them to the teacher at the door. Thank you.

Neve's Performance Dates

Neve is performing in Benjamin Britten's Noye's Fludde for the English National Opera at **Theatre Royal, Stratford East, London, E15 1BN** on Saturday 6th July and 13th July at 2pm and 7pm shows on Tuesday 2nd July and Thursdays 4th and 11th July.

Please visit their website if you would like to book tickets and support Neve.

School Photo's

We will let you know as soon as the proofs arrive, and they will be sent home. This will allow one week for you to return orders.

Second Hand Uniform

We have the following school uniform items for sale:

- 3 light blue polo shirts age 5-6
- 1 white P.E. polo shirt age 6-7
- 1 boys grey jumper aged 5-6
- 1 boys blazer size 3

Please contact the office if you are interested in any of these items. All monies will go to fund raising.

Class Information

Elementary

Last week for English the children practiced their reading skills by reading different texts on animals and generally science. In PHSE we spoke about hypocrisy and how this can be identified in every day people from friends to even important people like politicians. In maths, we continued on powered numbers in algebra, along with long division using the Montessori materials. In science we learned about stereophony and how this natural phenomenon is used in today's applications. In geography we explored dangerous mountains and their location like the K2, the Kangchenjunga and Mount Vincent in Antarctica. In Classics we practiced our Latin singing skills, by singing Old McDonald had a farm in Latin. For RE we investigated the different Christian denominations and how they were formed. We have also finished our production time plan for our enterprise topic and we are ready for to start shooting.

Reception and Prep

Last week all the children had successful interviews. They were able to speak confidently about what job they would like and why they thought they would be good at it. We now have a fully staffed cafe and we can start to talk about roles and responsibilities in more detail.

We have been talking about what time our cafe should be open. Alongside this, children have been learning to read and write the time. We have looked at o'clock and half past, some

children have also been learning quarter past and quarter to.

We have been creating our menu for the cafe and using this menu to make a shopping list of things we need to buy. Children had some lovely ideas for our cafe.

We were happy to see that some of our herb seeds are starting to sprout! We are hoping that they will all grow, so that we can make herb pots to sell in our cafe/shop.

All children have made invitations to bring home. We discussed what information we needed to include on the invite and how we should set the invite out. They all look lovely! The invite will be coming home to you this week, please could you RSVP what day you would like to come so that we can have an idea of how many people we will be expecting and on what day? We look forward to welcoming you to our cafe!



Our Café Invites

Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week Beech class started learning about hospitality. We read a story about good manners and especially on how to behave when visiting a restaurant. We learnt some phrases like 'May I be excused?' or 'Could you pass the water please?'. After practicing all of the above, we role played dining in a restaurant. The children demonstrated excellent understanding of how to behave and enjoyed the role play. We all decided on the name of our café and started designing our logo.

Sycamore:

Last week, we continued with our topic 'Enterprise'. During circle time, we discussed the hierarchy system within a restaurant business.

We also looked at different job roles including a manager, chef, waiting staff.

To coincide with our topic, we participated in an exciting role play activity.

Each child had the opportunity to play the role of either a customer, sales or waiting staff.

This activity also allowed us to explore our communication and language skills as we discussed how to behave in a café / restaurant setting.

The children demonstrated excellent grace and curtesy skills as they said please, thank-you, when they asked for something. We also looked at brand identity when we discussed about the designer Martin Lambie-Nairn. Martin Lambie-Nairn is famous for redefining television branding of the BBC and Channel 4. Viewers could see the transformation of the number 2 in many formats

including a car and paint splashed across the numeric figure on our tv screen.

We discussed that we needed to brand our café by using colours, shapes etc. to create an aesthetically pleasing brand that could be easily recognised by everyone.

This week, we will continue with more exciting activities including decorating an apron and constructing our café.

Oak:

Last week Oak class was concentrating on learning more about hospitality as a part of our topic of Enterprise. On Tuesday we participated in a grace and courtesy role play activity, where we had a chance to practise our good manners when visiting a restaurant. We learnt that it is essential to be on your best behaviour and use phrases such as "please, may I leave the table", "could you pass the water, please" when visiting cafés and restaurants. We also learnt some new words from the professional vocabulary of hospitality, such as a menu, cash till, mise en place (everything in its place), order, cheque and others. We had a presentation on different job roles within a cafe/restaurant, looked at different types of uniforms and sets of skills needed for certain professions within this field. On Wednesday we discussed different café names, what they could mean, what the best cafe names we know and what we would choose to name our café. We chose the name "Montessori Café", as we liked it the most! On Wednesday we also had fun in the garden during our 'Out and About' session, where we spotted some snails. We looked closely at these beautiful creatures and discussed the importance of treating every living being with kindness and respect.



On Thursday we had our 'School Photo Day', which was very exciting! We had professional photographers come in to school to take our portraits as well as class photos at school. We did our best smiling and saying "sausages!" for the camera, we hope you like our pictures! Finally, on Friday we all drew what we would like to order from our café menu. The best popular choice was pasta and chicken - yum!

Nursery



Last week the nursery children had an opportunity to plant seeds in the garden and in the classroom, getting to know the lifecycle of a plant and the parts of the plant. We were observing the changes in the flowers we have placed in coloured water and we have witnessed that the flowers

drink water because they have changed their colour from white to red and blue. The children were fascinated with this experiment. We have also watered our flowers on a daily basis and have observed what happened to one plant we did not water. The children got really engaged in creating our display board, recreating the life cycle of a plant.



This week the nursery children will have an opportunity to find out a bit more about the difference between natural and manmade items. We will talk about composting and recycling, planting seeds in wellie boots and creating collages of natural and recycled materials.

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

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