



W/C Monday 3rd June 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School Newsletter



Welcome back!

We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful half-term break. This part of the term is a very busy one at WMS so please ensure you read all your emails! You will receive updates and reminders on events such as Sports Day and the School Summer Concert. Some classes also have the Waltham Forest Music Event in July so please check with us if you are unsure of anything.

Please note that the last day of term is on Friday 19th July, which is the date of Summer Concert. We are not on site that day as the whole school and parents will be at the summer concert which is being held at Forest School. Full information will be sent home with your child on the event in due course.

Everywhere Bear

Had lots of fun in the park with Indi and his friends and enjoyed dressing up too!!



School Photos!

All school photo proofs have been sent home, please ensure that you return your photo order by **Friday 7th June** to the school office. Any orders after this date can not be taken by the school and you will need to deal with the photographer directly which will incur an extra charge and a delay in receiving them back.



Rainbow Café Upper and Lower School

Was open for business and was a huge success. The children built their own café front and prepared some yummy food to sell. On the Upper school menu



was fresh fruit smoothies, popcorn, cheese sandwiches and home-made flap jacks and chocolate rice cakes. Lower school children made fresh lemonade served with

mint and some homemade muffins and cupcakes. The children all had roles in running the café from chefs, waiters, cashier and even entertainers!



Microphones Wanted

Elementary are due to start filming their class production. If you have any microphones that they can use, please give the



office a call on **0208 523 2968**. Ideally a 'Shotgun' microphone. Thank you.

Reading Gardens

Each classroom has created their own indoor reading garden. It's lovely to see the children choosing to relax while enjoying a book.



Watch Your Speed

This is a polite reminder that if you are driving to school and dropping off your children, to drive slowly and carefully when parking near the school.



Fire Drill

Before half term, both school buildings had fire drills. All the children listened to their teachers and exited the buildings in a calm and orderly way, resulting in safe and effective fire drills throughout.

WMS Summer Holiday Club

Will run for three weeks this summer on the following weeks:

Week commencing – 22nd July
Week commencing – 29th July
Week commencing – 5th August



Booking forms are available at our school doors. Please ensure forms and payments are completed and returned by Monday 10th June for your child's place to be secure as well as us being able to ascertain that take-up has been sufficient to run the club on all of the planned weeks.

Sports Day

THURSDAY 4TH JULY



Each year, sports days is a great success, lots of fun and a lovely family day.

A letter with full information on this annual event will be sent home shortly.

Please ensure you return the slip indicating your attendance and your order for an official WMS sports day T-Shirt for your child.

We look forward to seeing all our families at the off-site venue: **The Feel Good Centre, 170 Chingford Road, Walthamstow, E17 5AA**



Design the Sports Day Programme Cover

All children are invited to draw a themed picture and send to the school office by Friday 14th June, for the attention of Miss Celestina. The winning entry will have their picture on the front cover.

After School Club Invoices

Invoices will be issued **today** for any after school clubs (breakfast, lunch or tea timers) attended during May. Please ensure that your invoiced is paid in full by Friday 7th June, to avoid receiving a penalty charge. Thank you.

Please note that any After School Clubs you would like your child to attend in the last week of school (week commencing 15th July) need to be booked and paid for in advance. This is due to the end of the academic year. A booking form for this is available at both school doors.

Autumn Term Fees

Invoices will be issued from Monday 24th June 2019.

Payment should be made on or before Monday 1st July to secure your child's place for the Autumn term and then the second instalment on or before the Tuesday 3rd September 2019.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the school term in September.

Class Information

Elementary

Welcome back everyone after a restful and enjoyable half term! Elementary class has been very busy before the half-term holiday. Specifically, we focused on our film production topic, mainly writing and finishing the script, designing our fictional characters and creating our storyboard. Children are working hard on this as we need to finish their movie soon. In Art students practiced the creation of movement through frames, acquiring as a result a better understanding of how movement is perceived by our eyes. They also worked hard on the art project and helped Reception class with the preparation of their Cafe project. In Literacy students practiced writing mechanics, conjunctions and commas, and practiced reading various texts on different topics. Working with the Fractions' materials was the main topic of the week in Maths specifically equivalent fractions and addition and subtraction, along with Geometry, were students practiced calculating the area and perimeter of a shape by using live examples, such as their classroom. For PE students continued practicing eye-ball coordination in tennis and also using the racket from both sides to hit the ball, while in PSHE children talked about the limits of tolerance for different people, and when one is good to stop their annoying behaviour towards someone.

Reception and Prep

The children learned about different aspects of food hygiene. They learned about personal hygiene what they should do before and after cooking. Children looked at food storage, where we should store foods, we also looked into the difference storage methods needed if the food is cooked or un-cooked.

Children spent time creating their pictures for the art project. We look forward to seeing them in the completed design and show cased for all to view.

All the children finished off their crafts to be sold at the cafe. Whilst doing this children had the opportunity to use the laminator machine, learning about how it works and about various ways we could use it.



In preparation for our cafe our budding chefs prepared food and used various electrical appliances to aid this. All the children were able to watch the smoothies

being made and enjoyed watching the popcorn machine in action!



What a lovely way to end the half term with Rainbow Cafe! We worked hard together as a team to set and to run our

cafe/shop. Tremendous effort and great enthusiasm from all the children involved, we are very proud of you all! You impressed us in lots of ways and you all did an amazing job in making our cafe a success. Thank you to everyone who visited our cafe we hope you enjoyed it!

Kindergarten:

Beech:

During the last week of the half term Beech class prepared everything for their cafe. We finished the logo for the cafe and made rainbow decorations out of paper plates. We reinforced our knowledge of money and table manners in a group activity. The children made homemade lemonade by squeezing the lemons and mixing the juice with water and sugar. They were really excited and proud of their product. It was lovely to see them getting orders from the parents and serving them. This term we will be talking about people who wear uniforms as part of their jobs.



Sycamore:

Sycamore class enjoyed a fun filled week working on our WMS cafe. The children enjoyed using their creative skills to decorate the cafe including making a beautiful sign.

We have all learnt a lot about 'Enterprise' this term including healthy eating, business hierarchy and activities all about money. Our grand opening of the cafe went down a treat as we welcomed our lovely parents to share some delightful treats with us.



With the lovely weather upon us, we took the opportunity to participate in some lovely presentations using our Montessori materials outside. The children demonstrated their concentration skills as most were able to grade the long rods activity. The children familiarised themselves with language such as long, longest, shorter to visually discriminate between each of the 10 rectangular prisms.

We also played the talking stick game to enable the development of communication and language skills specifically in a group. Each child held the stick and shared one interesting fact with their teachers and peers before passing it on to the next child.

This week, we have lots of exciting activities planned around our topic people in uniform.

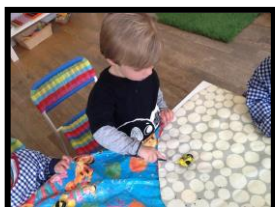
Oak:

Oak class was very busy during the last week before our half term break! Monday we spent adding finishing touches to the designs we made to decorate our very own Rainbow Café. In the process we discussed what materials are and what materials can be used for what purposes. On Tuesday we had a lesson about leaflets. We looked at different types of leaflets and discussed what information they can carry and how businesses/organisations can use them. On Wednesday we tried a new way of creating colourful pictures - bubble painting. We used dish soap, paint and straws to create colourful bubbles which we then captured on paper. This was not easy, but we are definitely doing that again! On Thursday we were busy baking blueberry muffins for our café. We measured, weighed, counted, stirred and poured ingredients to make vegan muffins by the recipe we found on Internet. This was good fun! And finally, on Friday it was the grand opening of our café, where we role played working as bakers and shop assistants. We sold delicious food that was prepared by us and our friends from other classes, it was a great experience! Thank you so much for the parents that attended and supported.



Nursery

The week, before the half term, the nursery children were learning about bees and the pollination process through picture presentation and arts and crafts. We were identifying parts of the flower and the body parts of the bee. Further on, we explored the growing process of a plant through dance movements to the action song: "I'm a little seed"



and followed the adventures of the tiny seed in the book by Eric Carle.

This week we are going to talk about the food we eat and different food groups. We are going to focus on healthy eating and comparing healthy and unhealthy food. We are going to discuss how our body reacts to healthy and unhealthy food and the importance of a balanced food diet. The children will also have an opportunity to listen to and discuss about the story "The little red hen".



The children have been looking after and watering their plants and watching them grow



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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