

W/C Monday 1st July 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Our annual WMS sports day is taking place this Thursday, 4th July at the 'Feel Good Centre' E17.

This event is for all our WMS children and their families and the weather is promising to be lovely. Please look out for an email reminder with all the 'important bits'.

Please arrive at the 'Feel Good Centre' with your child at 10.30am. Please have them dressed in their P.E. Kit with appropriate footwear for sports. The event will finish at 1pm whereby we will have to have cleared away and vacated the field. We hope you will all join us and stay for a teddy bear's picnic.

Former WMS Student

We always love sharing with you our former student's successes. Former WMS student Geordie Greep performed this weekend at Glastonbury Festival with his band Black Midi, for which he is the lead vocalist. Black Midi has been dubbed 'the best band in London' and 'disturbingly brilliant' by fellow rock band 'Shame'.

Geordie attended WMS until the age of 11 before moving to the Brit School and Miss Lorna remembers Geordie's first visit to the school, when he showed her a drawing of a 'Yes' album cover.

We are always incredibly proud of our former WMS pupils!



Geordie is on the left

Autumn Term School Fees

The first instalment of your child's autumn term fees is due today, Monday 1st July 2019. Please let the office know if you are unable to make this payment. A late payment penalty charge will be applied to all payments not received by the deadline.

Summer School Concert

You will shortly be receiving a letter regarding our annual summer concert. Please complete the slip to order your tickets for this event by Wednesday 10th July.

MULLER ANNIVERSARY GAMES



British Athletics would like to offer our school the opportunity to invite children & their families to attend the **Müller Anniversary Games on Saturday 20th & Sunday 21st July 2019.**

Founded in 2013 as a legacy to the 2012 Olympic & Paralympic Games, the Müller Anniversary Games is a world-leading athletics meeting attracting the biggest and best track and field stars, with the likes of Dina Asher-Smith, Laura Muir and Jonnie Peacock already confirmed to appear this year.

Tickets for this event are being offered to our school at a special price of **£5 for Adults & £5 for Juniors** (16 & under). Let's help inspire the next generation.

To purchase tickets:

VISIT www.theticketfactory.com/british-athletics

& select the Müller Anniversary Games

PICK the day you want to attend

ENTER the code **SCHOOLS19** into the promo

code box at the top of the page & click 'GO'

SELECT the block you wish to be seated in

(remember this offer is available in category D

areas) or choose the best available option &

complete your order. For group bookings of 10 or more tickets please call 0844 338 8002.

After School Club Invoices

If your child attended any After School Clubs during the month of June, you will receive an invoice today Monday 1st July. Please ensure these are paid in full by Friday 5th July to avoid any late penalty charges. Thank you.

Class Information

Elementary

Last week, Elementary class worked on English comprehension learning. For this subject, the children learnt about Wimbledon tennis tournaments and also about snails and their habitats. The children also continued to practice conversion of verbs to nouns and adjectives. In Maths, children continued working with the fraction materials, learning about improper fractions and mixed numbers, and how to convert from one form to another. Children also revised finding the volume of a 3D shape. Last week's PSHE topic was about risks we take in life and whether it is worth it or not, thus completing a 2-day lesson, continued from the previous week. It was amazing to see all the ideas the children put forward and views expressed. Children have also been filming their movie which is almost ready for editing, we also continued rehearsing and preparing for the school's summer concert.

Elementary class had a very interesting session in DT learning how to carve stone in order to create their own sculptures, Children were very engaged and enjoyed creating their artwork.

On Tuesday, children visited Waltham Forest Town Hall for a concert - the Palisander ensemble. It was very exciting and educational. Children were very engaged in the interactive performance and were answering questions about the recorders that were being played.

This week, students will be completing the filming process, rehearsing for the summer concert and practicing Improper fractions operations along with long division by 2-digit divisors. In literacy they will be working with antonyms and learning about inferences.



Reception and Prep

Last week we were very lucky to see a performance by the Palisander in connection with Waltham Forest music festival, they were truly amazing. All the children were completely transfixed by their interactive performance a real treat for them all!

We have been busy practising for sports day. Children have been working hard and I have seen some much-improved skipping! We have also been practising for our end of year concert, children are learning the song words and practising their acting skills.

We have been learning some fascinating facts about insects from around the world. We have looked at their natural ability to keep themselves protected from others. We have looked at camouflage and how this helps them to blend into their surroundings, keeping them unseen from other insects and animals that might want to eat them. We have spoken about how bright colours on insects, act as a warning to others and help to protect them from predators.

We have started to construct our bug hotel. We will be continuing with this over the next few weeks adding different things to our bug hotel that will attract insects. Children will learn that the different things that we add will help to attract different bugs and insects.



Kindergarten:

Beech:

Beech class has been learning about builders last week. We looked at different construction tools they use for building and tried some of them in an activity where children had to use a hammer, flathead screwdriver or Phillips screwdriver on a wooden block. Children also had the opportunity to build a wall out of wooden bricks and cement (clay). This week we will talk about policemen.



Sycamore:

Last week in Sycamore class we learnt all about the role of a builder. The children were provided with an environment enriched with new language as we discussed the names of different materials and tools.

We learnt the words; screwdriver, drill, bricks, cement and sand. Each child participated in a practical activity where they used a screwdriver to screw a screw into a pilot hole.

We also explored a drill and in turn each of the children used a button to power the drill on and off. The children also had the opportunity to insert and remove a drill bit.

Taking a look at the numeracy area of the Montessori materials, we enjoyed working with the large number cards.

This week, we have some exciting activities planned around the role of a police officer, as well as our exciting sports day that we have all been practising hard for.

Oak:

We have started a new part of our termly topic by looking at the field of construction. On Monday we looked at different types of buildings people can live in: cottages, flats, detached houses, bungalows and many more. We also looked at some tools construction workers use for their everyday tasks and tried to remember which of us had those things at home. During our PE session we practised balancing by walking in a line with a cup of water, a flag on a stretched hand and finally with a beanbag on our heads. We also had a construction activity, where we combined different materials, such as pebbles, playdough, pipe cleaners and lolly sticks to make houses.



On Tuesday we enjoyed an activity where we practised working with a real flathead screwdriver. We all had a turn in placing a screw in a block of wood and driving it in using a screwdriver. We learnt that the screwdriver has to be turned clockwise to drive a screw in and anti-clockwise to take it out. We also learnt about safety rules when working with real construction tools.



On Wednesday during our 'Out and About' session we decorated a front door to our houses by colouring it in different colours and selecting the right number to go on it. We learnt that each door has to have a number for a postman to find the right address!

Thursday and Friday were dedicated to constructing a house using familiar objects, such as cardboard tubes and boxes. We experimented with different ways of attaching objects together, attempting to create shapes and patterns we observed on real buildings, such as our school or the three houses in The Three Little Pigs story.

The sound of the week was "d" and the story of the week was 'The Three Little Pigs'.

Nursery

Last week the nursery children learnt about different types of food we eat. They had a sensorial exploration of fresh fruits, vegetables and raw and cooked pasta. We were identifying and naming the different types of fruits and vegetables. The children were introduced to how to cut banana and cucumber as well as transferring and pouring pasta. We introduced the different types of pasta, learning about the names for each type. They all enjoyed making their own necklace by threading pasta on a string.



This week, the nursery children will have an opportunity to learn about a market chain. We will be exploring the process from farm to table through looking at milk production. We will talk about where the milk comes from, learn the body parts of a cow and once again have a go at milking a cow. Also, we will learn about storing the milk in refrigerator tankers, processing and packaging the milk before it reaches its final destination, supermarket shelves. We are all looking forward to our sports day on Thursday where we will enjoy lots of exciting sport games.



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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