

W/C Monday 8th July 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Sports Day



A huge thank you to all our staff, children and parents who helped to make our sports days such a great success.

It was lovely that the children could use the amazing facilities at our new venue, which I am sure you will all agree enhanced the children's experience and hopefully inspired them and instil in them a passion for 'Sports'. Thank you for your kind feedback – we also had lots of fun and enjoyed the varied events!



Well done to our sporty parents!



Everywhere Bear

Orinayo and Leonardo made sure that Everywhere bear had lots of fun and was kept extremely busy over the last couple of weeks!



HEYL Awards – well done WMS!

Walthamstow Montessori School is participating in the Healthy Early Years London (HEYL) awards. We are very pleased to announce that we have achieved the 'First Steps' in this award. This scheme is funded by the Mayor of London which supports and recognises achievements in child health, wellbeing and development in early years settings. Building on the success of Healthy Schools London, HEYL will help to reduce health inequalities by supporting a healthy start to life across themes that include healthy eating, oral and physical health and early cognitive development. EYL complements and enhances the statutory Early Years Foundation Stage framework, adding to the focus on children, families and staff health and wellbeing.

Summer Concert

Our summer concert is on Friday 19th July at Forest School. Please ensure you read the letter, which was sent home with your child last week, which contains all the important information about this event.

Please note the school will be closed on this day Friday 19th July and it is also the last day of term.

Annual Tennis Open Morning



On Wednesday 17th July we will be holding a 'Tennis open Morning'. All Upper School parents are invited to join us and watch their children in action.

We ask that parents meet us at the tennis courts in Lloyd Park at 11.10am, where the children will demonstrate their tennis skills and also some group activities that they have been doing during their PE lesson throughout the term – I am sure you will see how much they have progressed.

Autumn Term School Fees

The first instalment of your child's autumn term fees should have now been paid. A late payment penalty charge will be applied to all payments not received by the deadline.



Summer Concert DVD

Please find attached our DVD order slip for our Summer Concert. Spare slips will be available at the school door too. The DVD's cost £15.00 each. This is a lovely memento for you to keep.

Sessions for Autumn Term

Please note that if you wish to make any changes to your child's sessions that we require a term's notice and any changes will then start from the Spring term.

Head Lice

We have had a case of head lice in the Lower School, which is very common amongst young children. Please check your child's head and treat accordingly. Thank you.

After School Club

If you wish your child to attend one of our 'After School Clubs' (Early Risers, Lunch or Tea Timers) on the last week of term, please ensure that you have completed a booking form indicating which clubs they will be attending with full payment in advance of the sessions.

Booking forms are available at the school doors or can also be emailed to you on request.

Congratulations

to Miss Kasia in passing her exams and graduating with a master's degree in Early Education and Key Stage 1. We are very proud of all your hard work Miss Kasia.



Class Information

Elementary

Last week, Elementary class worked on their comprehension learning, they learnt about the myth of Sinbad and worked on inferences. The children also continued practicing for the summer concert with commitment and great effort. In Maths children worked on long division with 2-digit divisors and they also revised powered numbers. Children also revised finding the volume of a 3D shape. Students have finished filming their movie and are now in the post-production process. It was really nice to see all the excitement about the film and everyone working hard to achieve the

best possible result. A great success was also the school's Sports Day. The children competed against each other in obstacle races, fancy dress racing and sprints.

This week, the children will be revising fractions and finalising their film and practicing for the summer concert.

Reception and Prep

We have had a busy but very enjoyable week! All children did so well at sports day, and we are very proud of their efforts!! It was lovely watching them work together as a team, helping and encouraging each other.



We have also been busy building our bug hotel. Children have been discovering what can be used to attract different bugs and insects. They have used logs, cones, bamboo canes, material, egg and shoe box along with other materials to create our bug hotel. We will now observe our bug hotel and keep records of the different insects and bugs that we see. We will then use these records to create a tally chart of the

insects that we see.

Children have been learning about odd and even numbers. We have also been skip counting in 2,5,10's.

In DT children have started to make their own robots from wood. The children did very well, and they enjoyed using the tools!



The robot armada!



Kindergarten:

Beech:

Last week Beech class continued learning about our topic 'people in uniform' and we talked about the police. We discussed the importance of the police in our lives. The children participated in some role play activities around the topic. This week we will talk about vets.

The children also learnt about the telling the time and were introduced to 'o'clock' and 'half past'.

The children have also been practising their lines and singing the songs for our summer concert.

Sycamore:

With the glorious sun shining and the flags flying high, we all enjoyed our annual sports day event. The children demonstrated good co-ordination skills and spatial awareness whilst they completed their events. We all agreed that our water challenge was the favourite event of the day. Continuing our water theme, earlier in the week we participated in a science musical jars experiment. We firstly began with empty glass jars of the same shape and size. The teacher then used a metal spoon to tap on each one. At the first stage the children identified the sound was the same for all the jars tapped.

The children were then invited to pour water into each jar ensuring that the water level was different for each one. Tapping on the jars with the spoon causes them to vibrate and make a sound. We discovered that when the jars were all empty the vibrations and the sounds were the same. However, adding water to the jars caused the vibrations.

Children also identified that a glass jar filled with less water will produce a higher sound and a jar filled with more water will produce a lower sound.

We will continue to assist the children in refining their auditory sense by working with the sound boxes from our Montessori materials.

This week our people in uniform topic will continue with the role of a vet with some exciting activities planned.

Oak:

It was another busy week in Oak class.

This time we have been learning about policeman. Children had opportunity to learn how important that occupation is and what to do in case of any emergency. We also talked again about emergency number 999, most of the children remembered that number well, using the phone we were pretending to call that number and ask for some help. Children presented a very good of understanding that this number can be used only in case of an emergency.

During our busy week we looked also at different emergency vehicles, children enjoyed learning the names of parts of vehicle as well as policemen's equipment. We also had a story about "Officer Bear" – children liked that story a lot. Some of them shared their own experience of talking to policeman.

On top of that we were practising very hard for our sport day, and on Thursday we had so much fun running and all of the activities they participated in. On our out and about session children were decorating hand cut out of the paper, they were using dry leaves and flowers.



The sound of the week was "h" and the story of the week was "Hungry Henry".

Nursery

Last week, nursery children had an opportunity to learn about the process of producing and bringing milk from farm to table. They enjoyed becoming farmers again

and 'milking Matilda the cow' as a first stage in the process. They also created a three-dimensional refrigerated tank and learned about transportation of the



milk. Children had fun packing the milk into a bottle and finished by engaging into an

imaginative role play of a dairy shop.

The sports day was a great success where children participated in three different races.

This week the children will have an opportunity to participate in various fruit projects. The week will start with our science experiments with fruit: sinking and floating with apples as well as unpeeled and peeled orange and creating an erupting volcano using lemons. Children will create owl snacks using fruit and make orange prints. The week we will finish making a summer fruit sorbet and enjoy a picnic in the garden.

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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