

W/C Monday 16th September 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Jeans for Genes Day Friday 20th September

Don't forget we are supporting this fantastic charity on Friday 20th September.

We would like to invite all our children that attend school on Friday, and staff, to donate a minimum of £1 and come to school on this day in their jeans/denim. **No smocks or uniform required on this day.**

If you have any unwanted denim, then please donate as children will be participating in 'denim' related art activities throughout the whole of this week.

School visit

It is always lovely when we get a visit from one of our ex pupils.



Martha paid us a visit last week. Martha is very excited to start at her new school and we wish her all the best on her next adventure!

Don't forget

The school day starts at 9.30am. The door will open at 9.25am. Shortly after the start of the school day the door will close and registration will be in progress, so please arrive on time for 9.25 /9.30am latest. The door will then be re-opened at 10am to those pupils arriving after this time. If you are running late or your child will not be attending school, please contact the school office before this time to report late arrival or absence.



Sinem's Ethiopian Adventure!

Hello WMS family,

Hope you are all well and had a restful summer holiday!

Let me tell you a bit about my Ethiopia adventure. It was such a wonderful experience and the fact that we refurbished a school was the best part of it!

I am hoping to return to Ethiopia later this year to continue to help the amazing people that I met on my visit.



Diary Dates

Our annual Carol Concert is now confirmed for **Wednesday 11th December at St. Johns Church.** This is a whole school and family event. Please diary – full event details will be sent nearer the time.

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.

Composer of the Week



Our composer of the week is Tchaikovsky. Tchaikovsky will be playing throughout the school, this helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.

Pyotr Tchaikovsky (1840-1893), was the best known Russian composer of the 19th century. His ballet music is some of the most popular ever written including Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and the Nutcracker.



Autumn Half Term Holiday Club

We are planning to run our holiday club during the October half term break if we have enough of an up take. Please email the school office with the heading 'holiday club' to express your interest by Monday 23rd September.

Spring Term changes

Please can you let us know in writing if you wish to make any changes to the days that your child currently attends WMS for the Spring Term which starts in January 2020.

If we do not hear from you by Friday 20th September we will assume that your child's current days will stay the same for the new Spring Term.

Communication

A TEST text was sent out last Friday. If you did not receive a text from us, please call the office to let us know.

What's on locally

The Toy library (local charity) are offering mindfulness classes for children aged 5+ and adults. There is a free taster session on the 23rd September from 4-5pm.

Walthamstow Toy Library and Play Centre
Comely Bank Community Clinic
46 Ravenswood Road
London
E17 9LY

020 8509 3401

www.walthamstowtoylibrary.org



Class Information

Elementary

Continuing with our topic last week, we learnt how Samuel Pepys helped us with information on the Great Fire of London. To follow up on our discussions of houses in London at that period, Elementary made pictures of detailed houses using craft material.



Elementary had an impressive tennis lesson last week. Practising their serving skills and ending with a match between two teams.



Our Out and About session was also very interesting with discussions about safety when out in nature. The children then went on a scavenger hunt collecting a piece of nature each, to take a closer look. We are now busy creating a class story with the help of the pieces that the children collected.

Reception

Last week children have been learning about the timeline of events of The Great Fire of London. They worked as a team to arrange the correct sequence of events. We also looked at a map that colour coded the spread of the fire over the four days.

In Art children enjoyed creating their own designs with marbling paint.



Children enjoyed Tennis with Miss Hilary at Lloyd Park! We also spent time at the park talking about safety and caring for our environment.

Kindergarten:

Last week the children were enriched with lots of exciting activities based around our topic space including making a volcano, a Mercury paper mache planet, a colour sun mixing activity and a lovely space porthole craft.

There was a lot of awe-and-wonder as the children eagerly anticipated the moment of lava flow from the volcanic eruption in relation to the planet Venus. Each child demonstrated good turn taking skills and they used their mathematical skills to measure the ingredients for the science experiment.

We continued our numeracy skills by exploring our mathematical fractions shapes where the children learnt about a whole, one half and one quarter.



The children created some out of this world 'port holes' for their space ships!

We discussed each planet in turn including Mercury's extreme temperatures. After the discussion, the children were able to retell to their teachers and peers, that the side of Mercury facing the sun is searing hot, and the dark side facing the sun is freezing cold. We also discussed Mercury's surface which is covered with large asteroid craters, and the planets positioning as being the smallest planet in our solar system.

This week, we will continue our exploration about space focussing on planet earth and the moon. The children will be participating in an exciting outdoor learning called moon mud activity. With the weather being a little unpredictable, please ensure that your child has their wellington boots and suitable clothing for our fun and exciting activity.

On Friday we will be participating in some exciting activities geared towards Jeans for Genes day. Also, a huge thank you to all of the parent who found words with their children in relation to the letter of the week. The letter of the week is c, and all of the teachers are looking forward to the words that the children will share with us.

Nursery

Last week, nursery children participated in various grace and courtesy activities where they practiced how to walk in the classroom, tuck their chairs in, put their work away, watch a friend who is working, etc. They all had turns demonstrating a certain grace or a courtesy and they slowly learned how the Montessori environment functions.

This week, we will introduce our topic - Autumn and the children will learn about this season and its characteristics. We will discuss the change in weather and clothes we wear. Also, children will have an opportunity to learn about the lifecycle of a leaf, creating leaf prints and identifying the colours and the parts of the leaf.



We will acknowledge Jeans for Genes day where children will create denim book marks and bake cookies in order to raise money for this occasion. If you have a spare pair of jeans or denim of some sort, can you please bring them, and we will turn them into a piece of art.

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



To contact the school office dial:

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