

W/C Monday 9th September 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely summer. A special welcome to our new families. I am sure you will join us in making them all feel very welcome!

We have had a fantastic week back. The children have settled well as if they had never been away! If you haven't yet met your child's class teacher, then we will do our best to make sure you do. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher urgently then please email or call the school office.



Important Diary Dates

The children will be coming home with 'Welcome Back' letters from their class teachers this week. The letters will confirm the bits you need to know about the timetable such as PE days etc. We are just in the process of confirming class trips etc.

Autumn term School Fees

Your child's school fees for this term should now have been paid in full on or before the 3rd September to avoid late penalty fees. If you paid 50% before the summer break, then you should have by now paid the second instalment if your second instalment was to be by bank transfer / cash or child care vouchers.

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.



Don't forget

The school day starts at 9.30am. And children should be in their classrooms ready to begin lessons. 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.



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 that week.



Children aged five and over can get a special Waltham Forest 'Arts Award Discover' by taking part in the many free activities on offer for London Borough of Culture 2019. Go to wfculture19.co.uk/arts-award to download our special Waltham Forest 'Arts Award Discover' booklet for more information.



Wellies and Raincoats.

Please ensure that your child has a spare pair of wellies which can be left at school. As part of our Montessori teaching the children will often take their learning outside and the children will participate in their 'Out and About' sessions. Please ensure your child has a raincoat and or a full rain suit.

Notice Period

Please be reminded that if your child is not returning in January 2020, then written notice to the school office should be received no later than this Wednesday 11th September. If you have already provided notice, then an acknowledgement letter will be sent home with your child this week. Notices received after this time, as per your terms and conditions, will mean that Spring term school fees would be due, and you would automatically be invoiced accordingly.

Communication

We will be sending a TEST text out to all our parents. If you do not receive one on Friday 13th September at approx. 12.30pm then please let us know.

'Bumped Head' Text

If your child bumps any part of their head during a school day we will always send a standard text to you. These texts are sent as an extra precaution to ensure you are aware. If you receive a text it is because all is well with your child and we will be keeping an extra eye on them.

No Nuts

As I'm sure you are all aware we are a strict no nut school; so please ensure that you do not send your child in with nuts or nut based products in their packed lunch such as small sweets (e.g. Snickers) or nut based spreads (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter). We have children in both schools with severe nut allergies. These items will need to be removed from your child's lunch.



No grapes

Please ensure that you do NOT give your child grapes in their packed lunch, as young children can easily choke on grapes.

Class Information

Elementary

A very warm welcome back from all the children in Elementary class. During the first few days back to school, the Elementary children made an excellent start on our class topic, "The Great Fire of London". We've had some interesting discussions about how life was in the past in contrast to today. Through role-play the children were excited to act the events that took place in the fire. Some detailed recounts of the facts related to the beginning of the fire have been produced.

The children have also chosen their own individual topics to research and present to the class.

We have appointed Lachlan as our weekly communal snack monitor and on Friday he served us warm pitta bread and humous.

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Reception

We had a lovely return to class on last Wednesday and we welcomed Sylvie to Reception as well as children who have moved up from the Lower School.

We have been learning the routines of the class. We have enjoyed learning the basic facts about the Great Fire of London which is our class topic this term.

We have exciting trips planned!

In art we began making pictures which will show buildings in the foreground and the flames behind, we are doing this using marbling inks.

In P.E. we tried an assault course which was fun!

This week some of us will have our first tennis lesson with Miss Hilary.

Kindergarten:

A lovely welcome back from our summer holidays here in Kindergarten. We all shared some lovely

stories about our exciting activities during our summer break.

Last week, we learnt a wealth of information about our topic 'Space'. The children engaged in some exciting activities where we explored the names of different planets.

We took a closer look at plant earth where the children demonstrated good communication and language skills, as they discussed that we need water, air, light and heat to survive.

There was an exciting science experiment where we explored the Solar System and the sun's ability to keep all of the planets in orbit because of its strength.

To demonstrate this, we used a yellow magnet to represent the sun to pick up the other magnets that symbolised each planet.

Further enhancing our study about space, we all participated in a playdough mixing activity where we made and baked a replica of the sun.

This week we will be looking at some more planets with some exciting space activities planned.

Our letter of the week will be 'b', so please can you encourage and discuss with your children any objects beginning with this letter to share during circle time.

Nursery

The nursery children were happy and excited to be back after the summer break and they were eager to start their Montessori morning working cycle.

We shared holiday news during circle time and greeted our new friends who are joining with a welcome song.

The children enjoyed making hand prints and sticking activities of creating our nursery and drawing the faces of some friends.

This week we are going to introduce a series of grace and courtesy lessons as a way of getting to know the principals of our environment better.

The children will practise how to walk in the room, how to carry a tray and a chair well as how to tidy their work away.

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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