

W/C Monday 14th October 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Half Term Break

We hope you all have a lovely and restful half term break.

School closes this Thursday 17th October and resumes on Monday 28th October. Breakfast and Tea Timers Clubs will run as normal on both these days.

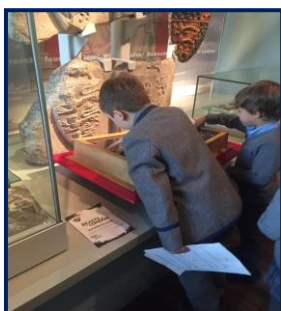
Trip to the Museum of London

All the children at our Upper School visited the Museum of London last Wednesday to reinforce their school topic on the 'Great Fire of London'.

The children enjoyed the many artefacts in relation to the Great Plaque and the Great Fire of London.

The children were able to discuss and consider the importance of the artefacts and apply to the knowledge that they have already gained in the classroom.

The children all particularly enjoyed seeing the fire engine from the 1660's and trying on a leather fire fighter' helmet.



All Talk' Conference

Last week, Miss Lidija attended an Early Years Conference, 'All Talk'. At WMS we are always looking at ways we can become an even better 'communication friendly' environment with spaces in the classroom that encourages and promotes good communication. This approach focuses on the role of the environment for supporting speaking and listening skills.



Lidija was very inspired by one of the guest speakers, Michael Rosen. Michael Rosen is one of Britain's best loved writers and performance poets for children and adults, which includes our very much and well read 'we're going on a Bear Hunt'.

Autumn Half Term Holiday Club

Is running Tuesday 22nd – Thursday 24th October.



There are a few places left, please call the school office if you wish to book a place.

Second-hand Uniform Sale

We are planning to hold a secondhand uniform sale at our Upper School on Wednesday 30th October. More details to follow.



Lower School Themed Assembly, 'Space and Autumn'

We look forward to seeing you all this Wednesday 16th October at 10am for our Themed Assembly.

All the children in the Lower School, Nursery and Kindergarten will participate and have been eagerly practicing their songs and poems and are excited to show you what they have been doing so far this term.

Parents will be invited in to take a seat at 10am. If your child is in Acorn or Seedling class (nursery) and Wednesday isn't normally their school day please could they arrive with you for 10am.

All other Kindergarten children should arrive for 9.25am – the start of the school day.

Spring Term Fees 2020

Just a reminder that invoices will be issued from Friday 29th November 2019

Payment should be made on or before Thursday 5th December to secure your child's place for the Spring term and then the second instalment on or before the Monday 6th January 2020.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the start of the Spring term on the 7th January 2020.

Free October Half Term Cycling

Cycle confident are running FREE Bikeability training courses for children aged 4 and older. Visit cycleconfident.com for more information and to sign up.

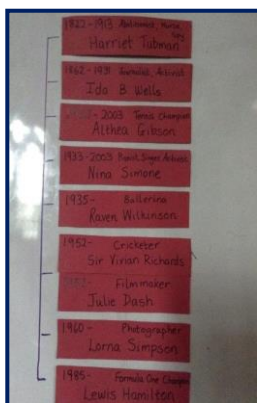
Class Information

Elementary

Last week we had a successful field trip to the Museum of London, to enhance our learning on The Plague and The Great Fire of London. There was a lot to see and think about. The children enjoyed viewing the exhibits and recording some interesting facts on their questionnaire.



We have read, discussed and written about The Story of Slavery. The children have chosen the leader of their choice to report on and together we made a Black History timeline of these leaders. This week they will be researching information on their



chosen leader and present their report to the class.

In Maths some children are concentrating on number bonds to 10 and 20, whilst others are focusing on 50 and 100.

We will also be working on keeping and staying safe, in particular with road safety.

Reception

We have had a busy week in Reception class. The children had a wonderful time on our trip to the Museum of London. They spent time looking at different objects in the gallery and watched an educational film about the fire.



For Black history week we have been talking about various role models past and present. The children learned about Mary Seacole. They drew a picture of Mary Seacole and

wrote words that describe her and her work.

This week children will be learning about 3D shapes. They will be looking at everyday objects and sorting them into the correct categories of 3D shapes.

We will also be talking about our book 'The dog who lost his bark'. We will spend time talking about and writing key events from what we have learnt about the 'dog' so far.

Kindergarten:

SYCAMORE - 'we have our very own class poet and we didn't know it'!!

From Jupiter, Uranus, Earth, Neptune, Mercury, Saturn, Venus and Mars.
This week we have creatively been making some stars!!

Not one, not two, or even three,
but alot more than a sizeable large thirty three!!

Aquila, Canis Major, Cygnus,
only to name a few!!
Then we looked at some more stars
and the numbers then grew!!

We had to stop making,

for the time was too late.

Because there was a grand
total of eighty-eight!

Each constellation,
we observed with great thought.
For we enjoyed our teacher's knowledge,
and all that they taught!

This week we will still look at space,
Where we will observe our teacher's ideas,
filled with courtesy and grace.

Our assembly is awaiting, our assembly is near!
We hope you will enjoy it, with a smile and a cheer!

By Miss Andrea

Last week, Sycamore class have been learning all about Constellations. The children learnt that a constellation is a well-known group of stars. The children have also been developing their communication and language skills by learning some of the star names including, Canis Major, Cygnus, and Aquila.

Our class produced some lovely artwork of the constellations which we hope that you will come and see during our assembly.

This week our topic will continue with space and space rockets.

We also have some fun activities planned around black history month as we look forward to learning about different inventors.

OAK

Last week, we did an interesting study about stars. We had a science experiment on glowing stars where we painted a box black and decorated it with stars and glitters. We looked in the dark box and observed the glowing stars using our special torch.



The children made their
our own star
constellation and learnt
a few of their names.
We ended the week by
making a galaxy glow



sensory bottle. The children took turns to put the cotton balls in the jar as well as adding glitter, stars, food colouring, glowing paint and water. After the activity, the children looked into the jars while observing the mixture of the paints used had changed into different colours.

This week, we will continue to practise for our Space Assembly. We will also be making rocket models using our knowledge about 2D and 3D shapes and learning about black history!

Nursery

Last week, nursery children made various Autumn crafts. The children learned about birds that will migrate to warmer countries for winter. The children then made a bird's nest. The children also had a lesson on hibernation and which animals hibernate.



The children made hedgehogs using clay, sticks and bark. At the end of the week children made

squirrel crafts and they learnt how some animals gather food in order to prepare for the long cold winter. The children will have an opportunity to show their work at the assembly on Wednesday. The children loved singing and dancing to various Autumn songs and practicing for the assembly.

This week, the children will have an opportunity to participate in some science experiments. The children will understand the concept of sinking and floating using natural objects. A couple of autumn activities will be added to the classroom, such as leaf threading and painting with pine cones. For our 'out and about' session this week we will make a sensory tray with various natural objects for the children to explore.

The children in Nursery will be learning this beautiful poem which is also an action song by Michael Rosen, the author of 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', called the rhythm of life.

The rhythm of life

Hand on the bridge
feel the rhythm of the train.

Hand on the window
feel the rhythm of the rain.

Hand on your throat
feel the rhythm of your talk.

Hand on your leg
feel the rhythm of your walk.

Hand in the sea
feel the rhythm of the tide.

Hand on your heart
feel the rhythm inside.

Hand on the rhythm
feel the rhythm of the rhyme.

Hand on your life
feel the rhythm of time.

Hand on your life
feel the rhythm of time

Hand on your life
feel the rhythm of time.

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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