

W/C Monday 28th October 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Welcome back

We hope you all had a restful half term break and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful autumnal weather.



The rest of the term will be a very busy and festive period, we will keep popping reminders of events in our weekly newsletters so please read them!



Halloween

On Thursday the children can dress up in their Halloween costumes.

There will lots of spooky and educational Halloween activities

going on at school throughout the day, finishing with a Halloween disco in the afternoon for the Lower School children. I know the Upper School teachers have lots planned too!

Everywhere

Bear had a wonderful time with Ibrahim and his cousins. They took Everywhere bear on some great adventures, he even played football and helped to make a yummy chocolate cake.



Spring Term Fees 2020

These 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.

Upper School Assembly

Upper school will be having an assembly on Thursday 14th November at 10am. Please keep

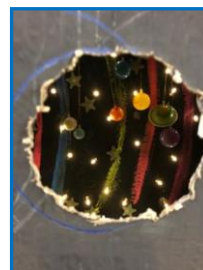
this date free, a letter with more information will be sent out this week.



Lower School 'Themed Assembly'

It was wonderful to see so many parents at our Lower School assembly at the end of the half term.

Well done to all of the children who enjoyed sharing with you what they have been doing so far this term!! The children proudly displayed their art work, performed songs and recited poems and shared interesting facts about space and Autumn!



Children in Need Our fundraising day for this important charity will be on Friday 15th November 2019.

More information about the day's event will be available shortly.



Fire Drill

Before half term, both school buildings had fire drills. All the children listened to their teachers and exited the buildings in a calm and orderly way, resulting in safe and effective fire drills throughout.

Nursery 'Lloyd Park' Trip

All children that attend Nursery on Thursday will be going on a trip to Lloyd park this Thursday.

If you have not done so please return your child's permission slip.

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed for the trip with warm clothing and wellie boots and that they are not wearing Halloween dressing up clothes.

Thank you from 'Mill Grove'

Mill Grove, Children's home have thanked us for gifts of the harvest produce which we delivered to them at the end of the half term.

Mill Grove is a local charity that helps local families, by providing them regularly with food, friendship and support.

Indoor Shoes

There are still some children wearing wellington boots Please ensure that your child has a pair of plain black plimsols that they can change into when they are inside at school.



The children work on the floor with mats and many are wearing wellington boots which not only bring the outside indoors but are also uncomfortable when worn all day.

Montessori Student

Miss Elsa, has joined us this week and will be working with the children in Beech class as part of master's degree to complete her Montessori training.

Some of your children may talk about working with Miss Elsa during her training.

Class Information

Elementary

In assembly, before half term, some children confidently read their reports on slavery and some leaders for Black History.



In class we had informative discussions and role-play for road safety. This week we will extend upon keeping ourselves safe around the home.



This week the children will also begin to prepare for our Christmas concert. The children will choose which character they will perform, and we will practise to use our voices expressively and creatively, whilst speaking and singing.

In Maths we will continue to strengthen our number bonds and work with linking addition and subtraction.

Reception

Before the half term break the children enjoyed creating a carpet in our 'out and about' session, from natural things that they found in their environment.



The children then went on to create their individual designs!



The children started to explore 3D shapes. The children began looking at everyday objects and thinking about its 3D shape.

This week we will continue with 3D shapes. We will be making a cube and cuboid and talking about their differences.

The children will be learning about Guy Fawkes. They will be learning a song about fireworks and they will try to write their own poem.

The children will also be looking at natural and manmade materials.

Kindergarten:

BEECH

This week in Beech class as part of our 'Well Being' topic the children will be talking about healthy and unhealthy foods. The children will also be discussing healthy habits, being happy and feeling good.

The children will be continuing their topic on space and will be creating their own moon.

For Halloween on Thursday the children will be decorating a Pumpkin fairy house and doing some Halloween related activities.

SYCAMORE

Before the half term break, Sycamore class celebrated black history month. We discussed the inventor Garrett Morgan and the clever invention of our traffic light system. The children enjoyed making their own traffic lights from different coloured card. The activity extended into a discussion about the circular 2D shapes of the

lights. The children also worked with the Montessori geometric solids to extend the children's knowledge about 3D shapes. The names sphere, triangular prism, cube and rectangular prism were used to reinforce prior learning.

The children displayed excellent communication and language skills as we discussed road safety and how to keep safe on the roads.

Thank you to all the parents who managed to attend our lovely assembly. We are sure you all agree that the children did very well and displayed much confidence as they shared their knowledge about space.

This week we have some exciting activities planned around the festival of Diwali, Halloween and Wellbeing week.

OAK

Before the half-term break, the children made rockets using our knowledge in shapes and colours. We decorated the rockets and pretended flying into the space using our lovely rockets. We also made our unique 'Space Box' - Glowing stars science experiment, where we get to look into the dark box to see the glowing stars, galaxy and the solar system.



The lights in the box intrigued us all and we enjoyed looking through the box.

It has been Black History month and we had the opportunity to learn about some Black heroes, helpers and inventors such as Mary Seacole, Garrett Morgan and Nelson Mandela.

This week, we hope to continue to learn more about space; this time concentrating on making a moon using mud! We will also be learning the importance of Wellbeing - learning to eat healthy and exercise. We will end the activity with some physical activities to support our wellbeing knowledge.

In addition to this we will be discussing the Diwali festival. Why it's celebrated and who celebrates the festival. We hope to create a Diwali Kandil Lantern at the end of the discussion.

The phonic sound of the week for our class will be 'a' and we will be concentrating on things that begins with the sound 'a'. Could you please support your child's learning by sending in a picture, toy or a safe

object that begins with the sound 'a'. This will enable us to relate and discuss various things from home in class.

As you've all known, we've also been learning the Months of the year, Days of the Week and the four seasons of the year; we will continue learning this throughout the week.

Nursery

Before the half term Nursery children participated in a variety of art activities related to our topic Autumn. We chose and created a favourite animal using leaves. The children really enjoyed this activity, trying to recreate a pattern sticking the leaves together. We have turned one of our very popular Montessori activities: threading beads into a threading leaves activity where the children had an opportunity to practice their hand and eye coordination and movements.



The children were very excited to share their art work and Autumn songs at the Assembly and we hope you enjoyed it as much as we did preparing it.

This we are going to continue with Autumn festivals and celebrations, acknowledging Halloween and Guy Fawkes.

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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