

W/C Monday 11th November 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School Newsletter

Children in Need

Our fundraising day for this important charity is this Friday 15th November 2019.

The week's events are attached to this email and these are also on the school doors to remind you. We look forward to this enjoyable and educational day and thank you for your support.



Christmas Carol Service

Our annual Christmas Carol Service is taking place on **Wednesday 11th December at 10.30am at St John's Church on Chingford Road E17 4LH.**



A letter has been sent home about this lovely event, please ensure you have read this. If you need further information or clarification on any area then please let us know. This event takes quite a bit of organising so if you are unsure of anything just pop us an email or call the school office.

Diary Dates

Decorate the Christmas Tree – Tuesday 10th December

Carol Service – Wednesday 11th December

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 12th December

Christmas Parties – Friday 13th December

Christmas Concert – Tuesday 17th December



We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Tuesday 17th December and school resumes on Tuesday 7th January 2020

Christmas Holiday Club

We will be running our Christmas holiday club on Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December 2019.



There are a couple of spaces left. If you would like your child to attend please complete a booking form which are available at the school doors.

The deadline for completed forms is **Monday 18th November.**

Remembrance Day

We all enjoyed participating in poppy-themed art work and activities. The children learned about the importance of this special day set aside to remember all those men and women who were killed during the two World Wars and other wars and conflicts. Classes observed a 2 minute silence today at 11am.



Upper School Assembly

Is taking place this Thursday 14th November at 10am. All the children at our Upper School will participate in their 'Themed Assembly' and it is a lovely opportunity for you to see what your children have been doing so far.

Please return your slip to let us know if you are able to attend.

Parent Evenings – Penrhyn Hall

**Lower School Tuesday 19th November
Upper School Wednesday 20th November
Please note all meetings are being held at Penrhyn Hall**

Time slot sheets are now up on the school doors for you to sign up to.

If you cannot make an appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher directly and reschedule.

Please note we are unable to accommodate any children at these meetings. If you require child care please book your child into our Tea Timers' Club, spaces will be limited, so early booking is recommended.

Composer of the Week

Our composer of the week is Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741). Vivaldi will be playing throughout the school, this helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.



Class Information

Elementary

Last week, we looked at two significant historical events. We read about and discussed The Gunpowder Plot of Bonfire night. We ended the week focusing upon Remembrance Day.

To begin our study on plants, the elementary children were putting their observational and drawing skills to great use. The children looked at different trees and drew one in detail. They then labelled the different parts of the tree.



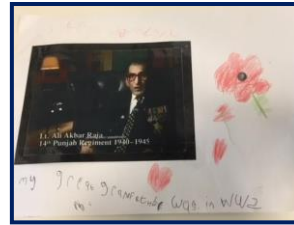
This week we will be focusing upon the needs of plants to survive and learn about photosynthesis.

In groups, the children have written poems to show their learning of The Great Plague and The Great Fire of London. They are now busy practising to share these and more in our themed assembly on Thursday.

Reception

Last week the children have been learning about time. The children have had the opportunity to work with our wooden clocks exploring the clock and becoming familiar with the hour and minute hands. The children have been working on telling and drawing the time to the hour and half past.

In our 'out and about' session the children enjoyed tree and leaf rubbings.



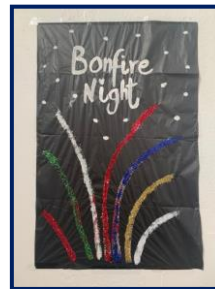
We also have been talking about Remembrance Day and the significance of the poppy. Thank you for the lovely picture of Faatima's Great Grandfather who served in WW2.

This week we will be working on recognition of and addition with coins. Please bring in your filled smarty tubes on Thursday for Children in need! The children will sort their own money and count their own coin totals.

Kindergarten:

BEECH

Last week Beech class has been celebrating two of the most important days around the year and the story behind them, 'Bonfire Night' and 'Remembrance Day'. The children also contributed to making some lovely posters related to those festivities that have been displayed on our wall.



The children have also learnt about the craters of the moon, how and why they are made. To conclude with the topic, we have made an experiment to form our own craters on the moon. It was so much fun!!

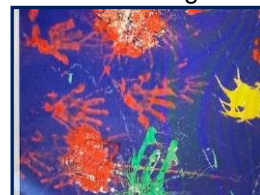
On Friday, we celebrated Elías' birthday with all his friends. His mum brought in pictures of Elías' to share in his 'Birthday Walk'.

This week we will be focusing on our reading development with some activities that will encourage their interest in reading.

This week, the children will be talking about 'Children in Need' and the children will be taking part in some lovely fund raising activities around this event.

SYCAMORE

Last week we enjoyed a week filled with lots of interesting activities here in Sycamore class. Firstly, we looked at Guy Fawkes and discussed why we use Fireworks to commemorate the anniversary of a plot discovered to ignite a fire in the Houses of Parliament.



Our discussion finished with lots of exploration with different mark making materials to create a huge firework mural in our class. We used straws to blow

paint and pipe cleaners dipped in paint and rolled along the paper. We also explored different patterns with marbles, which we also rolled in paint to make our mark.

It was so much fun for us all!

Our creativity for the week concluded with the creation of some lovely handmade poppies to mark Remembrance Day. We used our communication and language skills to discuss the meaning behind Remembrance Day.



This week we will be continuing some interesting activities relating to our topic space.

We will also be participating in some exciting fund raising events in association with our yearly Children in Need day.



**Just a small hint,
Is all that I will say!
That a little small change,
Can go a long, long way!!**

Happy Fundraising!

OAK

Last week Oak class continued to focus on their topic 'Space' in addition with a few other celebrations last week.

We started off by broadening our knowledge on learning more about the moon where we focused on the first man who landed on the moon. We discussed the Apollo 11 mission and related it to the 50th Anniversary by showing them pictures of the recent events.



Furthermore, we learnt about Guy Fawkes and its relation to Bonfire Night. The children were fascinated with different pictures of fireworks and we mentioned names of few of them. They chose their preferred fireworks and imitated the same on coloured papers using glitters and glue.



We discussed the importance of Remembrance Day in the United Kingdom and reasons why its celebrated across the country. We spoke about the relation of Poppy and Remembrance Day and why poppies are worn during this time. We used our tactile senses to

explore different types of wood which the crosses can be made from. We ended the activity by making our individual Remembrance crosses and poppies.

Not forgetting our space topic, we continued to learn more about the moon and how craters were made using an experiment. We saw pictures on 'phases of moon' and how they change from new moon to waxing crescent. We demonstrated good listening skills and took turns throwing rocks in our moon 'mixture' whilst making our craters! The children understood that when rocks crashed into the moon, craters were formed.

This week, we hope to continue learning more about space by experimenting more. We will talk about Colour Mixing Aliens and get to explore different colours by mixing in colour with another colour. We also hope to learn more about earth, the only planet we live on. The activities will be ended with an experiment called bubbling planet!

Our phonic sound of this week for our class will be 'c' and we will be concentrating on things that begin with the sound 'c'. Could you please support your child's learning by sending in a picture, toy or a safe object that begins with the sound 'c'. This will enable us to relate and discuss various things from home in class.

Thank you for sending in objects beginning with the sound 'b' last week. We hope to continue to support the children's learning this week, creating the link from home to school.

We will also continue to learn the Months of the year, Days of the Week and the four seasons of the year. Kindly reinforce with your children at home as often as you can.

Nursery

Last week, nursery children acknowledged Guy Fawkes Day by making a bonfire in the garden using natural materials. The poem "Remember Remember the 5th of November" was read and children also created a firework painting. The children then enjoyed listening to and looking at the beautiful illustrations of the "Leaf Man" book, choosing leaves for making their own leaf man.





This week, children will commemorate Remembrance Day by creating poppy crafts which we will then spread around the garden, we will also be holding a 2 minutes silence.



The children will be introduced to the new ICT area via grace and courtesy activity and learn how to use each piece of the material. The children will look closely at the voice recorder, the torch,

the calculator and they will learn how to operate the CD player by playing their favourite music.

At the end of this week, we will be celebrating 'Children in Need' day. The children will be invited to wear pyjamas on this day. They will also play a game of finding different coloured pom poms hidden in the classroom that the children will use to create Pudsey bear crafts. These crafts will be then sold in order to raise money for 'Children in Need'.

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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