

W/C Monday 18th November 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School Newsletter

Children in Need

All the children had a wonderful day on Friday helping to fundraise for this worthwhile charity. We managed to raise a massive £183.58



Thank you to all the children, parent and staff who helped to make this happen.



Upper School Assembly

It was lovely to see so many parents at our Upper School Assembly last week. The children delivered their assembly on this term's topic: The Great Fire of London.

The children helped to plan the assembly and they wrote the content including the historical recounts and the poems.

We hope you all enjoyed it and learnt a lot and we look forward to inviting you to next one!



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**.



Christmas Party

Our annual children's Christmas Party will take place on Friday 13th December.

A letter with all the details was sent home last week.

Children who do not normally come to school on a Friday should arrive at 9.30am prompt and will need to be collected at 12.30pm.

We ask for parents to contribute towards the party food and drink, a list will be displayed on both school doors nearer the time.

Don't forget to wear your party or dressing up clothes!



Carol Singing – Upper School

Our Upper School children will be visiting our local care home on Wednesday 4th December at 1.30pm.



The children will be entertaining the residents with some festive Carol Singing.

Parent Evenings – Penrhyn Hall

Please be reminded that our parent meetings will take place this week.

Lower School Tuesday 19th November
Upper School Wednesday 20th November

Please note all meetings are being held at Penrhyn Hall

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.

Everywhere Bear

Everywhere Bear had a wonderful time helping to celebrate Elías' birthday with his friends!



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Grandparents' Day

We are having a 'Grandparents Day' at the Lower School on Wednesday 4th December. We would like to invite grandparents to join us in the morning from 10 -11am. You will be able to spend time in your Grandchild's class, share in snack time and read a story.

If you interested and would like to take part please give the school office a call.

Composer of the Week

Our composer of the week is Ludwig Van Beethoven (1770-1827) Beethoven was born in Bonn, Germany, he wrote nine symphonies, violin and piano concertos. Beethoven lost his hearing at the age of 45 but continued composing right up to the end of his life.



Tea Towels

These will be with us on the 5th December. All those that have pre-ordered their tea towels will have their orders sent home straight away.



To ensure that you *don't* miss out please pre order!
The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00.

Festive Art at WMS!

Each class will be holding a 'Festive Art Session', where we invite a couple of parents from each class to help and join in with making some exciting arts and crafts for Christmas.



If you would like to take part, please contact the school office. No art experience necessary, just the willingness to get messy!

Upper School:

Elementary Class – Tuesday 10th December @10-11am

Reception Class – Thursday 5th December @1.45-2.45pm

Kindergarten;

Beech, Sycamore & Oak Class – Friday 6th December @ 1.45-2.45pm

Nursery:

Seedling & Acorn Class – Friday 6th December @10-11am

Watch Your Speed

This is a polite reminder that if you are driving to school and dropping off your children, to drive slowly and carefully and **legally** when parking near the school. Cars should be parked in designated bays and not dangerously in front of school gates.



Parents have been observed pulling onto the pavements in front of gates, even blocking the pavements with car doors open/

Please also turn off your engine whilst waiting stationary in your car. We are encouraging parents to do this when waiting outside school.

No Idling please

Staff Information

We are delighted to inform that Miss Jenya has returned to Walthamstow Montessori School and will be working at our Lower School. Miss Jenya has many years of experience and will assisting in both the nursery classes and in Kindergarten.

Miss Kasia will be returning from her maternity leave in January and will be joining us for the start of the Spring Term. Miss Kasia has been busy completing her master's degree in education with a Major in Early Years.

Class Information

Elementary

A big thank you to all the parents that were able to take the time to come and watch our assembly, we hope you enjoyed it as much as the children did in presenting to you.



Last week Elementary drew live trees and in their 'Out & About' session they took a closer look at dead wood and made detailed drawings of the grains and knots in the wood.



Raising funds for Children in Need gave us the opportunity to work with a variety of Maths activities. We estimated how many smarties were in the jar. Then the children sorted the money they filled their smarties tube with into different denominations and used their multiplication and addition skills to find the total. This week, we shall continue to explore money further.



The children also had fun following step by step instructions folding paper to make a hat, which they decorated.

Reception

Last week in Reception class we have been continuing our work with clocks and time. The children have been learning to read and write the time to the hour and half past. We have also been talking about time and the concept of time estimating how long something might take us to do.



We started looking at money concentrating on coins. They have been ordering coins in value and talking about making an amount by using different value coins. Children are really looking forward to counting their smarties tube money for

Children in Need on Monday. Thank You for your kind donations.

The children also had a lovely time creating different arts and crafts and making their Pudsey bandanas.



The children enjoyed their last tennis lesson for the year. They have noticeably improved over the term!

This week we will continue our work with time by creating tally charts of children's journey time to school. We will also look in more detail at money and addition with coins.

Kindergarten:

BEECH

Last week Beech class were involved in a lot of projects!

The children developed their reading skills through different activities. As we are focusing on acquiring reading and writing skills, we have been talking about planet Earth and its 7 continents. We have represented all of them in our news book, and some of us have read them and wrote them down with the help of our teacher.

In our 'out and about' session, we carried out a science experiment called "bubbling planets" that allowed us to mix primary colours and to see the results. It was really fun!

To conclude the week, we raised money for 'Children in Need' by making cupcakes, some colourful bandanas to wear on Friday and we also talked about the importance of helping others. As we said in our class, "if you can be one thing, BE KIND".

This week, we will all turn into astronauts and learn a bit more about them "visiting" the space station.

SYCAMORE

From bubbling planets to fundraising for our annual Children in Need event, we all had a busy and enjoyable week here in Sycamore class.

The children enjoyed learning about different measurements including millilitres and litres when measuring the ingredients for our science experiment bubbling planets.

We all watched in awe as the riot of colours of the planets mixed together upon reaction of the baking Soda and water combining.

Adding to our fun filled week, we had a treat with our very own Everywhere Bear. We used prepositional language under and on top off to carefully place Everywhere Bear in the correct position.

Last but by no means least, there was great team effort as the children coloured and helped their teacher make a split pin Pudsey bear.



Our cake decorating also went down with a treat. We all used our creative skills to produce our colourful master pieces. An opportunity for a quick colour mixing activity wasn't missed as we discussed what colours we could make as we mixed the icing from the tubes.



Thank you to all the parents for adhering to the wear it spots or yellow request. All our children looked amazing. And one last thank you for returning the Children in Need fund raising boxes with your child. We are still tallying up to share the grand total with you all.



This week we will continue with our topic space as well as working with an array of materials here at our lovely Walthamstow Montessori school.

OAK

The children proceeded to learn more about Planet Earth as they broaden our knowledge using the Continent Globe. We discussed the importance of

water and how earth has it in abundance. We learnt the continent songs using "Little Man Teddy" as our guide on the continent map. The lesson was also supported with the use of rainforest pictures from different continents. We did well identifying the country we live in as well as the name of the street of our school, Penrhyn! The activity was extended by naming different things that can be seen on earth.

We concluded our space topic for the week with a playdough space activity where we get to make our playdough using different colours on the space playdough mat. Some of us made craters on our playdough moon, while others made flames on rockets as well as moulding other planets.



The week ended with a fundraising cake sale! We had face painting, decorated our yummy cakes while we were patience enough not to eat them all before the sale. We made spots on Pudsey's bandana and also read a story about 'Pudsey's Great Fundraiser'. This was about Pudsey and his best friend Blush's kindness, determination and positive attitude towards raising money for Children in Need.

The children will continue to learn more about Space, focussing more on Astronauts; who they are, what they do and where they travel to.

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

Thank you for making efforts to send in objects beginning with the sound 'c' 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

We had a fun filled week at the nursery. Our week started with the 'out and about' session where we did some warm up exercises, chasing and ball games as well as balancing our bodies while trying to walk on the stepping stones.

We celebrated Remembrance Day talking about remembering the people who fought to keep our country safe. The children created poppy flowers and participated in 2 minutes of silence. Later on in the week we had a few ICT lessons and presentation of our new ICT corner. The children had an opportunity to learn about and have a go at operating a torch projector, CD player and a walkie talkie. They were all excited to have a turn at exploring the new devices.

At the end of the week we acknowledged the 'Children in Need' day, dressing up in pyjamas, painting spots on our face and creating Pudsey Bear using paper plates and pom poms. We talked about the importance of kindness and generosity, how it is always good to give something we have to someone who needs help. The children were enthusiastic to put coins in our donation box.

This week, we are going to talk about winter, snow and ice. We are going to learn how snow and ice are created, sensorially explore ice, paint snowflakes and talk about how we dress when it is cold outside.

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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