

W/C Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

# Walthamstow Montessori School Newsletter

## Thanksgiving Day

We celebrated 'Thanksgiving' Day at both our Lower and Upper school buildings last Thursday.

All the children were able to sample and taste some traditional Thanksgiving food.

The children were taught why this day is celebrated and the history behind some of the traditions.

All the children and teachers reflected on something that they were thankful for!



To help your child write their cards, class lists are available at both school doors.

## Science Week

We have an exciting week planned where the children will be learning about plants, trees and soil.



Each day the activities will be related to creating a deeper understanding through science of plants and related matters. Other subjects will be threaded into this so that they are fully focused on the topic.

There will be lots of outdoor work and messy activities!!

**Please note that Upper School children do NOT need to wear their school uniform this week and all children will need their wellington boots and suitable outdoor clothing. Please remember a pair of indoor shoes to change into.**



## Diary Dates

Decorate the Christmas Tree –  
Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Carol Service – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Jumper day – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
December

Christmas Parties – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas Concert – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December



**We break up for the Christmas Holidays on  
Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December and school resumes on  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2020**

## Christmas Post Box



Is now open and ready to receive your Christmas cards.

Please post in plenty of time so that they can be delivered before Christmas.

## Invoices - Spring Term 2020

Please note that the first instalment is due by **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019**. It is important that the payment is received on time to avoid a penalty late fee.

## Don't forget to order your Tea Towels



The Tea Towels will be arriving today. All those that have pre-ordered tea towels will have their orders sent home straight away.

To ensure that you *don't* miss out please send your orders in ASAP! The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00 – just pop the money into an envelope with your child's name, **TEA TOWEL ORDER**, with the payment inside.

## Tree Dressing Class Trips

Children in Reception, Beech, Sycamore and Oak class will be attending a 'tree dressing' session in Lloyd Park with the park educationalist on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. The children will enjoy making decorations from natural materials found in the park.

Please ensure your child is suitably dressed in wellington boots or sturdy outdoor shoes and clothes that are suitable for the cold weather.

## Party Time

We are having our children's Christmas party on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.



Food lists are going up tomorrow, so please if you can sign up by Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December if you are able to contribute something we would be very grateful.

## Christmas Concert DVD

Please find attached our DVD order slip for our Christmas Concert.

DVD's cost £15.00 each.

This is a lovely momento for you to keep of this years' Christmas concert.

## Festive Art Sessions

Thank you to the parents who have come forward to help with our 'Festive Art Session'.



We still have a couple of spaces left in Oak & Beech Class, if you are able to join us please just call or email into the office.

### Upper School:

Elementary Class – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December @10-11am

Reception Class – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December @1.45-2.45pm

### Kindergarten;

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

### Nursery:

Seedling & Acorn Class – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December @10-11am

## Upcoming Event

This lovely event is taking place around the London Bridge area.

Take a wintry walk and relive the magic of Raymond Briggs heart warming picture book 'The Snowman'

Event Dates: 26/11/2019 – 5/1/2020

For full details visit:

<https://walkingwiththesnowman.co.uk/event/london-bridge-city-2019>

## Class Information

### Elementary

Last week the children were practising multiplication and division in Maths, they were consolidating their understanding of place value with the teen and ten boards.



Last Thursday, Elementary read and wrote about the history of Thanksgiving. They also made a little pop-up book and wrote what they are thankful for.

Freya's mother came to share how Thanksgiving is traditionally celebrated, we then enjoyed a very tasty Thanksgiving lunch



with the whole of Upper school.

This week we will be very busy with Science Week investigating Plants. It will be exciting for the children to be exploring and discovering through a variety of experiments.

### Reception

Last week we started looking at various number problems and problems including money. We also worked on creating sentences along with using capital letter and full stop.

Reception class really enjoyed our Thanksgiving dinner and activities. Children learnt about the history of Thanksgiving and about how people celebrate Thanksgiving today. Children also spent time sharing with the class what they were thankful for. It was lovely to see the children enjoying their dinner and for lots of them trying pumpkin pie for the first time, which was enjoyed by all!



This week we have science week to look forward to. A lovely trip to the park to make tree decorations and our craft afternoon.

## **Kindergarten:**

### **BEECH**



Last week Beech class were very busy learning how to look after our environment, oceans and forests and the importance of recycling so as to help planet Earth "stay healthy". The children have shared their thoughts about it, and they realised that one of the best ways to help planet Earth is by recycling at home.

The children also learnt about Thanksgiving, including why, when and how it is celebrated.

Since it is mostly celebrated in North America, Beech class was given the opportunity to discover the fauna, flora and climate of this continent, reviewing also the other six continents and locating them with the help of both the globe and the world puzzle.

Beech class had a lovely time elaborating a poster and learning a song about Thanksgiving. They also reflected on what they were grateful for, highlighting that they were grateful for their family, friends, houses or for having food to eat and clothes to wear. It was a wonderful interactive session that engaged all the children and was very enjoyable for all!

This week the children will be involved in activities which will be designed to learn a bit more about science.

### **SYCAMORE**

The highlight of the week was our celebratory snack for Thanksgiving. Prior to the event, we all discussed a wide array of things that we were thankful for. Some of the responses included that they were thankful for "Mummy and Daddy", "Our school", chocolate and for "Everyone". We also discussed the history behind Thanksgiving and why it is celebrated.

We created some lovely 'Thanksgiving turkey crafts using coloured tissue paper which we glued on paper to create our wonderful masterpiece. After, we sat at our decorated tables and said a Thanksgiving prayer before tasting our delicious food that consisted of bread rolls which we all buttered, cranberry sauce and Quorn turkey.

Alongside working with our Montessori materials, it was a great week for us all. Some of the children enjoyed using the long rods with their teacher to try and form a maze. There was lots of balancing acts and gross motor skills at the forefront as we tried to walk through the maze without misaligning any of the rods.

This week we will be celebrating science week with some exciting experiments planned. Also, we must not forget grandparent's day on Wednesday and our planned craft session on Friday.

### **OAK**

Last week, we learnt about caring for our environment and taking good care of it. We discussed the importance of recycling, as well as things that can be



continued to enjoy our daily significance of Thanksgiving and the most. We ended the morning by gathering together to have Thanksgiving snack. Later that day we made a turkey craft in a group where we broadened our knowledge about thanksgiving and some meals served. We practiced sharing and turn-taking whilst sticking and cutting the materials used for the activity.

This week is filled with lots of exciting activities as we are fast approaching our Christmas party. We will continue to make lots of exciting arts and crafts to support the Christmas activities.

It's science week and we will be having various science experiments!

Some special visitors will be joining us for an hour during the week – they're our GRANDPARENTS!!! We hope to have a great time with them as we intend showing them our work cycle. We look forward to having them with us for that period.

We will be having an educational trip to Lloyd Park on Tuesday after lunch and we hope to learn using natural materials to make decorations. We all look forward to having some fun whilst learning too!

As you all know, we have been learning some phonic sounds since the beginning of this half term. Throughout the end of this term, we will be revising the sounds learnt so far. This week we hope to focus on the sounds a, b and c. The phonic sound for last week was 'g'. Thank you for making efforts to send in objects beginning with this sound. Hopefully, you can continue to support your child's learning this week with the sounds mentioned above.

In addition, kindly continue to reinforce the Months of the year, Days of the Week and the four seasons of the year at home.



## **Nursery**

Acorn and Seedlings class had a week filled with lots of fun activities and lessons. The children were really excited to learn the Snowman poem and we have recreated the poem on our display board. We first applied white paint on the board using the paint drip technique. The children enjoyed experimenting in applying paint in a different way. Then we drew and made our snowman, sticking cotton buds for his head and body. Throughout the week we created a rabbit, carrot and robin birds which we added to our display board. The children had an opportunity to be part of the whole process of creating a display board where we planned, took turns and shared resources to see the final result in the end. We also celebrated Thanksgiving, talking about the tradition of this holiday and sharing what we are thankful for. The children enjoyed a special snack menu and a party that followed after it. This week we are going to talk about Christmas, introduce poems and stories about Christmas and continue creating our Christmas decorations.

**Please also 'like' our face book pages. Select the one that says Walthamstow Montessori and Elementary and 'like' us!**



**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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