

W/C Monday 9th December 2019

Walthamstow Montessori School Newsletter



This will be our very last newsletter for 2019! Here at WMS it has been yet another busy but fun packed term. The children have all worked very hard. We hope you have enjoyed hearing about all the exciting projects the children have worked on and been involved in. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy New Year!

Important - Christmas Carol Service

**This Wednesday 11th
December at 10.30am** at St.
John's Church on Chingford Road, E17 4LH.



This is a lovely Festive event and we look forward to seeing you all there.

*Please be reminded that **ALL** nursery children and any Kindergarten children who do not normally attend on a Wednesday should go straight to John's Church. Please see reminder emails/correspondence and door signage!*

All children should be wearing their school smocks or school uniform

Christmas Displays

The children and staff at WMS have been busy creating some festive Christmas displays.



Tuesday 10th Tree Decorating Day!

On Tuesday 10th December we will be having our special tree decorating day! This is one such traditional event at WMS that is very special. We invite every child to come to school with a silver ball to hang on our tree. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, then they are welcome to hang their special silver ball on another day. Please do not send your child into school with one in their bag as they could easily get damaged.



Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper Day at WMS on Thursday 12th December. Get your jumpers ready!!!! No smocks or Upper School uniform required!



Science Week



Both schools participated in an exciting and educational week based on science.

The upper school observed plants in their environment and they investigated the soil.

They performed experiments throughout the week which they recorded in their science books.

The Lower school focused on gravity, colour changing, sink and float and density, during science week. The children took part in lots of experiments throughout the week to help them explore these concepts.



Party Time - this Friday!

We are having our children's Christmas party on Friday 13th December. Foods list are up, so please if you can sign up by Wednesday 11th December that would be great, and we thank you for your contribution in advance.



All children are invited to attend even if it is not their school day.

Christmas Post Box

Don't forget to post your Christmas cards, so that they can be delivered before we close for the Christmas holidays.



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

Grandparents day

It was wonderful to welcome some of our Grandparents into school last Wednesday. They spent the morning with the children, taking part in the morning activities. All the children loved having them around.



Tree Dressing Session

Children from our Reception and Kindergarten (Beech, Sycamore and Oak) attended a 'tree dressing' session in Lloyd Park last Tuesday. The children used lots of natural materials, like ivy, leaves, ferns, artichoke thistle heads and holly to create their own unique tree decoration.



At the end of the session each child was given either a Cherry, Rowan or Field Maple tree sapling to take home to plant and look after.

Christmas Carols

Some of the Children from the Upper School performed to the residents of a local Care Home called Heavtree. We like to do this every year and the residents always enjoy hearing the children sing for them.



Festive Art Sessions

On Thursday and Friday, we welcomed some parents from both the Upper and Lower School to help at our festive art sessions. Thank you for joining us and we hope you enjoyed the session. Some beautiful art was created and some of it will be used as part of the scenery for our Christmas Concert next week.



Diary Dates

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

Notice Period

Please be reminded of your child's notice period as per your Terms and Conditions.

If your child is not returning for the Summer 2020 term (ie. April 2020) then notice is required in writing (email would suffice) on or before January 6th 2020.

Early Risers, Tea Timer Invoices

Please note that you will be issued an invoice on Monday 16th December for any clubs attended for the first two weeks of December. Tea Timers and Early Risers will be running on Monday 16th December as normal.

Lost Property

As the end of term approaches please could you ensure you check the lost property bin for any items your child may have mis-placed during this half of the term. Please could you check before Thursday 12th December as after this time we will be removing the items left and donating them to charity.



Tea Towels Flash Sale

We have some Tea Towels left and we will be holding a flash sale at the end of the school day at 3pm on Tuesday 10th December where you can purchase directly from us from the school courtyard.



The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00

Christmas Concert DVD

Don't forget to order your DVD. These cost is £15.00 per DVD. This is a lovely momento for you to keep of this years' Christmas concert.

Class Information

Elementary

We have had a very busy week with Science Week in the Upper School. Observing plants in our surrounding environment and going to the park to investigate the soil. Although it was tough to dig in the compact soil the children were excited to see a great number of worms, which they tally counted. They researched through a variety of books, made predictions and carried out some simple experiments in class, which they recorded in their Science book.



On Wednesday we visited our local Care Home, to share a little joy through singing some Christmas songs, which the elderly people thoroughly enjoyed.

We ended the week by putting up the Christmas tree which is now waiting for decorating on Tuesday. The children were also excited to receive their first Christmas cards, from the post box.

This week is filled with many Christmas activities in addition to our continuation of practising for the

Christmas concert. The children have taken home notification of their costumes for the concert, let us know if you have any questions. Please continue to support your child to learn their lines.

Reception

Last week was science week at the Upper School. Reception and Elementary class jointed together for lots of learning activities. The children started the week by exploring the neighbouring area, looking at plants and trees. We found plants that disperse their seeds, plants that grow from bulbs, deciduous and evergreen trees. We then continued our work inside talking about what plants need to grow and conducting our own experiment with basil plants. We left one plant in the dark another with no air and the last with no water. Children observed and recorded changes over the week.



We had a lovely trip to Lloyd Park on Tuesday. Children made tree decorations from natural materials, it was a lovely session and the children were really creative with their designs.



Children also enjoyed another outing to Lloyd Park, along with Elementary class. They spent time working in teams to predict what they would find within a square string of ground. They then took turns to dig in the soil and explore the soil within their area. It was great to see them all getting involved and working together as a team.

We had a lovely parent craft session on Thursday afternoon. Children enjoyed making their personalised Christmas trees which will look lovely when we add our finishing touches this week. A big thank you to Sylvie's mum for all her help.

We also enjoyed putting up the Christmas tree on Friday!

This week we will be getting into the Christmas spirit with our tree decorating, Christmas carol service and Christmas party which is being held on Friday.

Kindergarten:

BEECH

Last week in Beech class the children took part in lots of different enjoyable activities.

The topic for last week was science, Beech class has carried out some experiments that involved the study of concepts such as gravity, colour changing, sink and float and density.

The children were really engaged, and their participation was absolutely astonishing.

Furthermore, Beech class has been practicing lots of reading, and the effort that they make every day to learn new things is giving good results.

On the other hand, Beech class enjoyed very much the festive art session that we had on Friday, and we also appreciated that some parents came to help us. It was very nice to have you all!

This week, we will be practicing our Christmas concert, we will carry on learning new concepts and we will try to have as much fun as possible!

SYCAMORE

There were lots of fun and cheer last week as we celebrated Science week with some interesting experiments where we observed different densities. The first was the rainbow science experiment where each child practised their skills when adding each ingredient. Each glass filled with water was coloured with food colouring which we then added different amounts of sugar. We used good transferring skills to collect water from each glass then released the collected contents in an empty glass cup. The idea was to ensure the glass with the most sugar was added first, with the least sugar added last. The children clapped with excitement as they eagerly waited in anticipation for results of their rainbow in a glass.



Our experiment with density continued with our 'sink and float' activity. We used good communication and language skills as we discussed the properties of different objects and tried to guess beforehand if they would sink or float. The children made some good predictions before we concluded the activity.

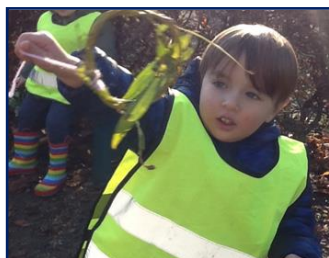
The week ended with a lovely craft afternoon, where we all demonstrated excellent mark making and craft skills. We produced some lovely snowflakes which we will use for our much-awaited Christmas concert on Tuesday 17th December.

A big thank you to the parents who made our day extra special by joining in with us.

This week we will continue our Christmas crafts as well as our annual events such as our tree decorating and our Christmas carol service.

OAK

The children have continued to work and explore with the Montessori materials in our class. In addition, we had an exciting science week where we experimented and broadened our science knowledge.



The children also had an interesting trip to Lloyd Park where we participated in making lovely tree decorations using natural materials. At the end of the session we were gifted with some trees to plant in our own homes.

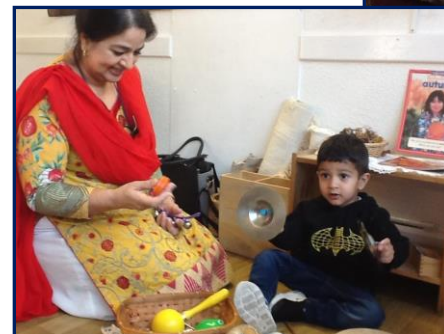


In addition, we had an amazing time with some of our grandparents and on Friday we also worked together with some of our lovely parents who came in to help us with our art and crafts.

The children have continued to reinforce the 3 phonic sounds for last week, this week we will proceed to reinforce 'f' and 'g'. Thank you in advance for sending in objects beginning with the sounds mentioned. Hopefully, you can continue to support your child's learning this week at home.

Nursery

Last week, nursery children turned into little scientists, participating in various science experiments. We discovered objects in the classroom that are magnetic and non-magnetic, watched how oil sits on top of water in a glass jar, discovered how coloured water travels from one container to another container via tissue paper and learned that an orange floats but when unpeeled it sinks. Children acknowledged grandparents day by making a card for their grandparents and sang a song to express their love.



This week, we will get into the Christmas spirit. The children will continue making Christmas cards and decorations. There will be many reading sessions with Christmas books. This week is our Carol service where children will have an opportunity to sing the well-known and practiced Christmas carols. We will end the week

with a Christmas party involving lots of dancing and eating party food.



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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