

W/C Monday 14th September 2020

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Music lessons

The children at the upper and lower school enjoyed their first music lesson of the Autumn term with Miss Ruth.

The children were engrossed as Miss Ruth delivered the fun and interactive sessions. We are all looking forward to our next music lesson.



Harvest Festival

We will be celebrating the Autumn with our annual harvest festival on Tuesday 6th October.

More details to follow.



Spring Term changes

Please can you let us know in writing if you wish to make any changes to the days that your child currently attends WMS for the Spring Term which starts in January 2020 or indeed increase.

If we do not hear from you by Monday 21st September we will assume that your child's current days will stay the same for the new Spring term and school fee invoices will be produced in accordance.

Please note our new school main office email address

office@walthamstowmontessori.com



Jeans for Genes Day Friday 18th September

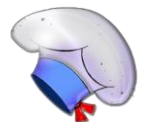
Do not forget we are supporting this fantastic charity on Friday 18th September as we do each September.

We would like to invite all our children that attend school on a Friday, and staff, to donate a minimum of £1 and come to school on this day in their jeans/denim. **No smocks or uniform required on this day.**

If you have any unwanted denim, then please donate as children will be participating in 'denim' related art activities throughout the whole of this week.

Cooked School Lunches

A reminder that we are providing cooked school lunches all this week.



Your child will NOT need their usual packed lunch. The cooked lunches are free of charge during this trial week and available for any child who is currently staying for a full day or lunch club.

Please ensure you have returned your permission slip and advised us of any food allergies.



Italian lessons

Will be all looking forward to welcoming back Mr Stefano this week.

Buona giornata a tutti.

After School Clubs

Our Early Risers (Breakfast) club and Tea Timers club resumed on Monday 7th September.

Early Risers Club has two designated arrival times, **8.00am** and **8.30am** (and this has been going really well, so thank you for your co-operation). An Early Risers team member will greet children at these times at the main gate. At these times children will be escorted into the building. If you arrive after 8.30am then your child will not be able to enter the building until the start of the school day for their class.

If you are collecting your child from Tea Timers, please enter the school courtyard and ring the doorbell when you arrive. Please note that all children should be collected from our Tea Timers by 5.45pm. If you are running late for collection please call the school office. If you are more than 10 minutes late you will be charged a late collection fee of £10.00 for every 15 minutes. This fee covers the cost of extra time the Tea Timers staff have had to work.

School smocks – help needed.

Our lovely smocks that children wear are hand made for us. Unfortunately, the lady who makes these smocks is now unable to do so. If any parents know of anyone who would be interested in making these smocks please give the school office a call for more information.



Don't forget

Please see below our daily timetable for start and end of day drop off and pick up.

9.10AM:	SYCAMORE arrival time at main gate
9.20AM:	OAK arrival time at main gate
9.30AM:	WILLOW arrival at nursery door (left of building)
9.30AM	ACORN arrival at main door (main school door)
9.40AM:	SEEDLING arrival at nursery door (left of building)
12.30PM:	NURSERY morning session children depart
2.50PM:	NURSERY full day children depart
3.00PM:	SCYAMORE children depart
3.10PM:	OAK children depart

All end of day departures (nursery & Kindy) will be from the main gate outside of school as per arrival for Kindy

If you are running late or your child will not be attending school, please contact the school office before this time to report late arrival or absence.

Communication

A test text was sent to all parents last Thursday. Please let the office know if you did not receive it.

Drop off etiquette

Another quick reminder, that we ask that parents do not have lengthy conversations at morning drop off. You will be politely asked to stand away from the gate and a member of the office will be called to speak with you only on matters that need passing to the teachers so that they can be actioned.

It may be more practical to email the school prior to drop off and the office staff will pass this on to your child's teacher.

Meet the teacher

Miss Elsa – Nursery Teaching Assistant

Miss Elsa has just completed her Montessori training with us and has now joined as part of the teaching team in Willow nursery as well as being a friendly and welcoming face in our Early Risers and Tea Timer Clubs.



Miss Elsa is originally from Madrid in Spain and is a keen snowboarder!

Class information

Prep Class

Last week was a very busy one. The children settled so well and getting used to their new routines and classroom rules.

We have started many different subjects such as Tennis, Design and Technology, Art, ICT, and many more!

One activity that we enjoyed very much was learning about the globe. We were talking about the names of the continents, oceans and many other facts about them, for example, Europe is the continent that we live in!

We will introduce show and tell every week! So, every Thursday your child can bring something important to us to show the rest of the class.



Here are some pictures of our designs and learning from last week.



Kindergarten

Last week Kindergarten enjoyed learning about the four seasons. The children enjoyed talking about what to wear in the different seasons. Oak class made their display board by collecting leaves and talking about the colours of Autumn. For our 'out and about' session Sycamore class collected twigs and made the initial of their names.

During our art lesson we decorated hedgehogs with leaves collected from the garden and using our senses to describe how they felt.



*Oak class
Autumn
Display Board*

Nursery

The Nursery children enjoyed a week of getting back to their favourite activities and interacting with their friends. We had several grace and curtesy lessons where we were introducing the principals of our environment. We learned how to walk in our classroom, how carry a chair, how to watch a friend work and walk around a floor mat. We have also started creating our display boards where we had painting, hand printing and sticking activities.

This week we are going to focus on learning about the characteristics of Autumn and the clothes we wear in Autumn. We are going to learn the parts of tree and leaves, paint with acorns, do leaf prints and create an Autumn tree collage.



On Friday, we are going to acknowledge and take a part in the Jeans for Genes charity event where we are going to create love hearts from denim fabric and raise money for this charity.

Best wishes, WMS Admin



Important Numbers

To contact the school office dial:
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