

W/C Monday 23rd November 2020

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Exciting Garden Development

Our garden at the Upper school is undergoing an exciting make over. The project is almost complete, and we are looking forward to surprising the children with lots more fun and exciting garden equipment.



### Christmas Party Week!

Lots of fun and exciting celebrations running

throughout the last week of term. Further information will follow shortly for your respective child's class.

### Christmas Diary Dates

- **Decorate the Christmas Tree Tuesday 8th December**
- **Christmas Jumper day Thursday 10th December**



*We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 17th December at 12.30pm and school resumes on Wednesday 6th January 2021*

### Invoices - Spring Term 2021

Your Spring Term invoice has been emailed to you today, Monday 23rd November.

Please let the office know if you have not received your child's invoice. It is important you do that this week to avoid any late penalty fees.

Also, please let us know if you need a printed copy of the invoice.

**Please note that the first instalment is due by Monday 7th December 2020.**



### Thanksgiving Day

The whole school will be participating in a fun and educational day to celebrate 'Thanksgiving' this Thursday.



The children will enjoy lots of themed activities and learn about the history of this special day and give thanks!

### Christmas Holiday Club

We are running our Christmas holiday club on Friday 18th, Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd December 2020.



If you would like your child to attend please complete a booking form which are available at the school doors by 10am Tuesday 24th November. Places will be confirmed this week.

### Composer of the Week

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847) was born in Hamburg, Germany and began writing as a child. One of his most famous pieces was Shakespeare's play A Midsummer Night's Dream, which he composed when he was only 17.



### Tea Towels

Thank you for your tea towel orders so far. They are selling fast!



If you would like to place an order please do so by completing an order form which are available at the school doors. An email with a booking form has already been sent to you for your convenience.

They make a lovely Christmas present or a treasured keepsake and each year we sell out and we cannot order anymore.

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



**Thank you** for all your kind donations of outdoor equipment and toys for both the

Lower and Upper School gardens.

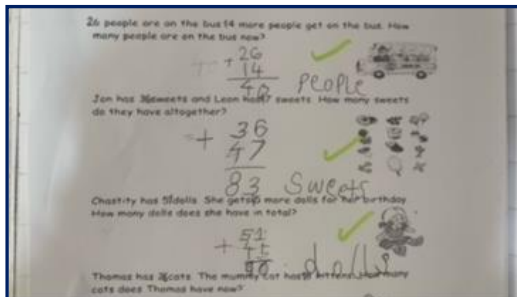
They are very much appreciated, and I am sure the children will enjoy using them for many years to come.

## Class Information

### Prep Class

The children had another busy week.

In literacy, children need a range of wider language and literacy experiences to develop their understanding of written texts in all their forms. This should include active engagement with different media and genres of texts and a wide range of content topics. For that reason, Prep class children have been exposed to a wide range of topics over the week which we discussed after our daily reading session. The class is getting more involved in our "group discussions" and everyone wants to give their



point of view about the matter discussed.

In maths, the children have been practicing vertical addition and, as a matter of fact, they are becoming very good at it. It is very exciting to see them feeling very proud of themselves when they achieve their goals with what they have been working on.

Lastly, Jane has turned six!! She got to do her birthday walk and showed her lovely pictures to her friends. We all had such a good time!

### Sycamore Class

The children have had a lovely week have been practicing their listening skills.

Last Tuesday, in Italian, we listened to "We're Going on A Bear Hunt" in Italian. The children were engaged in the story and it was a lot of fun.

Also, we learnt about living and non-living things. We talked about being alive and breathing and discussed some more



interesting facts on this topic.

Each day we have been looking at letters. We are ready to start practicing initial sounds of each word, so it would be good to practice them outside the school too! For example: "s" as in snake, "a" as in apple, "t" as in T-shirt, we helped each other to think of so many words, so let's focus on initial sounds.

We also talked about the Sun too. We discovered another Hindu festival called "Chhath Puja" which is a celebration to thank the Sun. We have created our Sun using different textures.

**Can I please ask that you bring a pair of Wellies to school, as we may get muddy in**

**the garden. We have a box to keep them here ready for us to use them during the week.**

## **Oak Class**

Last week Oak class enjoyed talking about different festivals.

We demonstrated good observation skills as we looked at different images of clothes and foods relating to festivals.

We used good communication and language skills as we discussed Spanish omelette or Paella. We also talked about Italian foods including pasta and pizza. The children were asked what their favourite foods were. We had mixed responses including fish and chips, crisps with curry, pasta and ice cream.

On the 16th November it was the start of anti-bullying week. As a group we discussed the negative impact our actions can have when we are not kind.

The children participated in a Q&A session as we shared our ideas on how to be a good person and what we can do to treat each other with kindness.

We ended the discussion with a creative art and design activity where we took turns to draw around out hands then decorated them with lots of bright colours. Each craft formed a representation of our kind hands.

Our work cycle continued with the Montessori materials and a presentation of cards and counters, where we brought the abstract to the concrete material whilst feeling each unit whilst we counted.

The material with 10 number cards 1-10 and 55 counters consists of the cards being placed in



numerical order horizontally across the mat. The counters were placed directly underneath each card to match the correct number of counters to written symbol 1,2,3, and so forth.

This week we will be focussing on Winter weather, clothes and animals.

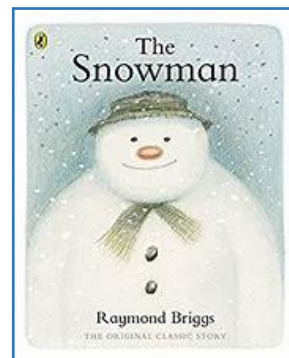
## **Nursery**

Nursery children enjoyed a fun week of activities. We did a mini beast hunt and talked about the animals in preparation for winter. We were lucky to find and observe worms, snails, slugs and millipedes in the garden. We talked about the birds and created a bird and nest paper craft. We also talked about animals that gather food and hibernate during winter, creating a squirrel collage.

This week we are going to continue talking about winter, the weather in winter and the clothes we wear in winter. We are going to create our winter display board, learning to create a joint piece of work, taking turns, and sharing resources at the same time exploring different techniques of painting.



We are going to read The Snowman story by Raymond Briggs and make our snowman for the display board. We are also going to acknowledge Thanksgiving with giving our thank you's to the people we appreciate and creating turkey handprints.



### **Book of the week**

**The Snowman  
By  
Raymond Briggs**

**Best wishes,  
WMS Admin**

### **Important Numbers**



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