

W/C Monday 2nd November 2020

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

Welcome back!

We hope you all had a restful half term break and managed to enjoy some of the beautiful autumnal weather.



The rest of the term will be a very busy and festive period, we will keep popping reminders of events in our weekly newsletters so please read them!

Halloween Fun

All the children enjoyed dressing up for Halloween on the last day before the half term break. The children had lots of fun taking part in all the Halloween related activities!



Composer of the Week

Robert Schumann (1810-1856) was a German composer who began by studying law, following his family's wishes. He played the piano as a young boy and began composing and writing music. In 1830 he heard the



famous violinist Paganini play and was so impressed that he returned to music. One of Schumann's most famous sets of piano pieces is Papillons (butterflies).

Children in Need Our fundraising day for this important charity will be on Friday 13th November 2020.



More information about the event will be available shortly.

After School Club Invoices

If your child has attended Early Risers, Tea Timers or lunchtime clubs during October you will receive an invoice tomorrow.

Invoices will be emailed to you. If you require a paper copy please let the office know.

Invoices need to be paid in full by Friday 6th November to avoid being charged a late penalty fee.

Spring Term Fees 2021

These invoices will be issued from Monday 23rd November 2020. Payment should be made on or before Monday 7th December to secure your child's place for the Spring term and then the second instalment on or before the Monday 4th January 2021.

All school fees must be paid in advance of the start of the Spring term on the Wednesday 6th January 2021.

Christmas Jumper Day at WMS!



Why not! Thursday 10th December will be 'wear your festive jumper/top' to school.

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

Parents Corner

We received this lovely message from one of our parents.

*Hello Miss Celestina,
Thanks so much for all you and the staff have done to bring so much joy to the children (and their parents).
I hope you have a wonderful half term break - the teachers all look amazing today.*

Happy Halloween and have a fun party!

Class Information

Prep Class

We had lots of fun the last week of the half term!
We worked with a lot of our Montessori materials.

We read some Halloween books, talked about the classes of animals (mammals, reptiles, amphibians, and birds) and recorded the experiment.



We also have been practicing playing games to take turns. The one that we enjoyed the most was "Alligator Swamp" where we all formed a team to cross our "Lava Hall".

On the Thursday we all dressed up for our Halloween Party! We learned some mysterious songs, danced in the disco, made a scary spider and recorded a fun creepy video! And before I forget... we had a dark, yummy chocolate hunt!

Thank you all for making this day so great!



We hope you all had a lovely and relaxed half term break and we look forward to an exciting second half of the Autumn term.

Sycamore Class

The children continued exploring 3d shapes from the Montessori materials.

Sycamore class had lots of fun as we used our art and design skills to decorate our pumpkins.

During circle time, we explored our communication and language skills to discuss about our lovely costumes and which character outfit that we were wearing. Continuing the theme of Halloween, we made some ghost crafts using card and cotton wool. Our teacher kindly pegged each one on a string line whilst we counted together, how many ghosts that we had.

The day ended with a lovely music lesson filled with dancing and lots of Halloween songs.

This week we will be focussing on Guy Fawkes and the meaning behind bonfire night, which will include fire safety.

There will also be a discussion around Remembrance Sunday with some lovely activities relating to this occasion.



Yoga - Tree Pose

Oak Class

Last week before the half term Oak class celebrated Halloween!

In circle time, Oak class children spoke about their experiences with Trick or Treat; their favourite costumes; scary characters and "Halloween movies" such as Coco or Hotel Transylvania. To continue developing their maths and language skills, they created a Halloween book with activities to practice their writing and counting. Also, they enjoyed making crafts using their handprint and other materials like cotton, paper roll and tinfoil to make ghost, mummies, witches and monsters.

During the week, they linked Montessori work with Halloween activities like Pumpkin hammering; counting pumpkin seeds and threading to a spider web.

On the last day, we had our Halloween party.

Children were excited to dress up, decorate the classroom with Halloween decorations and carving a pumpkin with their friends. In the music lesson, they had a lot of fun singing Halloween songs and dancing with other friends/ teachers too. It was a great day!!!!



crate a bonfire in the garden for our 'out and about' session and make colourful firework prints. We are also going to create some poppy flowers, to acknowledging Remembrance Day.



Best wishes, WMS Admin



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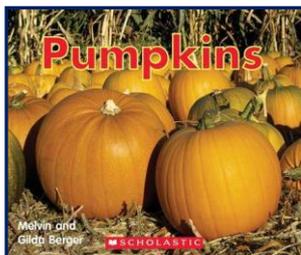
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Book of the week:

Pumpkins, Melvin and Gilda Berger.

Nursery

The Nursery children enjoyed celebrating Halloween with lots of fun activities. We read spooky stories, sang scary songs and dressed up as some of our favourite scary characters from the stories. The children also enjoyed sensorially exploring, taking the seeds out of and carving the Halloween pumpkin.

This week, we are going to celebrate Bonfire and Remembrance Day. We are going to see how fire is created through a science experiment, we will re-