

W/C Monday 18th January 2021

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter

A very Happy New Year to all our WMS families and friends. We hope you have all enjoyed a restful Christmas break. We are delighted to welcome all our families and children back for our Spring term, which is already promising to be both a very busy and exciting one.

We would like to thank you all for adhering to the measures that we have put in place at this time to keep us all safe and well.

We have had a number of new children joining us throughout the school and I am sure you will all join us in making those children and their families welcome. For those parents, whose children have moved on to new classes, we hope they find the change both exciting and challenging. If you are unsure about which class your child is in this term, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please be reminded that break up for the February half term on Friday 12th February and school resumes on Monday 22nd February 2021.

A full list of term dates can be found on our website and notice boards.

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Composer of the Week

Our composer of the week is Franz Schubert (1797-1828). By the time he died at the age of 31, Schubert had written over 600 songs, 9 symphonies and over 100 piano pieces. Classical music helps to boost the children's concentration and improve their listening skills.



Spring 2021 Term Fees:

All school fees should now have been paid in full for the Spring term as per the dates advised on your invoice you received in November.

Unpaid fees will incur a penalty fee of £50 per week they remain outstanding so please ensure you have paid in full.

New Art & Science Cabin

We are just completing work to our new dedicated art and science cabin in the garden at our Penrhyn building. This space will provide a great facility for lessons outside of the classroom areas to enjoy discovery and creativity freely.

Look out for photos of the children working and enjoying their activities.



No Nuts

As I am sure you are all aware we are a strict no nut school; so please ensure that you do not send your child in with nuts or nut-based products in their packed lunch such as small sweets (e.g. snickers) or nut-based spreads (e.g. Nutella, peanut butter). We have children in both schools with severe nut allergies. These items will need to be removed from your child's lunch.

'Bumped Head' Text

If your child bumps any part of their head during a school day we will always send a standard text to you. These texts are sent as an extra precaution to ensure you are aware. If you receive a text it is

because all is well with your child and we will be keeping an extra eye on them.

Session Changes

Please note that if you wish to make any changes to the sessions that your child attends we need a terms notice in writing.

Also, please be reminded that the term after your child turns three that in our Kindergarten they will be expected to attend for a minimum of 3 days per week.

Termination of a Place

May we respectfully remind you that you are required to provide notice, in writing, if your child will be leaving the school. This written notice for the Summer term should have been received by the school office on or before the first day of the new term. Therefore, if your child is leaving us at the end of the spring term 2021 and not returning in April 2021, we should have received notice on or before Friday 8th January. After this date school fees for the summer term will be invoiced and payable, as per your signed terms and conditions.

Lower School Footwear

Please can your children come to school with their indoor school plimsols for changing into. We are often working on the floor mats in the classroom and it is much nicer and prevents the floors and mats becoming dirty with outdoor footwear being worn in school.



Wet Weather Precautions

We are, of course, looking forward to some Spring weather and lighter evenings but with wet, windy weather continuing you should ensure that all children have a pair of wellington boots on site for when they play in the garden. These, as well as anything your child brings to school, should be clearly named in order to avoid confusion.



Class Information

Prep Class

Welcome back! We missed you all! After a long Christmas holiday, Prep class children have adapted to the new procedures very well and

have understood the importance of washing their hands regularly and keeping a safe social distance. Since both classes were together last week, the children got to spend much more time together and got to know their new friends from.

We celebrated Ruby's and Peggy's birthdays. We all enjoyed their Montessori birthday walks and got to show their friends photos of themselves from birth up to now.

Upper school children also had the opportunity to practice and improve their fine motor skills by tracing their letters and numbers by painting them on the wall with their fingers.

We also met Fred the frog, who is learning his letters! The children did some phonics and Fred could learn some new sounds as well! Well done children! Fred is super happy!

Sycamore Class

Welcome back Sycamore class. The children were eager for their new Superheroes term!

The children shared lots of exciting stories from their Christmas holidays.

If your child would like to share a superhero story with us, please, bring it to class and we will be very delighted to read it together, please write your child's name on it.

Oak & Beech Class

Last week we focused on our topic 'People Who Help Us'.

It was a fun packed week as we looked at the role of a firefighter, a postman / postwoman, a vet, a doctor, a nurse and also a dentist.

We also observed information about the NHS. There were some exciting activities based around each profession.

We learnt about The Royal Mail. The children designed their own stamp that we used to post our letters in our post-box.

We practised the phonetic sound for each role 'f' for firefighter, 'd' for doctor and so forth.

This week we are looking at the topic 'Under the Sea'. We have some exciting activities planned including 'Sink and Float Under the Sea'.

Nursery

Last week, nursery children were introduced to the topic of the term – 'People Who Help Us'. We learned about doctors and other healthcare workers in more detail. The children learned the importance of this job, what is the content of a doctor's bag and the uniform they wear.



The children engaged in an imaginative role play of being doctors and giving care to their patients.



We carried out an experiment that showed what germs are and the importance of washing hands.

At the end of the week, we said a big thank you to the NHS workers by creating a rainbow painting.



This week, we will continue with our topic, focusing on the role of the dentist and what do they do. The children will have an opportunity to create a dentist collage, learn the parts of the tooth and the importance of brushing and flossing our teeth. We will count the teeth in our mouth through a very interesting play dough activity and discuss what foods are not good for our teeth.

Book of the week!



'Sharing a Shell'
By Lydia Monke

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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