

W/C Monday 6th December 2021

# Walthamstow Montessori School

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## Newsletter

### Decorating the Christmas Tree

Tomorrow, Tuesday 7th December, we will be having our special tree decorating day! This is one such tradition at WMS that is very special. We will be asking every child to hang a silver ball on to our tree. If your child does not attend on a Tuesday, they are welcome to hang their special silver ball on another day.



### Christmas Jumper Day

Don't forget it's Christmas Jumper Day at WMS on Thursday 9th December. Get your jumpers ready!



We'd love to see yours too, parents!

### Birthday Walk Celebrations



We would like to wish a very happy birthday to both Austin and Gabriela! The children had lots of fun celebrating both of their birthdays with our WMS Birthday Walks.

At Walthamstow Montessori School, we like to celebrate birthdays in a very special way which allows the children to have a greater understanding of the passage of time.

If your child is celebrating a birthday, please let your child's teacher know so that we can arrange one of our birthday walk celebrations.



### Christmas Post Box

Class lists will be available at the school doors for you to use for helping your child write Christmas cards for their teachers and friends. Don't forget to post your Christmas cards in our Christmas Post Box so that they can be delivered before the end of term!



Each class will take it in turn to be a 'sorting office' and deliver the cards to the children.

**Last Collection will be Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December!**

### Christmas Festivities

You will have received an email this morning regarding our Children's Christmas Parties planned for next week. Nursery children will be celebrating on the Tuesday and Thursday morning, whilst Elm, Oak and the Children's House's celebrations will all take place on Thursday.



### Spring Term Invoices

Please ensure that your Spring Term Invoice is paid today to secure your child's place with us for the Spring Term 2022. Late payment will incur a penalty fee.

### Christmas Diary Dates

- **Decorate the Christmas Tree – Tuesday 7th December**
- **Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 9th December**



**We break up for the Christmas Holidays on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12.30pm and school resumes on Wednesday 5th January 2022**

## Lost Property

Our lost property box will be placed outside the school door at Penrhyn this week. Please check it if you have any lost items.

This box will be emptied at the end of this term and any items will be donated to a local charity shop.

## Tea Towel Fundraiser

If you have placed an order and paid for your Tea Towels, you will be receiving them from today.



We are quickly selling out of our annual Tea Towels, so make sure that you place an order so you don't miss out! They make lovely gifts or keepsakes.

**The cost is £6.50 each or 4 for £22.00.**

## Notice Period

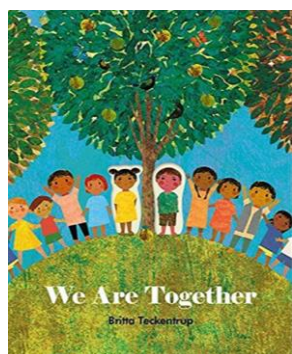
Please be reminded of your child's notice period as per your Terms and Conditions.

If your child is not returning for the Summer 2022 term (ie. April 2022) then notice is required in writing (email would suffice) on or before January 6th 2022.

## Class Information

Book of the week:

We Are Together  
by  
Britta Teckentrup



## Children's House

Last week, the children in the Children's House



continued their discussion of the weather. The children have begun using Weather Diaries to draw and document the weather each morning. They have also been partaking in discussions each day of the changing weather, as well as the role of a weather forecaster. This topic was also used in their D.T. session, where the children used paper plates to create umbrellas for a beautiful display. They decorated the plates and used pieces of string and cut outs of raindrops to create the image of rain falling.

The children also celebrated Gabriela's birthday with one of our traditional Birthday Walks. Gabriela brought in images of her as a baby to show her friends, and the children had lots of fun singing the Birthday Walk song!



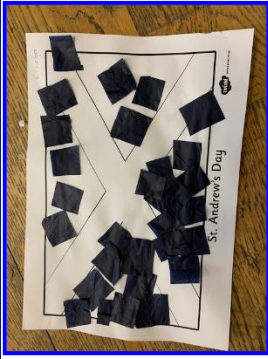
The children have enjoyed beginning to practice their Christmas songs in preparing for our festive celebrations next week. The children also discussed how

Christmas is celebrated in different parts of the world. This week, they will continue to prepare for Christmas with lots of arts and craft activities. The children will also be celebrating the Jewish festival of Hanukkah and what this symbolises.

## Kindergarten - Oak Class

A very creative start to December for Oak Class last week. The children have begun making our decorations for the children to bring home. We started by making a snowy owl using pinecones. The children used their fine motor skills by weaving and pulling cotton wool in amongst the pines to create the owl's fluffy coat. Independently, the children also added the owl's eyes, beak, and wings.





We celebrated St Andrews day by talking about the patron saint and decorated our Scottish flags, following instruction to add the tissue paper to the triangular parts of the flag. We extended our knowledge by looking at Scotland on the puzzle map. Through this sensorial material

the children are beginning to build knowledge around the country we live in.

We continue to work on our sandpaper letters and numbers and use every opportunity to sound the beginning sound in words. Thank you also to the children who have bought in flowers over the last couple of weeks, Ariana and Roman - our environment looks beautiful. Children really enjoy the flower arranging activity each week.

We finished off our week by creating our Christmas display. Using the metal insert shapes we have created our decorations. The direct aim of the material is to help children develop the fine motor skills required for holding a pencil in preparation for writing. Working with the metal insets teaches children to develop their pencil grip, refine their motor skills and learn how to draw within an outline - which is the material's control of error.



This week we will be talking about the word 'advent' as well as celebrating the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. Our letter of the week will be 'h'.

### Kindergarten - Elm Class

Last week was a lot of fun for the children in Elm class. They practiced their balance and strength skills during our PE class using bean bags, and they showed the teachers how fast they run playing 'What's the Time, Mr Wolf?'



The children also got involved in lots of Christmas arts and crafts this week! They enjoyed making stars and trees with clay, and painting roller paper with green paint to create a 3D Christmas tree.



Each week, the children are introduced to a phonetic sound. This week has been the phonetic sound 'o'. The children have traced the 'o' on sand as well as on the blackboard using a marker. Afterwards, children practiced writing 'o' in their books.



This week children will learn about Advent and Hanukkah, and they will also be introduced to the phonetic sound "r".

### Nursery

Our Nursery children continued to learn about celebrations and festivities last week. The children have been learning all about Christmas and the change of weather that comes with the Winter season.

Last week, we used different art techniques to create beautiful winter craft. The children explored different textures to create angels, used hand printing to create Christmas wreaths, and fingerprints to make candy cane cards. We continued discussing changes in the weather and the children enjoyed decorating hats made from paper, where we explored and used different shapes and colours.



During our 'out and about' session, we collected different natural materials in different containers. We froze them overnight and enjoyed learning about what happens to ice in warm weather.

This week, we are continuing discussing Christmas as well as learning about the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. We will be reading the poem "The Night Before Christmas" where children will be encouraged to play with language and words, develop their memory, and develop early literacy skills.

**Best wishes, WMS Admin**

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