

W/C Monday 11th December 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



This is your last newsletter for the Autumn 2023 term.

We are fast approaching the end of term and our last day will be next

Tuesday 19th December, the day of our Christmas Concerts! Please remember your child will not be required to bring their lunch as the day finishes at 12.30pm.

From all the WMS team, we wish you all a wonderful winter break and look forward to welcoming you all back in the new year, where we will have some new WMS families joining us too!

Thank you! We have sold all our tea towels. Paid-for orders have been distributed.

Christmas Concerts

Thank you for RSVP'ing to confirm your attendance at our Christmas Concerts. The children have been practicing lots and are very excited to perform for you on **Tuesday 19th December**. **Please refer to the school's website for further information on your class timings and venue.**



Christmas Post-box

Our Christmas post-box is at the doors at Penrhyn and taking collections! Children can post their Christmas cards here to their friends and teachers. Class name slips can be collected from your class teacher at the door! Each class will take it in turn to be a 'sorting office' and deliver the cards to the children.



Last Collection will be Friday 15th December!

Christmas Jumper Day!

This **Thursday 14th**

December is Christmas jumper day at WMS!

Children are invited to

attend school in their festive jumpers. Get your jumpers ready as well! We'd love to see yours too, parents!



Extended Services

Please note that Early Risers/Lunch Clubs/Tea Timer invoices will be issued Tuesday 12th December for period 6th Nov-1st Dec inc. Payment due on or before 18th December. A further invoice to cover period 4th-19th Dec inc will be issued on 21st December. It would be really helpful for invoices to be paid by the due dates.

Inside the Montessori Classroom

Independence is at the forefront of the Montessori method. In the classroom, children from as young as two are presented with 'dressing frames' which allow them to practice various fastenings such as zips, buttons, bows or buckles. Being isolated on the frame, children can practice these over again as many times as they like to master a functional skill. It is lovely seeing the real-life effects of this in practice around school, as children are given the time and space to try and do things for themselves, instilling confidence from within.



Parent Festive Art Sessions

Thank you so much to our parents who volunteered for our



festive art sessions.



The children so enjoyed having you visit and join in the crafts and created some lovely memories for all.

Happy Birthday!

We had some very special birthdays at WMS last week, Miss Faiza's 30th and Miss Elife's 60th! Please join us in wishing them many happy returns.



Visits to the Children's House



Those transitioning to our Brookcroft classroom have enjoyed their visits to the classroom last week. They enjoyed some of the materials on the shelves, some craft and even a tennis lesson!

Lost Property

Our lost property box will be placed outside the school door at Penrhyn next 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.

Parents' Corner



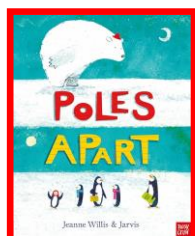
Pringle lids wanted!!

We have lots of glass desert pots that can be given a new life in the school with lids, and pringle lids fit them perfectly! If any of you happen to have any pringle lids we could have when the tubs finished, we would be very grateful!

Class Information:

Book of the Week

Poles Apart
By
Jeanne Willis and Jarvis



Children's House Brookcroft

It has been a fun and exciting week at our Brookcroft Children's House. The children have put a lot of effort into practising their songs for the Christmas play and can't wait to sing for you all!



We also made a lot of Christmas crafts last week. The children have been painting using different materials such as bottle corks. We also used sticks and bark collected from the garden during our out-and-about session to make a Christmas tree.

On Friday, we had two parents join us for our festive arts and crafts parent morning. With their help, we made stars and snowflakes, it was an enjoyable session and we all had lots of fun.



On Friday afternoon, we worked as a group to make a giant snowman using cotton wool for our Christmas play. This week, we will continue to have crafts activities and get ready for our Christmas play. All children should be dressed in white (to represent angels and snowflakes) for the play except for the children playing the role of Mary and Joseph.

Children's House Oak

Last week we had a fantastic week full of Christmas Crafts and activities. The children have been busy making loads of different things for their Christmas bags and have been helping to make some of the props for our Christmas Concert. So far, we have made Christmas cards, cookies, and clay ornaments for the children to hang on their trees at home. We have also been decorating our school Christmas tree with the baubles children have been bringing in.



During our Out and About session, we enjoyed looking for sticks and leaves to then use the sticks to make a Christmas tree and



decorate it with buttons and sequins. On Friday we had some parent visitors come in to help with some more festive crafts. We had a lovely afternoon decorating our Christmas bags, experimenting with dough, making candy canes out of chenille stems and beads, and making Christmas trees out of paper plates and pompoms.



This week we will be continuing our Christmas Crafts, like decorating our clay ornaments. We will also be making calendars with the children. We are continuing to work on preparing for the Christmas Concert and we really appreciate you practicing at home!

Children's House Elm

Last week we were very excited to decorate our Christmas tree. We took turns as we placed our bauble on the tree and waited for the lights to be turned on. We also identified various colours and patterns observed on the tree.

We have also continued to enjoy engaging in lots of Christmas art and crafts activities and we were excited to have a few parents join us for our afternoon art session where we engaged in various arts such as creating lights on our Christmas tree using paints, making snow shape bracelets, playdough making and choosing our preferred shape to make ornaments in preparation for Christmas.



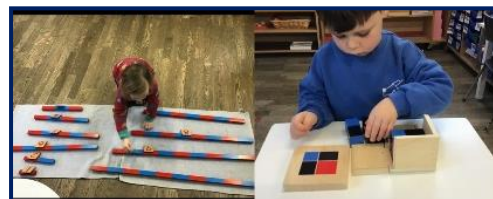
We played sound games during our "Out and About" session where we focused on some of the sounds introduced throughout this term. We used our phonic knowledge to identify these sounds and also extended our learning by identifying more sounds and exploring the garden to find objects beginning with the sounds.



We enjoyed baking cookies as we practiced using our fine and gross motor skills to scoop, mix, knead and roll as well as using cutters to cut out our preferred shapes. In addition, we

used our mathematical skills to measure the ingredients and identified the numbers on the scale. We waited patiently for our cookies to bake in the oven and after cooling, decorated it with some icing and sprinkles.

Thank you to Miss Ana for bringing us some mistletoe plants for the children to explore. We learned what mistletoe is as well as some facts, which happens to be a special Christmas plant that people like to hang in their homes as decorations during Christmas. Extending our learning, we linked the first sound in mistletoe to 'm', and practised tracing the letter on the sand tray.



Thank you to Margaux for being our flower monitor of the week. The children took turns to care for the flowers which was then beautifully decorated on the table afterwards.



This week, we will continue to practise for our Christmas concert as well as engaging in lots of winter activities.

Nursery – Acorn and Seedlings

We had a very busy week making Christmas decorations. We talked about Christmas celebration in our families and all the children are very excited to spend their holiday with their loved ones. We were discussing different shapes and sizes while looking at different Christmas decorations on our tree. Last week we explored sound "s" for snow, snowflake, and snowman.



We continue our Christmas play practice and we are very excited to share the songs with you next week on Tuesday. Please continue practicing at home.

making snowflake crowns for the wear on the day of play. If your child



We also started and stars children to our Christmas is an angel,

please give them something white to wear, and if you wish you can provide Angel halo.

If you haven't been informed of a role for your child please speak to their teacher to find out.

We would like to thank the parents for joining us last Friday for our art activities. We had so much fun, and all the children enjoyed having them visit!

This week we will continue some festive activities as well as discussing the weather in winter.

*We break up for the Christmas Holidays
on Tuesday 19th December at 12.30pm
and school resumes on Thursday 4th
January 2024*

Best wishes, WMS Admin

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