

W/C Monday 4th December 2023

Walthamstow Montessori School

Newsletter



Decorate the Tree

Tomorrow, Tuesday 5th December, is our exciting 'Decorate the Tree Day' at WMS.

Each child is invited to bring a silver hanging ornament to decorate our school Christmas tree tomorrow. Please don't worry if your child does not attend on a Tuesday as we will be enjoying this activity all week long. Please don't put delicate items in school bags.



Hot chocolate and marshmallows are the best way to end a chilly 'Out and About' learning session!

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.



Thank you! We have sold all our tea towels. Paid for orders are on their way to you.

Last Collection will be Friday 15th December!

Christmas Concerts

Please be reminded to return your slips to the school office by the deadline to request your tickets for seats at the Christmas concert.



Spring Term Invoices

Your invoice for the Spring term 2024 was issued on Friday 24th November 2023. First instalment was due on Friday 1st December

If you did not receive an invoice please contact the office urgently. If you were unable to settle the invoice on Friday 1st December please make the school office aware.

Fun Alpaca Visit

We are pleased to confirm that the visit will be on Wednesday 7th February. These friendly boys are very excited to come and meet us all. They are very gentle animals They can be stroked, hand fed and cuddled and are happy to come inside buildings or be outside!



Thank you to everybody that has participated in our tea towel fundraiser. With your support we are able to enjoy this fun activity with the children from some of the profit from our sales.

Festive Art Day

We are all looking forward to our Festive art day on Friday 8th December. Thank you for confirming your

availability to come into class and work with the children on their festive art projects and props for the Christmas concert. If you did volunteer and can no longer attend the session, then please let us know.



WMS Christmas Holiday Club

We have a couple of places available for the Friday 22nd December. 9-3pm or 8.15-5pm. The day will be full of fun, festive activities and festive lunch. If we can, a trip to the park to collect natural materials to make tree decorations may be arranged. Perhaps you fancy a shopping day – send the children to us!

Please email office@walthamstowmontessori.com for more info and availability.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you for attending your parent/teacher meeting to discuss your child's progress. If you have not yet met with your class teacher, then please let us know so we can support with arranging a suitable time for you.

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.

Healthy Eating and Dental Health drop-ins



HENRY can support you with questions around healthy eating, starting solids, fussy eating, oral health, active play and much more!

HENRY Healthy Eating and Dental Health drop-in sessions for zero- to five-year-olds, no appointment needed! The friendly HENRY practitioners can provide one to one support to help you and your family discover practical, fun, and helpful ways to get little ones off to a great start. Sessions are taking place fortnightly at locations around the borough.

FREE Christmas Rhyme Time sessions

Waltham Forest Libraries are hosting these special sessions. We are told that there will be a

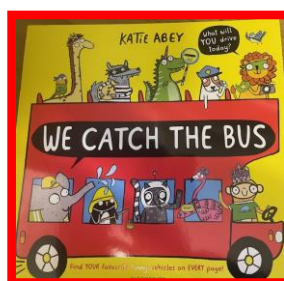
visit from Santa Claus and a chance for you to take a photo with him.

The sessions are at following locations:

*Walthamstow Library, Wednesday 6 December, 11.30am to 12 noon; Leyton Library, Friday 8 December, 11am to 11.30am; Higham Hill Library, Monday 11 December, 11.15am to 11.45am; Hale End Library, Wednesday 13 December, 11am to 12 noon; Lea Bridge Library, Thursday 14 December, 11am to 12 noon; Chingford Library, Monday 18 December, 11.30am to 12 noon
Leytonstone Library, Tuesday 19 December, 11am to 11.30am; Wood Street Library, Wednesday 20 December, 11am to 11.30am*

Class Information:

Book of the Week



We Catch the Bus By Katie Abey

Children's House Brookscroft

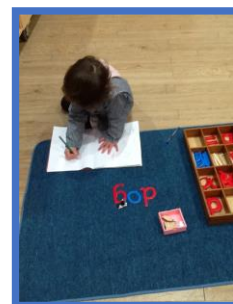
Another busy week for the children! We continued to discuss our topic "transport". We shared and gathered ideas on how to build a new type of vehicle and the materials we would need.

In numeracy, the children have been working on the addition stripboard. This activity teaches the children the mathematical concept of adding numbers 1 to 9 more abstractly as it leads the child through all the combinations in addition.

In literacy, we have focused on the sound letter "K". Some children have also started to work on the CVC words using the moveable alphabet.

On Thursday, we had our out-and-about session and the children enjoyed hot chocolate and marshmallows in the garden.

This week, the children will be enjoying some crafts around the festive period, and we will also find out how Christmas is celebrated around the world. We will also



continue to rehearse for our concert that the children will proudly be performing for you on the 19th of December.

Children's House Oak

Last week in Children's house Oak, we were looking back over the term at what we have been learnt about transport. The children created their own trains out of paper squares and a train template and then wrote the letters of their name on the train. We also did some focused Grace and Courtesy lessons like how to blow our nose and how to speak in a group. The children have had some new Mark Making activities in the class which they have been really enjoying. These include activities like cutting on a line, name tracing and date stamping. For our Out and About session, the children enjoyed a fun game of 'Hide and Seek transport' where they had to find pictures of transport that were hidden around the garden and then we went through the different sounds of transport they found.

This week is our Christmas Craft week, we will be doing lots of focused arts and crafts activities based around Christmas as well as our usual work cycle. We are also excited for the upcoming festive craft day with our parents coming in. The children will continue to practice for their upcoming Christmas Concert. Please continue to practice these songs with your children at home.

Children's House Elm

This week has been exciting and enriching in every way.



Our out and about session was all about finding 2D and 3D shapes in our environment. The response was great as children were overjoyed to associate many 3D shaped objects

around them such as snail shell (cone), a wooden log and a toy sausage (cylinder) and many more. Indeed a fruitful and joyful learning experience.

Reinforcement of 3D shapes were carried out by using blindfolds, feeling the shape dimensions and associating them with their flat shape bases. Children were introduced to the olfactory senatorial scent bottles. They actively participated in smelling, guessing and pairing scents of vanilla, lemongrass, mint and lavender.

We worked in small groups to get familiar with new skills and reinforce our previous learnings on Grace and Courtesy. We covered many areas of learning such as arranging flowers, covering our mouths when we cough or sneeze, using tissues or bins, washing hands and even carrying work trays to our tables or floor mats, putting them away when we had completed the task.

We are taking pride by learning to identify our names from other names, sounding it out, tracing it with care and finally practice writing it independently.

Our sound of the week 'k' and other literacy skills were practiced through sand trays, free hand writings, work in the book, sand paper letters, phonic I spy games. We continue enjoying lovely experiences this month as we learn about Christmas through many fun filled activities and crafts. We are practicing with all our hearts for the upcoming Christmas Concert!



Nursery - Acorn and Seedlings

Last week we continued learning about how vehicles are made, and children were able to name some parts of the car, aeroplane or train.

This week we also started preparing for our Christmas art activities and we learnt about why we celebrate Christmas. All the children are very excited to celebrate Christmas with their families.

We continued learning phonics. The sound of this week was sound "c" again as some of the children were not very familiar with it last week. We looked at objects beginning with "c" and we used sand paper letter to trace "c".

We were also learning the meaning of prepositional language such as *behind*, *under* and *over*. Our number of the week was number 2. We counted objects and paired them into two. Children used the sandpaper number 2. This helps children to understand how the number is formed.

We had lots of fun on our out and about session where we looked for different objects and compared them to 2D shapes. This activity went well, and all children enjoyed looking for different sticks, leaves and many more objects from the garden. We learned about a new shape called a hexagon.

Children are enjoyed using practical life activities where they are exercising their hand and eye coordination and extending their language.

This week we will be concentrating on Christmas and there are lots of art activities prepared throughout the week.

Our letter of the week will be letter "s". We will be looked nag at number three and matching objects to this number.



*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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