

Walthamstow Montessori School

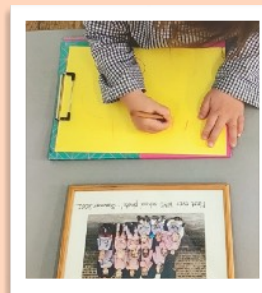
Our Weekly News



Happy Birthday WMS!

Last Wednesday, we celebrated the school's birthday. 24 years ago, Miss Lorna opened WMS in St Michael's building in Northcote Road. There were just 26 children, including Miss Lorna's 2 year old daughter Eliza, and 4 members of staff. The school has gone from strength to strength since then, with now 2 buildings open and 120 pupils, as well as 34 members of staff.

We celebrated this special day with the children by looking at photographs of the first WMS class and they drew lots of pictures, inspired by the things they love about their school. Of course, we also sang happy birthday and blew birthday candles!



IMPORTANT Fees Update.

Please look out for an announcement on new prices for September to follow very soon. As a result of a new charging structure, for which we hope to get Local Authority approval shortly, we hope to be announcing a SIGNIFICANT reduction in charges for funded parents. Great news for all!!



Artist Of The Term.

LS Lowry is our artist. The children will create Lowry inspired pieces and have a Lowry Dressing Up day. Thank you to Zofia's mummy, who has kindly loaned us a Lowry print. Aidan visited the Tate at Easter and brought a beautiful Lowry book to show his friends.

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SCHOOL PHOTO DAYS

School Photo Day for Penrhyn pupils will be on Wednesday 7th May. Brookscroft pupils will have theirs on Thursday 15th May.

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VE DAY

We will be celebrating VE Day's anniversary at WMS on Thursday 8th May, more details to follow!

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SUMMER SCHOOL

Summer School will run from Wed 23rd Jul to Fri 8th Aug. Booking forms will be sent out this week.

Summer Fees.

Please note the second instalment was due on Friday 25th April.



Lat week at WMS...

We were very happy to welcome lots of new children and families to WMS. We took time after the Easter break to revisit and reinforce our classroom ground rules. Our newest pupils have settled in beautifully and have been introduced to the Montessori work cycle, learning routines such as returning activities to the shelf after use and carrying trays and chairs independently.

We began the week by celebrating our school's 24th birthday. One of the children noticed the pink smocks in the very first WMS school photo from 2001 and decided to draw her very own version of the picture! Some classes also created a wonderful group picture to mark the special occasion.

Our new topic, Transport, sparked lots of curiosity and plenty of conversations. The children shared the types of transport they used during the holidays and we explored this further with a Montessori Air, Land and Water lesson and all the new activities on our topic shelves.

The children marked St George's Day by learning all about this day and making some flags, which they proudly waved.

All classes continued to enjoy lots of gardening. We have created lovely new planting areas in both gardens with flowers, herbs and tomatoes. At Brookscroft, the children eagerly swept and weeded the garden beds and then planted everything with great care. It was hard work, but they absolutely loved it! They also produced beautiful work as they learned about the life cycle of a butterfly. Alfred was Seedlings' proud flower monitor.

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THE MILLION WORD GAP

New research shows the different numbers of words kids will have heard by age 5 based on how often parents read to them:

- Never read to: 4,662 words
- 1-2 times per week: 63,570 words
- 3-5 times per week: 169,520 words
- Daily: 296,660 words
- Five books a day: 1,483,300 words

speechclubs.com



Book of The Week.

'We Catch The Bus' by Katie Abey. Join a lively crew of animals as they zip around in all sorts of fun and fantastic vehicles.

A huge thank you to Rosa's Daddy who kindly donated lots of brand new books to us through a scheme at work.



Henry Waltham Forest.

Henry Waltham Forest are offering an interactive programme to explore family parenting, eating well, being active & balancing family life, a Starting Solids workshops, an online Healthy Teeth workshop, as well as Healthy Eating and Dental Drop ins.

Buggies.

If you leave your buggy at school during the day, please put it in the new designated area by the black boarding and NOT by the new fire escape, which must be kept clear at all times. Thank you!

Henry Waltham Forest have sent us a dental list they have compiled for the area.

Please note that practices listed as accepting new NHS patients may still have a waiting list for initial appointments. Some practices may experience a high volume of calls after the list is distributed and could quickly reach capacity.

NHS Dentists in Waltham Forest



This is an up-to-date list of NHS dentists currently offering routine appointments and accepting new patients. At the time of writing there may be a waiting period before your first appointment

List up to date as of 2nd April 2025



Walthamstow

The Dental Design Studio
127 High Street, E17 7DB
02085214333
Children Only

Abby Dental Practice
25 St James Street, E17 7JP
02085212816
Children and Adults

Forest Dental Care
73 Hoe Street, E17 4SA
02085213777
Children and Adults

Hoe Street Dental Surgery
337 Hoe Street, E17 9BD
2085205289
Children and Adults



Leyton

Leyton Dental Practice
724 High Road Leyton, E10 6AA
02085396022
Children Only

Cedars Dental Practice
775 High Road Leyton, E10 5AB
02085581122
Children and Adults

Smile in London
399 High Road Leyton, E10 5NA
02085391653
Children and Adults



Leytonstone

Woodgrange Dental Practice
80 Woodgrange Road,
E7 OEW
02085553336
Children Only



Chingford

Damira Avenue
180 The Avenue, E4 9RD
02085276400
Children and Adults

☎ 020 8496 5223

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Please note that we do not endorse or recommend any particular practice.

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