

MEfA Montessori News

Montessori House, 135 Westcombe Hill, Blackheath, London SE3 7DP



November 2019 Newsletter

Dear MEfA Montessori Families and Friends,

On Tuesday 1st October the Mayor and Mayoress of Greenwich formally opened our Forest School/Well-being Area. Instead of cutting a ceremonial opening ribbon, our friendly mayor, Cllr Mick Hayes, lopped an opening branch! We were joined on this happy occasion by Cllr Geoff Brighty, Rev Tim Yeager, Marilyn Little and Neville Grant from The Westcombe Society and Westcombe News, in addition to our children, parents and teaching team of course.

Thank you to our friends at Greenwich GoodGym; they have applied preservative to the Forest School shed and the fence, tied up the grape vines, and lopped some overhanging tree branches.

Thank you also to author and broadcaster Russ Kane for presenting the prizes and giving a thought-provoking talk at the MEfA Montessori Annual Conference on Storytelling www.mensradio.com

Nature gently reminds us to relax, to let things go and to embrace the unpredictability that is synonymous with parenting. Children desperately need time in nature for proper development and they need this outdoor time year-round. Sometimes the weather can seem an insurmountable barrier – especially as temperatures plummet in the Winter months. In addition to warm coats and waterproof boots, a merino wool underlayer will keep your children snug and warm.

This half term we are exploring seed dispersion, semi-precious stones, landforms (lakes and islands), arctic and rainforest animals. We return to school on Monday 28th October. There are six weeks in the half-term. Please ensure your child's fees are paid promptly; on or before the first class. I look forward to welcoming you!

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Wendy Fidler, MEfA Academic Director/Founding Trustee
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“Whatever shape nature takes, it offers each child an older, larger world Unlike television, nature does not steal time; it amplifies it.”
- Richard Louv, *The Last Child in the Woods*





Montessori School 2 - 9 years – also homeschool, flexischool

Montessori School classes: **Tuesday** and **Wednesdays** 9:30 -11:30
and **Thursday** 13:00 - 15:00



Baby Montessori 0-15 months / NEW! Toddler Montessori 15-36 months

Baby Montessori **Wednesdays** 13:30 – 14:30

Toddler Montessori **Thursdays** 09:30-10:30



NEW! Outdoor Forest School

We have two Montessori Forest School/Well-being Classes:
Tuesdays from 13:30 – 14:30 and **Thursdays** from 11:00 -12:00

Montessori After School 4 – 11 years

We have two Montessori After School Groups each week - On **Tuesdays** the **Montessori Moles After-school Nurture Group** is for children who are struggling to make the most of their schooling because of difficulties associated with autism or other special needs. On **Thursdays** the **Montessori Enrichment Group** is for children who have graduated from MEfA Montessori and wish to continue their Montessori journey with us!

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