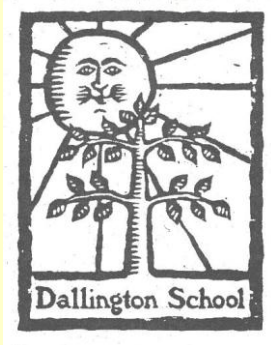


Dallington School Newsletter

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Why not visit the brand new FoD web page...

www.friendsofdallington.blogspot.com

Ex-pupils, please send Memory Lane contributions to abi@dallingtonschool.co.uk

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 28th April - Summer Term begins
- ◆ 30th May (TBC) - Friends of Dallington Social Night and Auction of Promises at The C & H
- ◆ 1st-5th June - Half Term
- ◆ 25th June - 'Children Meet the Governors' in the day, Board of Governors meeting in the evening.
- ◆ 9th July - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - Wilton's Music Hall.
- ◆ 11th July - Summer Fete
- ◆ 22nd October - Board of Governors Meeting

The Mogg Blog

Although the panel of judges had allocated three hours precisely, on Friday morning, five hours went by before they left! I was quite overwhelmed and humbled by the written testimonials and the people who stayed to speak with the judges. Thank you so much for your support.

The judges said they loved meeting everyone and that they were extremely impressed by the calibre of the work, the enthusiasm of the children and the pervading ethos of care and commitment throughout the school. I was so proud to show them around. I stayed to watch my group's presentations on eminent Victorians which, although it is work in progress, confirmed their knowledge and enthusiasm for this project. Finally, I arrived home at three o'clock! The day had been so wonderful that I had to check, with Vanessa, that it had really happened!

On a more sombre note, Catherine Chalker, who has been working with my group until my return, is in hospital and unable to come into Dallington. I feel sure you will join me in wishing her a speedy recovery and thanking her for the time she spent with the children who, I trust, are busy making get-well-soon cards.

It goes without saying that we shall miss Wendy, Jill, Sharon and Ethan, but we hope they will keep in touch and call in for a gossip. I should like to thank them for their commitment to the well-being of the children and wish them every happiness and fulfilment in the future.

Have a lovely break and a happy Easter.

Race for Life

The Dallington Mums' sponsorship page for their race on 16th May in aid of Cancer Research is live!

Please take a moment to visit their page, to support this cause that touches all of our lives in some way. Your contribution will make all the sweat and tears worth it!

Thank you.

<http://www.raceforlifesporsome.org/dallingtonmums>

Middle School News

Mogg's group has now come to the final stage of their Victorian Project. All their very hard work has made this project a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding experience.

Here we have a sketch of the Victorian Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli drawn by Polly Burnay.

Picture of the Week



Car Share

If you would like to post an offer or request to do with Car Share, feel free to email abi@dallingtonschool.co.uk or find her in the office.

Joke of the Week

Q) What do dinosaurs use to cut down trees?

A) Dinosaws

Chess Club

Chess Club bounces back in the Summer Term with the first session being on Tuesday 28th April (which is the first day back from the Easter hols.). After the school day finishes, chess clubbers will have a well earned snack and a drink. Following this, they then get some time to read or draw. This is their own free time, which is a good opportunity to wind down from the school day. Then at 4.15 we go down to the basement and for an hour, we play chess. This takes place in a fun and informal way, led by Tony Barnett, an experienced chess player and retired teacher, who has been running and teaching in chess clubs for over 30 years. Pick up time is 5.15pm. See Julius in Middle school to sign up and improve those cognitive skills.

FoD Shed

Friends of Dallington have a new shed at the playground and next term, we plan to brighten it up with some paint!



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Transition News

Year 1

Our dinosaur topic kept us very busy and proved to be hugely popular. Our trip to the Natural History Museum was great- we all graduated as Dinosaur Professors! Holly Anness' lovely mum Debbie came in and helped us make screen printed T-shirts with dinosaur designs. We impressed everyone with them when we showed them around the school. Now, just like everyone else, we are really looking forward to a long and lovely holiday. When we come back in April, we have the lovely Geo joining us as a new member of our class! Happy Easter!



Recorder News

The 'Dial a Dallington Minstrel' line-up will be: Polly (Year 6), Ruby, Ambika & Monty (Year 5), Jessica, Oliv, Holly, Adam, Nicholas & Hannah (Year 4), Syrie & Mia (Year 3). Well done! All these musicians have learned Happy Birthday by heart and we shall find some time to get together to rehearse in the new term. Well done, also, to Antanas, who also made the group but will sadly not be with us next term. Keep playing!

Lower Nursery News

Here in Lower Nursery, Spring has definitely sprung. After a very busy and productive term we prepare for our end of term Spring Party to celebrate the children's achievements - baskets, bunnies, beans, bonnets, and an egg hunt!

We also bid a sad farewell to our dear Wendy who leaves us this term. We all wish her well and every success and thank her sincerely for all her wonderful work over the past six years here in the nursery. She is an exceptional and talented Early Years practitioner and a wonderful person, she will be missed by us all.

Goodbye and good luck Wendy x

The Times - Books for Schools

Many thanks for your collecting.

We shall tot up our grand total in the holidays and let you know how well you have done next term.

Can you help?

We need some extra bodies to help cover some weekly off-site visits, such as library, from next term. If you feel you can spare some time and are happy to join a pool of adults who can commit to offering some escort support each week, we would be hugely grateful. Please contact the office, or tell your teacher. Thank you!

Board of Governors

If you would like to contact the Governors directly, you may email them at: governors@dallingtonschool.co.uk

Mogg's Facebook

Why not find **Mogg Dallington Hercules** on Facebook and write on her wall!