

Dallington School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 19th May - Sports for Schools
- ◆ 26th May - Becky Wing visits school
- ◆ 18th-22nd June - National Walk to School Week
- ◆ 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

Second week back and I am still enjoying it! Remain quite mystified as to what people do, when at home all day, without experiencing boredom.

Five further sessions of radiotherapy remain – now that is boring! The worst part is travelling to U.C.L.H along Euston Road, every day, after school.

I must say, the children have been very accepting of my headgear, apart from one four year old who asked the question that others probably wanted to ask...

"Hey, Mogg, can I see your bald head?"
Appropriate responses needed!

A Midsummer Night's Dream - ASS'S HEAD



If you have any unwanted, grey, woollen sweaters or jumpers (ANY condition), we'd love them to make an Ass's Head for Bottom in Middle School's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. If you can help, grey, woollen contributions can be given to Chris Kelly in Middle School. Many thanks.

COSTUME

Middle School would gladly welcome some help with costume making for our production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. If able and interested, please speak to Catherine in Middle School.

Race for Life

Please visit the Dallington Mums' sponsorship page for their race on 16th May in aid of Cancer Research.

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

Alternatively, you can send a cheque to Cancer Research UK, Race for Life, PO Box 442, Northampton, NN3 6UU

If you pay offline, please email Charlotte Butler charlotte.butler@virgin.net and let her know so she can update their fundraising page's 'amount raised off-line' total.

National Walk to School Week 18th-22nd June

Our walking numbers have dropped! This is an opportunity for us to leave the car at home and get walking again.

Middle School News

Jackie's Group is continuing weekly tennis lessons with Marvin at Golden Lane Sports Centre. We have also welcomed Joseph into Year 4.

Catherine's Group would like to welcome Chris Kelly as their new classroom assistant.

Catherine's group began judo sessions at Golden Lane Leisure Centre last Wednesday.

The children are enjoying their sessions very much. Jackie, the instructor, has been teaching judo for 29 years and is a world champion a few times over!

As you can imagine, the children are benefiting greatly from her expertise.

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.

Words of the Week

An addition poem written by Ethan Lowry Beardsley in Year 2.

10 and 10
Potter's den
11 and 9
A bag of slime
12 and 8
Valdemort's fate
13 and 7
Hogwarts in heaven
14 and 6
Flying broomsticks
15 and 5
Witchcraft's alive
16 and 4
Through the trapdoor
17 and 3
Diagon Alley
18 and 2
Gryffindor's few
19 and 1
The potion is gone
20 and 0
Harry's my hero!

Picture of the Week

In Upper Nursery, we have used our large wooden building bricks to make some wonderfully imaginative creations, like this table and chair.

Made by Theo Naylor Marlow



Upper Nursery News

We would like to congratulate Cathy, who is now working in Lower Nursery, on becoming a grandmother for the first time!

The children in Upper Nursery have been making some wonderful large constructions with their new wooden blocks from 'Community Playthings'. We were lucky to receive these as part of a small grant from 'Islington Early Years'. We have also been given some beautiful materials to dance and do drama with, some instruments, a digital camera and a laptop.

We will also be 'Growing' in every sense of the word!

Transition News

Year 1 "Discovering the world around us" will be Year 1's new topic. We will grow plants, breed ladybirds and observe plant roots. We will experiment, estimate and explore.

Year 2 is learning about Leonardo da Vinci this term. The children will be learning what a truly inspirational and talented man he was. How he was an inventor, scientist, mathematician, engineer and artist. The children will be sketching in their 'Da Vinci Book of Exploration', studying da Vinci's drawing techniques, taking apart toys, seeing how the toys work, drawing them, then attempting to put them back together again. They will be inventing, making bridges out of lollipop sticks and designing codes, all in the name of learning... It's a hard life in Year 2!

Recorder News The 'Dial a Dallington Minstrel' group will start rehearsing soon. We plan to have booking cards available on each floor for children to book the minstrels for a classroom visit on their birthday!

Board of Governors

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

Lower Nursery News

We welcome Cathy our new member of staff and seven new friends to the nursery...Viola, Sienna, Joshua, Ines, Milou, Juliette, and Theo! They have all settled happily into the busy routine and are busy producing fantastic models and paintings, making friends and sharing their news! This half-term our theme is Transport, look out for Mr Gumpy and his motor car, planes, trains and boats!

The Times -Books for Schools

After the success of our first round of collecting book tokens from The Times, we decided to continue collecting. Please support us and bring in lots of tokens! A special thank you goes out to Barney's dad Angus, who collected the tokens in his office, which was a huge success... Copycats more than welcome!!

Can you help?

We need some extra bodies to help cover some weekly off-site visits. 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!

Cricket

Today, a huge box of wonderful cricket equipment arrived from the Lords Taverners! Big thanks to Angus Wardlaw who applied for and won a grant for this free gear. If there are any parents who have any cricketing skills or contacts and would like to get involved, please let us know.

Chess Club

Chess Club is taking a break.

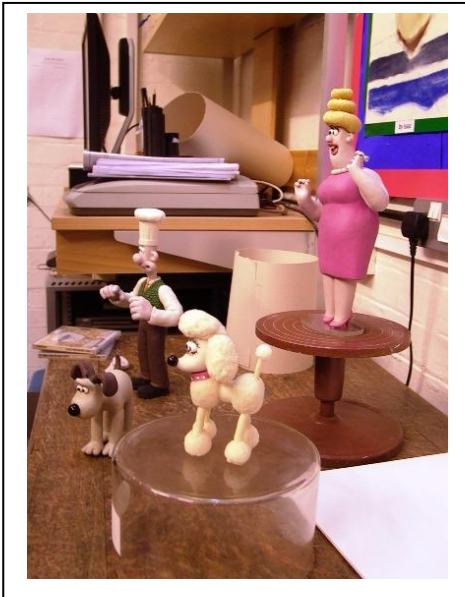
Young Explorer's Club

Young Explorer's Club will continue this term on Thursdays, 3:45pm -5:15pm. A science based after school club, with lots of times for games and play, too. To sign up, please see Claudia in Year 1.

Film stars visit Dallington

We had the most wonderful and special surprise, in Middle school, today - in addition to Felix's escaped snake!

Zoe Burnay, mother of Polly, Louis and Hattie, had arranged for Aardman Animations to come and visit the school. Luis Cook, an animation director, showed us the wonderful 'A Matter of Loaf and Death' and after that, we were introduced to the cast - these were the real models from the film; Wallace, Gromit, Fluffles and Piella Bakewell. The children were delighted!



We then watched a documentary, 'The making of A Matter of Loaf and Death' which gave a fascinating behind-the-scenes view of the Aardman animators' skilled work. We ended the morning with an insightful Q & A. The junior animators had some great questions for Luis and we hope that the morning may have inspired one or two children to become Nick Parks of the future!



Sports for Schools

The Sports for Schools team will be visiting us on 19th May for an introductory talk during which they will explain about the fitness circuit the children will be doing on the day of the event and giving out sponsorship forms.

Prior to the London Olympics, the Sports for Schools Team aims to inspire children to enrol with local sports clubs.

Excitingly, on 26th May, we will be visited by the Olympic Gymnast, Beccy Wing and the Sports for Schools Coaching Team who will motivate and encourage the children through a Sponsored Fitness Circuit.

And the prizes? Children that raise over £5 will receive a postcard photo of their athlete, over £30, they will receive a signed A4 poster of their athlete and the class who raises the most money will be given a mystery prize!

Of the sponsorship money raised, 60% goes to Dallington and 40% to Sports for Schools. Just think of the equipment we will be able to buy!

www.beckywing.com
www.sportsforschools.org

Felix & Monty the Python



Sue Palmer – 'Toxic Childhood' talk

Thank you to Andrew Pitman-Wallace for having the great idea of inviting Sue Palmer to speak at CLSG. What a wise and straight-talking woman she is - from a similar mould to Mogg!

A few members of staff and some parents took up the generous offer from City to attend Sue's interesting talk based on her book, published in 2006, 'Toxic Childhood - How the modern world is damaging our children and what we can do about it.'

Recommended reading.

And hot off the press...

BACK PAGE HEADLINE NEWS

SNAKE ESCAPE!

My Snake's Trip to School - Felix Naylor Marlow - Age 10

I brought my snake into school on the 8th May 2009. It was a cold and windy day and it was starting to rain. I put his bag, in which I had him, under my coat, to keep him warm. When I got to school, everybody who was down the stairs was scared. I took him upstairs at quarter to nine. Julius told me to put him in the corner, so I did, but five minutes later, he escaped! We searched and searched. We found him in the end. He was behind the year six table, under the bench!

When everybody was upstairs, Fabian got out his camera and I put my snake around everybody's necks, one by one, Fabian taking photos, one by one. My mum came to pick him up, but she stayed a while. I took him off Ruby's neck and put him around Zack's (who was visiting) neck. After he had his photo taken, I put the snake back in his bag and my mum took him home. The Snake liked Marius the best, I think. While we were searching for him though, I think I wet myself!

Congratulations

Ex-Dallington teacher Amanda gave birth to Zoe Elizabeth Cate on 6th May 2009, weighing 7 lb 10oz, 50cm long.