

# Dallington School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ 25<sup>th</sup> June - 'Children Meet the Governors' in the day, Board of Governors meeting in the evening.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> July - Singing morning for the whole school in the basement.
- ◆ 1<sup>st</sup> July - Open Afternoon in LN, 2-3pm
- ◆ 2<sup>nd</sup> July - Open Afternoon in LN & UN, 2-3pm
- ◆ 9<sup>th</sup> July 6pm - 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - Wilton's Music Hall.
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> July - Summer Fete
- ◆ 22<sup>nd</sup> October - Board of Governors Meeting

## The Mogg Blog

### Banksy in Bristol

How privileged was that? Abi, Fabian and I left for Bristol, after school on Friday, to be at the Banksy preview. The work was amazing - and so diverse, but several of the animatronic pieces made me feel so very sad. Do see the exhibition which is on for three months, if at all possible, as the impact of Banksy's work will stay with you.

I gave my hair growth an outing, too, by leaving behind the headgear, which has become, I feel, a bit of a security blanket!

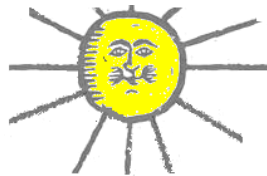
<http://www.banksy.co.uk/>

## Catherine's Group

In Maths, the children in year 3 have been enjoying and exploring division and are also excited by the challenges of more and more complex fraction work during their maths lessons. The children are also writing and illustrating a book of fairies inspired by 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'.

They are continuing with their Shakespeare project and are busily rehearsing for 'A Midsummer's Night Dream'. Well done, children!

We are delighted to have Jemima Gordon as our class representative.



The Coach & Horses hosted a great FoD social on Wednesday. There was a great turn-out, with much wine consumed! Thank you to everyone for their support and to the FoD team for all their hard work.

## Middle School News

On Monday, Years 5 and 6 went on a trip to the Space Galleries at the Science Museum. This trip gave us the opportunity of seeing some actual hardware from the development of rocketry and the Space Race itself. From the extraordinary breakthrough of the V2 rocket engine to the J2, which powered the 2nd and 3rd stages of the mighty Saturn V, to a replica of the Eagle Lunar Lander and a description of the life-support systems which kept the Apollo astronauts alive and clean! The museum also displays an object remarkable for the distance it has travelled - the Apollo 10 Command Module - an unassuming, little object and the only part of the huge assembly of launch vehicle and spacecraft which actually returns to the Earth, its cargo intact.

### J2 Rocket Engine - Sarah Phelan



## Transition News

**Year 1** had a wonderful day on the canal. Paul, the skipper on the "Angel", showed the children a sheet with the different birds that one can see on the canal and with the help of binoculars, I think we managed to see all of them. Besides the bird watching, the children used the boat for some role-playing; the morning group turned the boat into a pirate ship with lots of captains, who were trying to find treasure, whilst the afternoon group was in a space ship, travelling through time and space. We were so lucky that the weather remained good until the last child got off the boat - and then it started raining!

## Bottle Stall

Transition would like to ask you to donate (unopened) bottles for our traditional bottle stall at the fete.

Anything goes: From champagne to ketchup, from shampoo to whiskey... please give us your wanted and unwanted goodies! Thank you!

**Year 2** had a fantastic time on the Southbank sketching bridges in the sunshine as part of their Da Vinci project. Could there be a future inventor or two amongst them...?

## The Times - Books for Schools

Is everyone still collecting book tokens? Please do and please encourage your colleagues at work and friends to do the same...Thank you Ditto the Sainsbury's vouchers!

## Jackie's Group

Jessica Shaw has been voted class representative. Jessica will meet with the governors at their next meeting to put forward the views and suggestions of Jackie's Group.

Hannah Syed has created the winning ticket design for Middle School's production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. Adam Grant got a 'highly commended' in the poster competition.

Oliv and Hannah had a trip to Wembley for the England vs Andorra match, where Hannah waved the English flag on the pitch before the match.

Belle Eyres took part in the Piggy Grand National at the South of England Rare Breeds Centre, winning second place.

## Picture of the Week

Drawing by Jonah Eyers in Upper Nursery



## Lower Nursery News

As part of our Transport theme, Lower Nursery is prepared for lift off, our rocket is on the launch pad and the engineers have checked all systems are go, the navigators have planned their route to the stars and the space helmets and oxygen tanks are safely aboard. Countdown has begun....we're off to meet the aliens as we've had an invitation to ....

"Come to tea on Planet Zum-Zee"!

As usual, a busy week in Lower Nursery, last week. We began with a visit from the Dallington Minstrels to celebrate John's fourth birthday-'Happy Birthday John!'... and they visited again this week for Cosmo's birthday so, 'Happy Birthday Cosmo!'.

This week we're off to Africa for "Handa's Surprise!".....

## Lower Nursery News Flash...

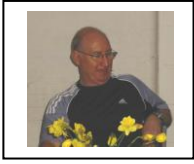
We saw Flora's adorable new Baby, Arlo!

Congratulations to all!

## Upper Nursery News

The architects, engineers and builders in Upper Nursery have been hard at work creating a castle for the giant from the fairy tale 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. They have allowed their imagination to run riot and, whilst the giant is away from his castle... 'Sleeping Beauty', 'Rapunzel' and even 'The Sheriff of Nottingham' have moved in!!

In order to circumnavigate the moat, the boat builders made a catamaran and then a narrow boat with the 'Community Playthings' hollow blocks. True to all budding entrepreneurs, the children made an office to take orders for new boats to be made.



## 'Swimming' Dave Ansell's Surprise Retirement Do

After teaching swimming to Dallington children for thirty years, Dave rather reluctantly left the School to retire in December 2008, although he is still very much involved with his swimming clubs!

Please join us at **The Coach & Horses** 26 - 28 Ray Street, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 3DJ Tel 020 7278 8990 on **Thursday 2nd July at 7pm** to thank Dave for his many years of wonderful teaching, resulting in brilliant Dallington swimmers.

All friends and ex-pupils of Dave (who are of legal drinking age!) are welcome. RSVP to [abi@dallingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:abi@dallingtonschool.co.uk) so we can get an idea of numbers. Thank you.

## Another Dallington Star

Arthur Studdert in Mogg's Group recently played a boy at a picnic party in a film for BBC 4 about Enid Blyton (played by Helena Bonham Carter). Arthur had a brilliant day shooting at a manor house in the middle of a golf course in Surrey! The film will which be broadcast in the autumn. Here is Arthur with Helena Bonham Carter in 1940s costume and hairstyle.



## Singing Morning

Please come along to the Singing Morning in the Basement. All are welcome!

9.15-10.00 - Middle School

10.30-11.00 - Nursery (Lower & Upper)

11.30-12.00 - Transition

## Sports for Schools

We are delighted to let you all know that we have raised a grand total of £1838.47.

Dallington will get 60% of the profits which is a staggering **£1026.28**.

Abi has plans to buy some Basketball equipment for the playground. Any other sports related suggestions are welcomed.

[www.beckywing.com](http://www.beckywing.com)  
[www.sportsforschools.org](http://www.sportsforschools.org)

## 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](mailto:abi@dallingtonschool.co.uk) or find her in the office.

## Photos for the Prospectus and Website

We are delighted that Peter Marlow has begun taking photos of the children, this week, for the Prospectus and the Website. He has caught the children on the canal and building a rocket in Middle School. More to come...

## Ex Teacher News

Helen Badcock who used to work in Lower Nursery has just given birth to a baby girl called Bonnie. Congratulations!

## Dallington Minstrels

The 'Dial a Dallington Minstrel' group has started performing! In a busy first two weeks, the minstrels have played Happy Birthday for John and Cosmo in Lower Nursery and Nicholas and Betty-Belle in Middle School. Don't forget, booking forms are with your teacher...



## Class Reps.

Last week, each Group from Years 1 to 6 voted for their Class Rep. Someone they feel would represent them fairly at the 'Meet the Governors' meeting on Thursday 25th June at 9 am.

Congratulations to the following Class Reps. of 2009:

Year 1 - Jack Pitman Wallace

Year 2 - Abigail Brennan

Year 3 - Jemima Gordon

Year 4 - Jessica Shaw

Year 5 - Ruby MacGregor

Year 6 - Arthur Studdert

## 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.

## A Midsummer Night's Dream

### Congratulations, Well Done & Thank You!

Huge congratulations and a big well done to all the children in Middle School for all their work to date on 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' - it has really paid off! A big thank you also to all Middle School parents for their support and cooperation, with line learning, helping with costumes and making sure their children get to and from after school rehearsals! Thank you.

## Design Competition

A very big thank you to all the children in Middle School who took part in the 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' Design Competition! Many congratulations to our winners (selected by Ambika and Kate); Anna Betto Hunt - Year 3 (Poster Design), Hannah Syed - Year 4 (Ticket Design) and Marius Sheppard Skaerved - Year 6 (Programme Design) for their outstanding designs. Anna's design can be seen in print around the school. Hannah's design can be seen when you purchase your ticket(s) for the show, and finally, Marius' design will be seen on the evening of the performance on the programme covers.

Once again, a very big thank you to the kind generosity of Luke Chandresinghe (father of Apollinaire in Lower Nursery) for all our production printing.

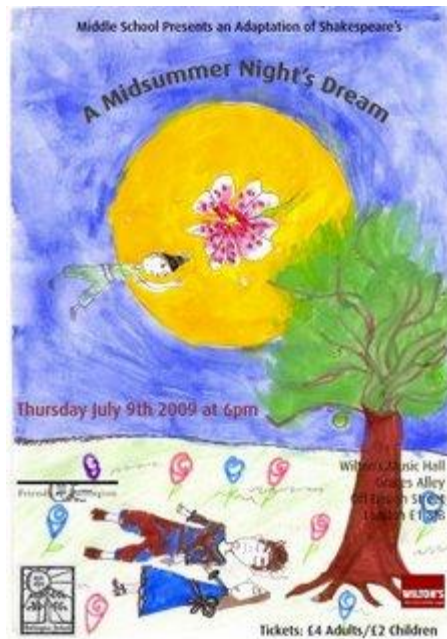
Our Highly Commended runners up: For the Poster: Hamish Olrik Small - Year 3 & Polly Burnay -Year 6; Ticket Design: Sophie Lloyd & Sophia Carlton - both in Year 3 and for the Programme Design: Adam Grant - Year 4 & Betty-Belle Thornton - Year 5. Congratulations to you all. WELL DONE!

## TICKET SALES

**TICKETS ARE SELLING QUICKLY – HAVE YOU GOT YOURS?**

## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM – 9<sup>th</sup> JULY

(Poster Design by Anna Betto Hunt (Year 3))



Middle School warmly invites everyone to their production of an adaptation of William Shakespeare's 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' on July 9th at 6pm at Wilton's Music Hall.

Tickets are priced at £4 for adults and £2 for children and can be purchased from your child's class teacher or assistant, or indeed from the office on 020 7251 2284, if you are no longer at Dallington. Cheques (over £10 only, please) should be made payable to 'Friends of Dallington'. There will be an after-show party for all the children, with sweet and savoury nibbles, baked and kindly donated by parents of Middle School children. There will be a cash bar for adults. All soft drinks for children will be free.

Wilton's has very generously been given to Dallington School free of charge. To say a big "thank you" to Wilton's, all profits will be donated to Wilton's restoration fund. There will also be an after-show collection.

**Wilton's Music Hall** is the world's oldest and last surviving grand music hall and is semi-derelict. Only 60% of the space is safe and in use. In its present condition, Wilton's is extremely vulnerable to vandalism and further decay. At the current rate of decay, the building will cease to be accessible in the next three years. It only has half a roof, walls are crumbling and floors have fallen in.



**Wilton's  
Graces Alley  
Off Ensign Street  
London, E1 8JB**

## 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!

## Board of Governors

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