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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Autumn Term begins - Tuesday 8th September
- ◆ 22nd October - Board of Governors Meeting

The Mogg Blogg

The end of Term, the end of the academic Year - and I have only been back for this Term, but I am so pleased to have that 'end of year' tiredness, instead of 'treatment' tiredness!

It has been such a busy end of term with the performance of the magnificent 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', Dave Ansell's surprise retirement party, Open Afternoons for the new intake children, the Summer Fete and, of course, our group parties. Farewell to all the leavers and we look forward to hearing your gossip and of course to a visit, when you have the time.

Have a wonderful Summer break!

Mogg's Group News

Years 5 and 6 were invited to a top secret event in Soho, on 29th June, but now the secret can be revealed.

At the invitation of one of our parents, the children went to the Moving Picture Company in Soho, to watch pre-release clips of 'Harry Potter and the Half Blood Prince'.

The children were learning about visual effects and animation. They returned talking about C.G.I; blue screens, green screens, realism and animation. They were brilliant about keeping secret what they had seen from the film of Harry Potter 6!

Have you seen the scale model (1:28) of Apollo 11's Saturn IV Launch Vehicle that we have been building as part of our project on the Space Race? Do have a look in Middle School, before we have lift off!

More Mogg's Group News

It was a goodbye to Isaac, Polly, Arthur, Milo, Sarah and Marius in Mogg's group from Swimming teacher Matt on Tuesday who followed in the tradition of Dave Ansell by taking the leavers to a slap up meal at McDonalds on the City Road.

A Midsummer Night's Dream Production

Last night, we performed our school play called 'A Midsummer Night's Dream'. It was exciting and was so different from our usual rehearsals, which I enjoy as well. In the beginning, my thoughts were equal to Ruby's, which meant that our visions, in the beginning of the play, made us feel trapped in a dream. Suddenly we had accelerated from confidently performing in front of a few adults in rehearsal, meaning teachers, of course. Then, suddenly, the lighting was different when it came to the performance, darker, but the spotlight was on us. You felt as if you were the only person speaking in the room and tons of people had their eyes stuck on you. I thoroughly enjoyed it though. 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' was a clear experience to remember. We had rehearsed since January and what a six months it had been. It was such a privilege to show all our hard work in the fabulous Wilton's Music Hall. The environment was incredible. We felt like proper actors able to perform in an amazing theatre.

What a night!

Polly Burnay

Catherine's Group News

What fun everyone had dancing to Michael Jackson at the leavers' party! Thank you to Year 5 for organising it and to the leavers for their moving speeches, which made us all tearful. Good luck to everyone moving on. Have a great Summer break and see you in September!

Transition News

Year 1

I cannot believe that it is the end of the year! Where did the time go? I had such a fabulous year with you children and I cannot believe how much you have grown up, how fantastically you read and write, how beautiful your drawings are and so much more. Most of all, I am delighted to see what great friends you are to each other. This is a very special thanks to you, your lovely and supportive parents, to Ann and to Chris. Have a fabulous, fantastic, great holiday and see you all soon! Much love, yours, **Claudia**.

Year 2 enjoyed a farewell breakfast on Thursday. It was a surprise and they ate lots of yummy food!

We just wanted to say well done to Year 2 of 2009. You have all been such superstars! Geornie and I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching you. Keep up the great work next year!!! Most of all, enjoy your holidays.

Years 1 and 2 had a fantastic time playing at the Diana Memorial Playground. The rain held off for most of the day and we were all exhausted by the end of it. Thank you SOOOOOO much to all the parents who helped out. We could not have done it without you! As a teacher I could not have asked for better parent helpers. **Kate**

Race for Life

What an achievement! The final amount raised for Cancer Research in the Race for Life was **£2599**

Congratulations to all those involved.

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.

Lower Nursery News

Lower Nursery.....Phew where did that year go????!!

We celebrate with family and friends the end of a busy and productive year with 'Afternoon Tea'. We bid a fond farewell this week to Damir, Tate and Margot who are leaving us for new schools in the Autumn. We wish them every happiness and thank them and their families for being such wonderful members of our Lower Nursery family. We will miss them and look forward to hearing their news in the future. We also say goodbye, thank you and well done to those who will ascend to Upper Nursery this September. We have had a very good year of real progress and development. The children have embraced their learning with enthusiasm and produced excellent work throughout the year. Last Autumn's handprint display is a distant memory as is 'Santasaurus' and the Carol Concert....the Easter Egg Hunt ...Owl Babies ...Funny Bones...Fairy Tales...Magic Beans...Three Little Pigs...Billy Goats Gruff...Rapunzel...Transport...Mr Gumpy and Handa! So a BIG thank you from the Lower Nursery Team for a great year...enjoy your Summer as we get ready to start all over again in September when we welcome our new intake!

We still await the arrival of Juliette's new baby and wish a happy holiday birthday to Noah, Tate, Joshua P, Joshua J, Layla and Artie. Also thank you to Sara and Karen our class reps. who organised parent social evenings, holiday picnics and the toy tombola at the fete.

Finally 'Good Luck' to all the leavers, have a wonderful Summer. From everyone in Lower Nursery.

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!

Yet More Mogg's Group News

This Wednesday, Mogg's Group had its last kayaking session and we went on the River Thames. Our trip on the Thames was an experience to remember. We collected our kayaks from the cage they were enclosed in and lifted them all the way to the beach where we would start off. We laid our kayaks along the rocky salt-smelling beach, from where we were to set off on a hard journey. In seconds we were pushed out into London's River Thames. The waves were strong, so we had to paddle with much strength. We were the ones now having to rely on ourselves. We had to be totally in control. As the day was rather average we all felt rather nervous. The instructors had to call out important instructions which would guide us to success in racing against the current. After struggles in weaving through narrow areas of mucky water, we were back out in the open and were heading confidently toward Tower Bridge. We reached it and had achieved something amazing for beginners like us. We could now mention to people that we had been on the River Thames in a single kayak. Our journey back was easier, but we had to control our kayaks as the current tried to sweep us quickly to the rocky beaches on our left hand side. Finally the beach we had departed from was in sight. We had been on the river for two hours and what a well-spent time it was and we wish we could do it again!

Polly Burnay

Jackie's Group News

It was so lovely to see four ex-pupils this morning! Ben Dixie, Ben Scott, Max Heptonstall and Blake Boller-Smith came in to see their old friends.

After a busy year, we are sad to say goodbye to Max and Belle and wish them luck in their new schools. Please stay in touch!

Happy holidays and see you in September!

Upper Nursery News

Thank you to Trine, Simone and Alison who came in and did a wonderful craft workshop with the children in Upper Nursery. The aim of the afternoon was to make banners, bunting and decorations for the Cake Stall at the School Fete and what a success it was, as seen on the day. A thank you to all the parents and children who baked the delicious cakes and bought them. Along with the wonderful puddings the stall made over £400. A big thank you to Christine, Paula and those who served behind the stall.

Colette (F.o.D. chairwoman and Fete organizer) sent everyone at school "A Million Thank Yous" via a web site. At 10:10 a.m. we put it on the computer to look. It was two animated characters saying Thank you over and over again plus a counter. The children were fascinated by the characters and the counter so it was left on all day and by going home time it was still nowhere near a million. The children tried to guess when the million would come up and the next morning as they arrived at school the children found it was STILL not at the magic number! That moment came at about 9:20, heralded by a loud cheer as the 1 and 6 noughts came up on screen - 23 hours and 10 minutes from the start.

At school Upper Nursery children have been eating the fruits of their labour as the cucumbers have flourished on the warm windowsills and so far four ripe ones have been harvested and used to fill sandwiches.

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!

A Midsummer Night's Dream at Wilton's Music Hall

I should like to say "thank you" thrice over.

Firstly, "thank you" to you all who made 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' such a special and successful celebration of the children's giftedness, not forgetting, of course, the most important people involved, the children.

Secondly, "thank you" to you all for your kindness and financial generosity; from the ticket and programme sales and the after-show donations, you all raised a whopping £1068.57, which has already been handed to Frances Mayhew to help save Wilton's - I'm sure you'll all agree a very worthy cause indeed.

And thirdly, on a very personal note, a very warm "thank you" to all the Middle School parents who kindly contributed to the very generous 'Habitat' gift voucher, which Katy and I will put to very good use as we prepare our home for the arrival of our baby, who is due to arrive into the world on December 16th!

Finally, I hope you all have excellent and fulfilling summer holidays! Chris.

Ex Teacher News

Amanda, an ex teacher brought her gorgeous 8 week-old baby daughter, Zoe Cate, to see us all at the fete.

Summer Art Workshop

Catherine (Year 3 and 4 teacher) will be running an art workshop at Coram's Fields in the last week of the holidays. August 31st – September 4th. There are a couple of places still available for any creative young things out there. Please see Catherine in Middle School or call her on 07985 075 717 a.s.a.p if you are interested.

The Dallington Minstrels are busy, busy, busy....Don't forget to book them for your birthday!



Words of the Week

Waiting

Trapped in a world of doubt and depression, a common emotion for the lonely soul.

Waiting, waiting for morning to come, when her world is always dark.

Eating, eating, the darkness is eating, eating away her life, chewing the good and spitting out evil. At any movement she freezes, hides her face, ashamed of her ways.

Drowning in paranoia. Drowning in the devil's cry. Oh how she wails, wails for forgiveness, wails for her life. Her bare arms scratch the filthy bark, a pain she is used to, a pain she seals in her world, her world of secrets and unknown facts.

Crying, a constant cycle of crying, crying a lake of tears, filling her life with salty water.

Water, thirst and hunger.

Want, wanting food to fill her empty stomach. Wanting life.

She is always there, waiting, waiting for her life she knows will never come.

Ambika Lovekin