

Dallington School Newsletter

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Scooter Shed It is clear that Dallington has plenty of keen Scooterers, which is great! Please can all foldable scooters be folded and put on the lower shelf to save space. Thank you and happy scootering!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 1st October - Headcount day
- ◆ 22nd October - Board of Governors Meeting
- ◆ Half Term - 26th - 30th October
- ◆ End of Term - 18th December
- ◆ 11th February - Board of Governors Meeting
- ◆ 6th May - Board of Governors Meeting

The Mogg Blogg

Years 5 and 6 have started their project on the legends of Ancient Greece. They were very accepting of the fact that Hera was not only the wife of Zeus, but also his sister! Further family revelations await!

It is proving quite difficult for parents in Upper and Lower Nursery to offer help on a reliable basis, with 'escort' duties to Finsbury Library. Although it is a valuable experience to visit an off-site library, we have had to make alternative arrangements for the time being. The children's Librarian will visit us, with a box of library books to borrow, then read a story to the children.

I have pinned up photocopies of the letters received from two of our old girls who have just joined Queen's College. Tea at Queen's is quite posh but informal - starched white linen tablecloths, crustless sandwiches, loads of laughter. Last but not least, welcome to Dallington, Cindy!

Jackie's Group

Year 3 is settling into Middle School and the different use of the day. They are trying hard to adopt the more grown up attitude of Middle School! This term's project is The 1940s - the home front. To kick start this project we visited the Imperial War Museum looking particularly at The 1940s House and learning about evacuees.

Ex-pupil News

Jack McNeill Adams has been in touch asking if he can come back to do work experience after his GCSEs. He is thinking of becoming a teacher which is great news. Jack is at Westminster and is still enjoying music. He goes to Junior Guildhall on a Saturday and is in the National Youth Guitar Ensemble. We look forward to welcoming him back next year!

Middle School News

Mogg's Group

On Friday 2nd October, Mogg's Group is going to have a talk from Kelly Hackett, a member of Transport for London's Safety and Citizenship team. Her presentation will include up to date information about transport in London and will be an opportunity for the children to share their own travelling experiences and suggestions for the future.

Catherine's Group

Some of our group began learning new instruments this week. Connor began violin lessons, Louis began saxophone, Lily had her first piano lesson. Thomas, Hamish and Griffin had their first guitar lessons. The children really enjoyed their lessons and came back into the classroom with enormous smiles!

During project time, we have been finding out about the Earth. We were interested to find out that seven tenths of the Earth's surface is covered by water. We found out about the Earth rotating on its axis, the equator, about the northern hemisphere, the southern hemisphere and the coldest places on Earth too.

In the basement, we had a big science lesson. Louis was the sun and the children took turns being the planets in the solar system. They orbited the sun!

Do you know that Neptune takes almost 165 years to orbit the sun? We were amazed!

In our maths lessons we have been introduced to the concept of rounding to the nearest 10.

We have finished our colour poems inspired by Christina Rossetti. Next week we hope you will come and read them when they are up on the wall in our area.

Transition News

Claudia's – Year 1

Claudia's class has been settling into their new environment, discovering new equipment and materials, such as the wonderful wooden marble run and pieces of fabric. We have started Jolly Phonics and have been learning sounds, actions and how to write those letters with the correct formation. Our topic for the first half term is "All about me" and the children have already done some lovely artwork, created their own diary and a topic book. In a couple of weeks, we will be going to the Geffrye Museum for a storytelling activity. I have been enjoying working with Cindy! It is lovely to have a parallel class and someone to bounce ideas off and to cooperate with!

Year 2 has had a wonderful start to the term. The children have made a map of the world and are now aware of all the different continents. They have made their own passports as well. Many of the children have travelled to some wonderful places, such as Greece, Italy, France, Spain, Barbados, Maldives, Devon and Africa. They are presently writing newspaper articles about objects from various countries around the world.

Bike Sheds but no Bikes!

From next week, the Staff will open the playground and bike sheds twice a day for the benefit of our cyclists. If you are planning to cycle, please would you let the Office know. Thank you. Don't forget, two wheels are better than four!

Picture of the Week

This image was made by Ambika Lovekin Year 6, using a scanned black and white image, which she coloured using Revelation Natural Art and a graphics tablet, after we looked at some Impressionist and Post-impressionist paintings.

Cindy's – Year 1

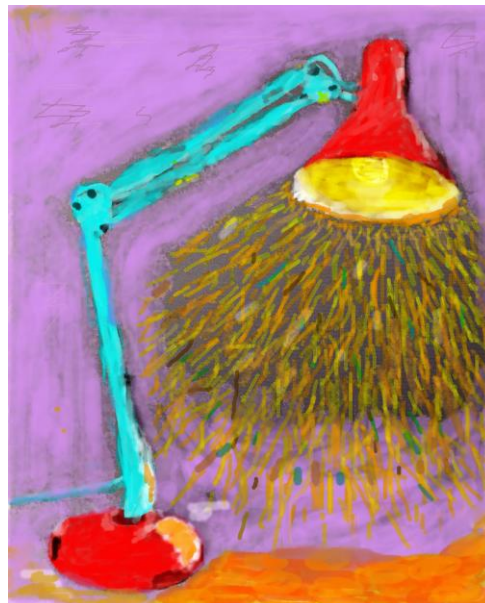
Year 1 has been busy over the last few weeks getting to know each other and all of the many routines and expectations of Year 1. We have been involved in learning around the topic of All about Me. We investigated our thumb and hand prints and have all worked together to create a fabulous display using our hand prints in a circular pattern. We have also designed a frame for our photos and each child's photo is a part of our display.

We have drawn self portraits and used mirrors to investigate our facial features. We have also been learning number games which have helped us identify numbers 0-20 and be able to count very accurately. We have started Jolly Phonics and have been learning 7 letter sounds, actions and how to write those letters with the correct formation. We really enjoyed painting the letters with paint.

Every Monday year 1 has special morning news and we share what we did on our weekend. We also write and draw about what we did in our writing books. Last week each year 1 child marbled a cover for their special writing book. They look great.

In Gym Year 1 have been practising different movements such as rolling, galloping, bear walks, frog jumps and crab crawls. We have lots of fun and have been getting better at balancing our bodies with control.

Also Happy 6th birthday Emma - who celebrated her birthday last weekend - We all enjoyed your lovely cup cakes. Thank you!



Lower Nursery News

We start the new academic year welcoming back six old friends and twelve new friends to the nursery! Everyone has settled well into the routine. Our theme this half-term is Autumn and Puff the Magic Dragon is frolicking in the autumn mist already! A busy and productive start to the new year as we observe the seasonal changes and learn all about our new friends. See all our happy faces in our 'Happy Hands!' display on the staircase and do pop in to see us all, we love to see all our old friends too!

Upper Nursery News



Upper Nursery children have spent the last couple of weeks settling in to their new routines. It has been a pleasure getting to know the children, their parents and the younger siblings.

Now that the children are in Upper Nursery they have the opportunity to take part in swimming, dance and French. The lessons so far have been great fun!

The children have also really enjoyed the arrival of the 'Community Playthings' trikes and the road safety equipment.

Lunchtime Assistants

Thank you to anyone who passed on our call for Lunchtime Assistants. Gary and Zeynep have now joined the school.

Yellow Moon

Please visit their craft-filled website. If you buy craft goodies from their site the School will benefit.

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