

Dallington School Newsletter

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Scooter Shed

The shed key is just inside the basement door above the fire extinguishers.

Don't forget to fold your scooters!

Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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

Year 6 has started to work on their own private garden, in the playground. So, with trowels, shovels, spades, rakes and a fair amount of elbow grease, they have dug over the area, mixed in bags of compost, watered it liberally and planted donations from Ambika's mother. This is not the best season for resurrecting the space and, let's face it, the bulbs will take time to flower but, if you have any ideas or can offer to help, please call in to Middle School, if only to keep the enthusiasm alive!

A message from Year Six

Dear parents of Dallington School,

On Thursday by the door after school, we were collecting money for Mogg's Garden, an area in the playground where Year Six only, is allowed to go. We asked for the money so we can buy plants to make it a better place. We are very thankful for all the donations. We raised £37.68 but in order to transform Mogg's Garden into a wonderland, we will need more!

We, the Year Sixes would be very pleased if you were able to donate money. If you are able, would you please place the donation in an envelope and bring it to Middle School, where you can give it to one of the Year Sixes or Mogg. (Mogg says 'Not me, I'll spend it!')

We also accept cuttings from your garden. Thank you again and remember if you do donate, your child will, when they're in Year Six, be able to enjoy the wonders of Mogg's Garden.



Front Door Left Open

It is apparent that some parents/carers are still leaving the building via the front door during the day, outside the times that the door is supervised by a member of Staff.

On several occasions we have heard the door slam and found the door wide open which obviously means that **your children are at risk.**

There is a huge stop sign on the inside of the door to remind you;

IF YOU ARE LEAVING SCHOOL DURING THE SCHOOL DAY, PLEASE EXIT VIA THE BASEMENT UNLESS YOU ARE ESCORTED BY A MEMBER OF STAFF.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Middle School News

Jackie's Group



Some children in Jackie's group are currently enjoying private music lessons at Dallington. Hattie and Enzo are drumming, Devon is learning piano and Isie is playing the flute.

In connection with our Home Front project, Maya brought a photograph of some medals a relative received for service during the First World War.

Transition News

Year 1

First excursion in Year 1

Year 1 shared with their talk partners the best parts of our first Year 1 excursion and together, the children wrote this account of our trip to the Museum...

On Wednesday, all of Year 1 went to the Geffrye Museum. We caught the 243 bus to the museum. We went to look at what Edwardian houses looked like. We met Janine, who works at the museum and she told us a story about two children named Michael and Kasia and a magic bird. They lived in the olden days which was about 100 years ago. We had a really good time.

Two comments from the children included "It was amazing" and "It was really really absolutely good".

This riddle was a part of the story at the Geffrye Museum. Can you work it out?

Legs I have four if you join me I have more. What am I?

Sharing with our Talk Partners.



Year 2

Year 2 had a fabulous day at the Science Museum on Tuesday. They went and saw the Pattern Pod and the Wallace and Gromit Exhibition. It was a fun day!

Also, the children have been making traditional outfits from around the world out of felt. They look fantastic.

Mogg's Group

Our Outing to the Barbican Library to meet Chris d'Lacey

The weather was quite nice when we set out for the Barbican Library although the dreariness was strong. Most interactive children's things I do are all just boring and the entertainers always just too child-friendly. This trip was different. I laughed a lot and really enjoyed myself. Chris d'Lacey was telling us about how a boy sent him a letter asking "Were you a good swimmer when you were young?" Chris gave us an hilarious story about the time he had a very interesting relationship with the bottom of the pool. He went to his mother to ask her why he wasn't a good swimmer and she said, "You need to practise coordination, such as patting your head and rubbing your tummy". Chris thought that this was a swimming stroke so, when he got in the pool, he tried doing it. He sank, so he was sent out of swimming. He also told us how he became an author. He was buying a gift for his wife. He went into Marks and Spencers and saw a big polar bear. He waited till the next day, came back and decided to buy it. At Christmas he asks, "Why don't you open the door?" His wife opens the door and sees the polar bear. When she asks how it got there, he had to make up a story about the polar bear coming on his motorbike because M & S is not romantic. His wife says, "That's a good story. You should write about it". So he did. He is now a well-known author, most famous for his series of books about dragons. He has been shortlisted for the Carnegie Medal and awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Leicester for his contributions to children's literature.

We all bought a copy of his latest book and he signed each one and included our names too!

Nicholas Vavrecka Year 5

Lower Nursery News

Here in Lower Nursery we continue creating together - we have built a model of the Island of Honalee for our Puff the Magic Dragon sculptures together with our peg doll Jackie Papers! Our Autumn table is laden with conkers and berries, leaves and sweet smelling herbs that the children have found in the countryside at the weekends and in their gardens and local parks. We have enjoyed identifying and observing them as we see the seasonal changes all around us.

We celebrated Mikey's fourth birthday on the 29th September with a delicious berry cake courtesy of Mummy and had a visit from the Dallington Minstrels. We also look forward to celebrating the October birthdays of Beatrice, Swann, Anouska and Ines soon.

We've been busy in the kitchen making wobbly jelly and exploring liquids and solids, we've also been making delicious sandwiches this week - 'all by ourselves'!

Everyone enjoys using the new trikes at the playground and wearing our smart helmets. We look forward to promoting our 'Walk to School' programme over the next two weeks and look out for the Incey Wincey spiders and the witch from 'Room on the Broom' as it is rumoured they will be appearing in the nursery for Halloween ooooo!

Music Instrument lessons

Louis (alto saxophone) and Holly (clarinet) along with their teacher Ben (tenor saxophone) did an impromptu tour of the school this afternoon to show off their new instruments. They performed The Dallington March amazingly well considering they have only had 3 lessons! Their next little concert will feature the Wallace & Gromit theme tune. Thank you Louis, Holly and Ben.

It is so lovely to have a school filled with music! If you are interested in your child starting an instrument, please let the office know. Thank you.

Emailing School

We now have **two new email addresses** to aid your communication with the school.

absences@dallingtonschool.co.uk

We hope you will continue to phone in with any absences but if you choose to email, please use this address.

admissions@dallingtonschool.co.uk

Please pass this onto any interested friends!

Many thanks

Upper Nursery News

This week is Children's Book Week so Upper Nursery has been following the theme of 'Words and Pictures'.

The children have been listening to stories without looking at pictures and imagining the pictures in their heads.

They have listened to poems from The Booktime Book of Fantastic First Poems. This one seems to be their favourite.

Hey Diddle Diddle.

Hey diddle, diddle,

The cat and the fiddle,

The cow jumped over the moon;

The little dog laughed

To see such fun,

And the dish ran away

with the chocolate biscuits.

Traditional rhyme adapted by Michael Rosen

The Times - Books for Schools

The campaign has started again. If you are a Times reader, please collect their book tokens for us. Perhaps your friends and colleagues can collect for us too!

Thank you.

Picture of the Week

Adam Grant drew this to illustrate the cover of his book of short stories.



Sainsbury's Active Kids Tokens

Dallington has really benefited from the Sainsbury's tokens you have collected. So far, we have received:

A tactile path of sensory balancing boards

Six fruit bean bags

Four rainbow skipping ropes

Six blue footballs

Please keep collecting your tokens and hand them in to either your teacher or the Office.

Thank you.

Catherine's Group

During our creative writing sessions this term, we are focusing on Poetry. We have enjoyed discovering many poets and have begun writing our own poetry. We have learnt about similes, metaphors and imagery and will later learn about symbolism.

We have used Christina Rossetti's poem, 'What is Pink?' as inspiration to write our own poems:

What is Pink?

What is Pink? Roses are pink, climbing up the walls.

What is blue? The sky is blue with the sun and the clouds.

What is Yellow? The buttercups are yellow in full bloom.

What is brown? The soil is brown with new, baby shoots.

What is orange? The butterfly is orange with fluttery wings.

What is green? The leaves are green, rustling in the wind.

What is red? The apples are red, ripening in the sun.

What is purple? The violets are purple, smiling at the sun.

What is white? The graceful dove with snow white feathers.

What is silver? The stars are silver, twinkling in the sky.

Lily Clarke

We are looking forward to finishing off our Poems on Colours inspired by Ken Nordine, an American voiceover and recording artist best known for his series of Word Jazz albums - thanks to Anna Betto Hunt for introducing us to him and for bringing his inspirational CD into school.