

Dallington School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Half Term - 26th - 30th October
- ◆ November 1st - Halloween Party
- ◆ 5-7pm 16th December - Carol Concert and party in the crypt after
- ◆ End of Term - 18th December
- ◆ TBC New Prospectus & Website launch party
- ◆ 11th February - Board of Governors Meeting
- ◆ 15th-19th February - Half Term
- ◆ TBC 11th March - Open Evening
- ◆ March 26th - Break up
- ◆ 6th May - Board of Governors Meeting

The Mogg Blogg

It is lovely when our half term break does not coincide with other schools, as it allows our ex-pupils to come in and spend time, have a gossip about current happenings in their lives and reminisce. Of course there are some people who would not agree, especially if they have children at other schools and are trying to make arrangements to cover the differences in term dates!

Several schools seem to take a two weeks' break at half term. Hmmmm.....I wonder if that would solve any discrepancy!

Ex-pupils visiting this week:-Jack and Anna Webster, Polly Burnay, Nina Barber, Alice Wakefield, Katia and Lily Pagano, Helena Stone, Anna Berrill, Sadie Wilson, Francesca Smith and Max Naylor-Marlow.

Mogg's Group

Years 5 and 6 have started their weaving on a simple cardboard structure. Not only does this activity benefit manual dexterity and aid concentration, but also is very therapeutic! However, we are running out of wool!

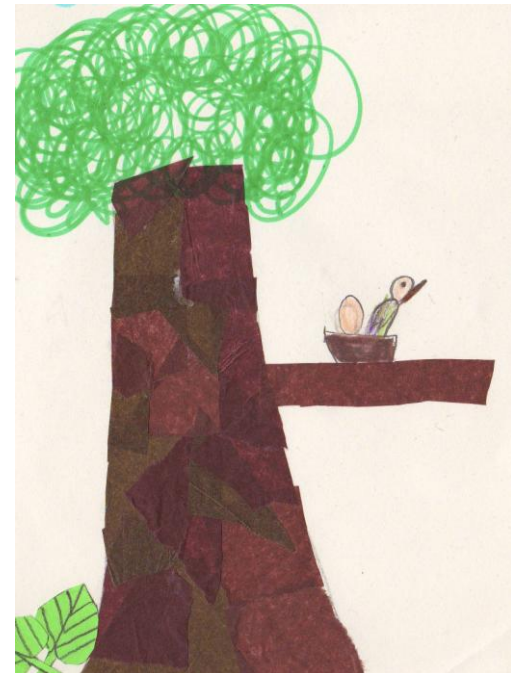
If you have spare balls of wool, preferably 4 ply, or threadable beads, we should be most grateful to receive them. We intend to either bead, fringe or plait, the ends of the woven pieces, then put them on display, in the Basement, for you to see.

Jackie's Group

Jackie's group is continuing to enjoy sports lessons with Roger. The children have been specialising in basketball this half term. Maya has just started to learn piano and Isie is now learning the flute.

Jackie's group has been creating pictures inspired by activities and their feelings about Dallington.

Maya (Jackie's Group)



A message from Year Six

Please don't forget that we welcome donations of plants and cuttings for Mogg's Garden at the Playground.



Transition News

Year 1- Claudia's

Our group has focused on the process of growing. During the past couple of weeks, the children had a wonderful time sharing their family pictures with their friends and looking at baby pictures of themselves. They noticed how much they have learned during the past 5 or 6 years! This week, we have started to learn more about the amazing things our bodies can do: we learned about bones and muscles, the brain and other organs. The children loved the book: "An alien asks: why do humans have two legs?", an entertaining science book that answers many questions on how the human body works. Now everyone is really looking forward to our holidays!

Year 1 – Cindy's

Cindy's Year 1 has also been learning about growth and lifestages. The children enjoyed sharing their baby photos and identifying things that they can do now, that they were not able to do as babies. The children worked in pairs to put human growth stages on a time line and then they predicted what they will look like when they are adults. The children's illustrations were wonderful!

In Maths we have been learning how to make and describe patterns.

Swimming has once again been good fun. We have been building our skills and improving every lesson.

Year 1 is still doing a great job learning letters, how to blend sounds and read words. It has been a positive half term.

Happy birthday to Hugo, Theo and Minna who enjoyed birthdays in October, our favourite month.

Barney (Jackie's Group)



Music Instrument lessons

As you know, we now have a wonderful rosta of instrument teachers:

Dalibor – guitar

Cherry – piano

Seanine – piano

Thierry – drums

Kia –flute

Ben – saxophone & clarinet

Stefano – violin & cello

Siobhan – voice

Welcome to Siobhan who now offers singing lessons. There are still a couple of slots available on Tuesdays and only a few slots for other instruments throughout the week.

Please speak to the Office if you are interested.

Lower Nursery News

What a magnificent start to the year and a very busy first half-term we have had in Lower Nursery

Puff the Magic Dragon still frolics in the Autumn mist, the Incy Wincy spiders are climbing up that water spout and there is plenty of 'Room on the Broom' as we prepare for Halloween with a week of witches' hats, pumpkin lanterns, skeletons and spooky biscuits!

We were busy in the kitchen last week when we made delicious mini pizzas and lots of magic potions were prepared in our water tray! The children also built some very high towers and a magnificent railway system through a Safari Park – town and country planners of the future!

We are making our own book versions of 'Room on the Broom' this week and have found out about real spiders and that they all have eight legs! We enjoy listening to all our spooky stories... 'Meg, Mog and Owl', 'Winnie the Witch', 'Pumpkin Soup', and 'Funnybones'. We have also enjoyed our music sessions with Sarah and love to spontaneously burst into song in the Nursery. We look forward to starting our songs for the Carol Concert after half-term.

We celebrated the birthdays of Beatrice and Swann and wish Anouska and Ines a very happy half-term birthday! All the new children are well and truly settled and our veterans have kindly shown them the ropes with great skill and confidence.

We look forward to the festive half-term when our theme will be 'Light' – we will explore light and darkness and the winter festivals of light that occur at this time. As the nights draw in the Nursery will be ablaze with sparkle and light and we will end the term with our festive party! Lots to celebrate and look forward to...Happy half-term to all!

Year 2

Year 2 has had a busy half term with their topic Passports Around the World. They have made a map of the world and can tell you most of the continents. Over the last 4 weeks children have been sourcing information about countries or cities to make brochures. They have also written newspaper articles and become authors of their own book. In mathematics Year 2 began the year learning about place value. They have also learnt about 3D and 2D shapes and how they have faces and corners. They have ended this half term learning about symmetry and have enjoyed the challenge of trying to draw symmetrical shapes.

The children spent a wonderful day in the Science museum with Wallace and Gromit and playing with shapes in the Pattern Pod. Now that the holidays are here I am sure Year 2 would like to have back the passports they made, so they can take wonderful trips to the places they have described and researched. Thank you to all the parents in Year 2 for their support. Have a lovely holiday.

Scooter Shed

The shed key is just inside the basement door above the fire extinguishers. Please replace it on the hook!

Don't forget to fold your scooters!

Picture of the Week

Isie (Jackie's Group)



Sainsbury's Active Kids Tokens

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

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 on to any interested friends!

Catherine's Group

During our Earth project sessions, we have been learning about Pangaea and plate tectonics. We cut out the continents of the Earth and fitted them together like a large jigsaw puzzle. It helped us imagine how Pangaea might have looked before it broke up and, over millions of years, the land drifted into its present day positions. Louis was inspired to put together a fantastic power point presentation covering all the points we found most interesting in our project so far. We were so impressed by his enthusiasm and expertise. Well done Louis!

Generally we have had a happy first half term in year four but are all looking forward to a wee break! Jemima is off to New York for half term and has promised to tell us all about it. Normandie has a new cousin and Syrie has begun singing lessons at school. Interestingly, after twenty years of teaching, it is time for Catherine to experience Year 7 entry exams as a **parent** instead of a **teacher**....so many forms to fill in!

Upper Nursery News

Elmer

Elmer is a patchwork elephant who lives in a rather psychedelic jungle. David McKee has written many stories based on this character. The stories are often about issues that young children can relate to – lost teddies, feeling different etc. As well as using these stories for PSE and literacy, the children have been taking part in activities based on the stories such as pattern making for Maths and an activity, to create a wall display.