

Dallington School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ 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

Driving off again to Malton on Saturday week to collect the chosen one. There have been several suggestions for puppy names, but it was widely recommended that we should 'live with it' prior to naming it. A bit like living in your new house for a year and observing what comes up in the garden, before unpacking any gardening tools! Sounds fine to me.

Mogg's Group

The 1950s Child

Arthur Studdert (former pupil of Dallington) was cast to appear as a child in a BBC production of the life of Enid Blyton. It was on Sunday at 9pm and Arthur was devastated to find his special appearance had been cut. All that was visible was his back and a small glimpse of his face and, when you saw his back, if you did not know him very well, you would not have recognised him. The programme also starred Helena Bonham Carter as Enid Blyton herself. Although Arthur's part was cut, he got a photograph of himself with Helena Bonham Carter and was very pleased he had met her. I found out this because his mum phoned up my family.

Nicholas Vavrecka (Year 5)

Jackie's Group

Quite a few children from Jackie's group had a great time watching the Lord Mayor's Show last weekend.

Adam is excited to have his uncle visiting from Australia at the moment.

Barney's design has been chosen for the Dallington Christmas Pudding labels. Well done Barney!!



Jackie's group has been continuing with our colour theme in art – and this time we've been using collage to create pictures.

Our Carol Concert

Don't forget our earlier schedule this year. Approximate times are as follows:

5pm – Please arrive at the church

5.30 – Concert starts

7pm – Concert finishes and party in the Crypt starts!

This year's chosen charity is **Down Right Excellent.**

Transition News

Year 1- Claudia's

Claudia's Year 1 class is fully engaged in their "Colours of the World" topic. We have learned about the primary colours. They cannot be created by mixing other colours together, so someone asked the very fair question "Where DO they come from then?" This sparked a lot of discussion. Come and tell us your answers, if you like.

The children have also created a beautiful book for the whole class. We read the wonderful book "The Little Blue and the Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni (arguably one of Claudia's favourite children's book writers) and then created our own version called "The Little Red and the Little Yellow."

This week is all about rainbows. We have found them on the back of a CD, created one ourselves and learned how rainbows appear in the sky. We are pretty sure that it is not the "Rainbow Machine" in the Magic Key books that makes them!

Have a lovely weekend!



Catherine's Group

As well as fraction work in Maths, we have been learning about the Great Rift Valley in Africa.

Did you know we have a class of poets?

Words of the Week

Here is Connor's poem:

Turquoise is a colour who fights for his life and his brother is maroon.

What colour is their sister?

Their enemy is white because white can blank them out.

Green is lurking in the green grass and black is stealing into the black night sky.

Yellow is stranded on a yellow sandy island and people are standing on the yellow sand.

Green leaves are watching hunters go past the palm trees.

Black is watching everything at night.

Diamonds are glittering in the light

And gold...is waiting to be found where the blackbirds sing.

Hannah's weaving



Mogg's Group

My Experience at the X Factor

On Saturday 14th November, Mum and I went to see the X Factor live show and we got to sit in the middle of the studio. It was very small compared to when you watch it on television but we had very special tickets. We saw and heard the contestants singing and Stacey was the best by far. I had my photograph taken with her and she was very nice.

On Sunday we went back again to see the results show and we also got to meet the judges. Simon said "Hello, how are you?" and so did Dannii. Cheryl said I looked nice but I couldn't understand her.

I was sad that Jamie went out but we really enjoyed the show anyway.

Betty-Belle-Thornton (Year 6)

Picture of the Week

Monty's creative wool stuck onto card



Felix's weaving



Year 2 – Cindy's

Over the past few weeks, Cindy's class has been learning about the World of Colour. They were very interested in Wassily Kandinski's art work and after animated discussion on his technique and ideas, they very enthusiastically painted their own piece of work. The children, like Kandinski, listened to classical music as they painted shapes in primary colours. Later, they added black lines to create a beautiful art work. Come down and see their art work in the basement.

We have also been investigating light and colour and investigating rainbows, We had a very sunny day on Thursday and were able to make rainbows finally! We also enjoyed creating rainbows using a prism.

Cindy's class, as did Claudia's class, read "Little Blue and Little Yellow" by Leo Lionni and we created our own story together. After planning their page, the children used tissue paper tearing to make a page each for the class big book called "Little Red and Little Blue".



Lower Nursery News

Big Bear and Little Bear from 'Can't you sleep Little Bear?' have moved into their cave and the stars are twinkling in Lower Nursery this week as we celebrate Amelia's birthday with a visit from the Dallington Minstrels. The fireplace is decorated with beautiful wax and ink tiles and the moon and stars shine through the window. We also cooked some delicious Cheesy Stars and have another recipe to add to our recipe books – Nigella eat your heart out!

We investigated size and made a class height chart so that we could select who would provide a template for Big Bear and Little Bear. Michal as the tallest person in Lower Nursery made a great Big Bear and Anna as the shortest made an excellent Little Bear! The group worked collaboratively to draw around and cut out each figure before painting and applying collage – such team work! The children have also made the three different sized lanterns and produced their own version of the story in The Big Bear Book!

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!

We continue our exploration of light, experimenting with mirrors and torches, reflecting light, shining light through coloured filters, making shadows and stained-glass windows. As the festive season approaches our Post Office will be busy as we make cards and write letters, and there's a rumour that Santa's sleigh will visit the Nursery soon!

Finally...

Please support Upper and Lower Nursery as the children will be baking cakes and biscuits this week for other children, who are in need and they will be on sale on the

'Children in Need' Charity Appeal Cake Stall!

Pudsy Bear and the cake stall will be outside school at the end of the day **today**

Thank you for your support and generosity.

Ex-pupil News

Jorrit Donner-Wittkopf has recently started at City of London in Year 6, with a music scholarship.

Henrik, Jorrit's father said: 'He loves it and a number of teachers were commenting on his confidence and articulate contributions which we attribute also to his time at Dallington (as well as on chatting, moving through the science lab and coming late to lessons!)

Year 2

In Year 2, we have started two topics for this half term. For English we are doing poetry. We have been looking at rhyming poems, shape poems and limericks. We have also performed poems in front of the class.

Here is a Limerick written by Emily McEneaney

There was a teacher from France

Who liked to do nothing but prance

The Head came in

And said, "You are thin,

And your head is the shape of a lance."

For our topic we are doing Keeping Healthy. We are looking at healthy foods and have looked at the food pyramid. We plan to make our very own restaurant and serve each other healthy foods. As restaurant owners, we have taste tested certain foods to see if we would like to use them in our restaurant. We also thought of adjectives to describe the food we tested. We are looking forward to designing our own menus.

Who is this?



Open Days

This is the Term for Open Days at many receiving London Day Schools and we encourage parents to visit several schools, in order to make informed choices for the future. It is a good idea, also, to make a request to see the school in action, on a day not specifically designated as an 'Open Day'.

Reference forms, for children whose parents are applying to these schools, often are sent out, to Dallington, just before the Christmas break. We do need to know how many to expect!

Next week, a form will be given to each child, asking you to list any and all the schools for which you are entering your child as a candidate, either in the form of an 'assessment' or competitive examination. Please complete the form, if applicable, then hand it in to the office.

Swimming News

As you may have heard, Ironmonger Row Swimming Baths is closing for refurbishment from May 2010. From 17th May 2010, Dallington will swim at Caledonian Road Swimming Baths, our second nearest pool.

We have found an affordable coach company which will ferry the children to and from Cally Road. As with current arrangements, the first swimmers will be dropped off at the pool by their parents.

Nearer the time, we will send out further information to help you with this change.

Card Machine

Our credit card and debit card machine will be active from January 1st 2010.

Service charges range from 34p for Maestro & Solo to 2.25% for Mastercard. For further details on other cards, please ask the Office.

Upper Nursery News

The children in Upper Nursery have joined with Lower Nursery in baking Pudsey biscuits for the Children in Need stall. We hope you come and buy these tasty delights.

Between the batches of baking and icing, the children have planted hyacinth bulbs as is the tradition each year. Anticipating the colour of the flower adds to the excitement and helps to teach the children about delayed gratification.

After many sleeps counted down with great anticipation, Ben finally had his 5th birthday, followed a few days later by his friend Oliver. The children have enjoyed helping them both to celebrate, especially as Happy Birthday was sung with the help of the Dallington Minstrels.

Communicating with School

Absence due to sickness:

Please telephone school as early as possible on the day of absence so that teachers can be informed and mark the register accordingly.

This is a legal requirement.

The email address

absences@dallingtonschool.co.uk

is primarily for requests for **Leave of Absence**. These should be addressed to Mogg Hercules.

Please do not email Abi or Maria-Luisa to tell us that your child is sick. We cannot promise to get to our emails before registration... **YOU MUST TELEPHONE!**

Thank you!