

# Dallington School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

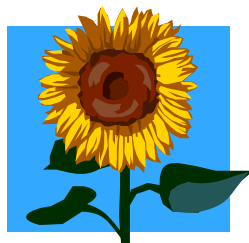
- ◆ 5-7pm 16<sup>th</sup> December - Carol Concert and party in the crypt after
- ◆ End of Term - 18<sup>th</sup> December
- ◆ TBC New Prospectus & Website launch party
- ◆ 11<sup>th</sup> February - Board of Governors Meeting
- ◆ 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> February - Half Term
- ◆ TBC 11<sup>th</sup> March - Open Evening
- ◆ March 26<sup>th</sup> - Break up
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> May - Board of Governors Meeting

## The Mogg Blogg

This weekend, Abi and I will be setting off for Yorkshire to choose a puppy from the litter. The puppy is a jet black Scoodle – Scottish terrier head with the brain and body of a poodle and guaranteed not to shed its hairs! The puppy training will present problems, especially as I tend to be more liberal than the dog whisperer in my approach. Could prove to be a challenging time, but I cannot wait to introduce the puppy to Dallington.

Bearing in mind the interesting genetic inheritance, can anyone suggest an appropriate name for our new school puppy?

Does anyone have a spare ball of wool to give to Years 5 and 6? I really want the children to learn how to knit. I am quite prepared to teach any grown up, too, if they would like to learn! Just let me know!



## A message from Year Six

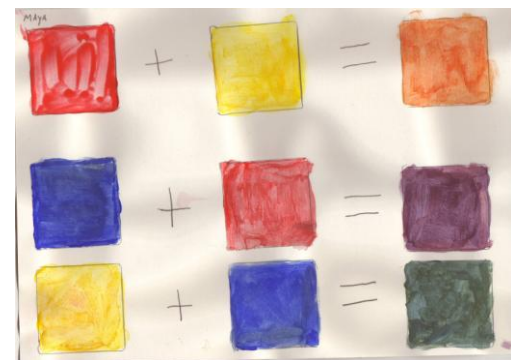
A big thank you to Ann Spencer (Adam's mum), for making contact with Bea's of Bloomsbury who donated the large pumpkin cake to be used at the Halloween party for 'guess the weight of the cake'. The competition raised lots of money for Year 6's Mogg's Garden at the Playground. How enterprising and thoughtful! Thank you.

## Jackie's Group

The suspense is over! Jackie's group has been given parts for the play 'The War of the Vegetables' by Alison Chaplin, this week.

We have been looking at colour in art this term. This week, we've been focusing on the mixing of primary and secondary colours and brush technique.

## Maya's colour experiment.



## Lucy exploring colour mixing.



## Transition News

### Year 1- Claudia's & Cindy's Alice Year 1

Cindy and Claudia's Year 1 has been busy in the short time we have been back at school.

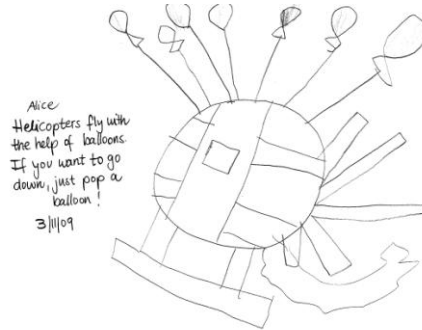
Our new topic this term is "A World of Colours". We will be learning about colour and colours in our environment. We will be practising our investigation skills in Science when we conduct experiments on colour mixing and we will look at some authors and illustrators who are particularly creative in their use of colours.

This week we painted our feet and started thinking about ways in which we can help our world keep cool. Some of the children would like the photo of their painted feet submitted for the "1 Million Feet to Copenhagen" campaign, which will be presented to the delegates at Copenhagen to make them aware of their responsibility to children to make good environmental decisions about carbon reduction. It was a tricky concept, but the children were fascinated and came up with great and creative ideas on how to eliminate pollution (see Alice's picture). They were also wondering what colour the ozone layer is.

Congratulations to Augie and his parents who have just had a new baby. We think Augie will make a great big brother!

## Picture of the Week

### Alice Year 1



## Cycling

Early in the new year, Years 2 to 6 will once again be offered cycling proficiency training from the Islington Council Cycling Team. The training will happen in school hours and the one essential item that children need to take part is a bike! This is just a little warning in case Father Christmas needs to go shopping... ho, ho, ho!

## Lower Nursery News

We return refreshed and ready for action in Lower Nursery! Everyone enjoyed the Halloween Party too!

This half-term our theme is 'Light', as we approach the festive season with Bonfire Night, Diwali, Hannukah and Christmas.

We shall explore the different customs and traditions celebrated by our multicultural and multilingual group as we have Russian, French, German, Italian, Spanish and English speakers in our group this year! Expect to see St Nicholas, Babooska and Befania in the Nursery!

We got off to a rocketing start with our very own firework display, the creation of a roaring fire in the home corner and fire dough and fire cakes in cooking this week. Our literacy focus is 'Can't you sleep little bear?' by Martin Waddell so that we may explore the dark and the fear of it and build a cave to explore with torches. We will link this to our mathematical development with an investigation of size with Big Bear and Little Bear. We shall be investigating the sources and properties of light through our cross-curricular work and decorating our classroom so that as the days grow shorter and darker we will shine brighter...

## Year 2

Year 2 had a wonderful half term break. Some children managed to get some sunshine in Mauritius, or braved the cold of Germany and others stayed in the UK and enjoyed the fine weather.

This half term, Year 2 will be doing the topic 'Keeping Healthy' and of course 'Christmas'. They will also be learning Addition, Subtraction and the numbers to a thousand in Mathematics. In English, they will be learning about Poetry. Have a great half term.

## Mogg's Group

This morning, Mogg's group went on a trip to the National Portrait Gallery. The first gallery we visited was the Tudor Gallery. There were a few very famous paintings of Queen Elizabeth I. I was surprised at how many paintings there were in only one gallery! I looked on the map and realised that the next gallery was the later Elizabethan Gallery. The portrait we all recognised in this gallery was the portrait of William Shakespeare. As we visited each different era, the aspects of the portraits changed. The last gallery we visited was the Victorian Gallery. There was an amazing statue of the newly married Victoria and Albert. We all (especially the Year Sixes, who had previously done a project on the Victorians) found it extremely inspirational. We all really enjoyed the experience. Thank you Mogg, Fabian and Julius!

Ruby MacGregor

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:admissions@dallingtonschool.co.uk)

Please pass this on to any interested friends!

## Our New Prospectus

And about time too! I'm sure you will all be excited to hear that we shall soon be 'going to print' on our wonderfully creative 'proper' prospectus. Peter Marlow's beautiful photographs are an absolute treat and the generous time and creative skill of Gabriel and Sean Perkins of North Design are also invaluable. We are all extremely excited about giving you all a copy. Watch this space!

## Catherine's Group

Year 4 has had a wonderful half-term. Claudia went to Spain and was a bridesmaid. She told us about the beautiful dress she wore.

Jemima spent Halloween in New York. She enjoyed trick or treating with a group of friends and was impressed by the abundance of treats on offer!

In class this half-term we will continue with our Earth project.

Did you know, the peaks of the Himalayas and Andes are fold mountains? Ask a member of our group what that means!

## Upper Nursery News

It was lovely to see so many little fiends at the Halloween party in the Playground this year. The costumes were fantastic and it was sometimes hard to recognise who was behind the mask!

We've been collecting interesting Autumn 'things' for our investigative table. We always welcome additional contributions!

## 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!