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## Upcoming Events

- ◆ March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Capsize & Swim tests - Mogg's Group
- ◆ March 26<sup>th</sup> - Break up
- ◆ 6<sup>th</sup> May - Board of Governors Meeting

## The Mogg Blogg

Many thanks to those who turned up on Open Evening. We are aware that it is not easy to set aside time on a specific date and within specified hours, but the turnout was not very encouraging. The staff had worked very hard to make the evening a success. The staff and children were very disappointed that so few parents were there to actually see for themselves what takes place throughout the school, rather than rely on forecourt hearsay. Perhaps next year ....

Congratulations to Geo's and Sienna's parents on their very special day. What an amazing day, followed by a wonderful time at Shoreditch House, surrounded by friends and family. We all wish them every happiness.

## Geo and Sienna at their Mum & Dad's wedding



## Jackie's Group

Year 3 has been continuing its investigation into microbes. Our bread experiment is coming along nicely, especially the warm and damp bread. It's putting on quite a colourful display at the moment!

We have been to the I-recycle Centre this week, where Jayne led a workshop about worms and composting. It was a very enjoyable and informative session which helped the group find out more about microbes and the importance of composting and using food waste bins.

Jackie's group has performed The War of the Vegetables this week.



As part of Year 3's Local History project, we've been coal hole rubbing and we took a walk up to the site of the old Lloyds Dairy. The shop is now called Unpackaged, which encourages customers to bring their own containers. Catherine, the owner of Unpackaged, talked to Year 3 about the importance of reducing packaging and food miles.

## Year 1 – Cindy’s & Claudia’s

We had an amazing time with Saul Eisenberg who came with his Junk Orchestra. Saul arrived with literally tons of equipment and captivated the children with his performance on logs, wheels, cans and drums. At the end of the morning everyone joined in.



Saul's instruments gave the children plenty of inspiration to start building their own. While the children were enjoying Saul's performance, Transition had been turned into a giant recycling centre with lots of materials. A huge thank you to all the parents who gathered the long list of required materials - you really made this a fantastic success - even Saul was impressed.



“Time flies when you are having fun” – and the day just flew by. At the end, everyone had made a great instrument and we had a fantastic jam session, together with all the Nursery children and absolutely everyone was beaming with excitement.

Congratulations to Eliza and Enrico, who have both celebrated their birthdays and to Geo and Sienna's parents who got married!

## Lower Nursery News

Spring term ends in a frenzy of activity as we prepare for the arrival of the Easter Bunny, our end of term celebration and Egg Hunt with the production of bonnets, baskets, bunnies and chocolate nests!

The Fairytale theme has proved very productive this term with the creation of our Cinderella display. Cinders 'before and after' gown, Fairy Godmother and Prince Charming look splendid upon the wall with the golden carriage and castle made in 3D, all made out of recycled materials, exhibiting the children's creative skills. The children have worked collaboratively sharing ideas to develop elaborate narrative plots in their role play based on the many tales they have listened to this term. Developing new skills across all areas of learning in both adult and child initiated activities we also have a troop of Gingerbread Men heading for the hills and Magpies fly by in our Magpie Watch display, as Mr and Mrs Magpie are still busy repairing their nest outside our windows.

We have had many excellent music sessions with Sarah too this term and Mikey and Swann have started guitar lessons with Dalibor. We also thank Maria-Luisa for the magnificent CD of traditional Italian songs which have been requested frequently at the 'Royal Balls' that have taken place this term! We have also seen amazing constructions by budding architects using all our construction materials and especially the large wooden blocks on loan from Upper Nursery- so thanks again to UN. We looked at books and pictures of castles to help us in our design and construction. We baked cakes for the Middle School Haitian Earthquake Appeal Cake Sale in order to help others and made Parmesan and Herb Nibbles for our Open Evening.

The Lower Nursery Recycling and Composting Centre is now fully operational and we have had a waste free lunch in order to highlight the reduction of waste in our nursery. The children have produced observational work too, this term, in the form of self-portraits using paint and still-life drawings of spring flowers using oil pastels.

A host of golden daffodils decorate the Nursery as Spring is in the air at last!

A busy and enjoyable term as usual here in Lower Nursery. We wish everyone a very happy holiday.

## Upper Nursery News

As part of our Whole School Project, Upper Nursery has continued to with the 3Rs. The children have continued looking at the 'rubbish' generated by their packed lunches in preparation for the 'RUBBISH FREE' lunch on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> March.

We were very pleased to see the parents who came to Open Evening, even if they were rather shy at trying some of the messy activities their children so enjoy! The children baked cheesy biscuits and cheese straws for consumption on the evening and as ever they were very popular.

## Transition News

### Year 2 - Kate's Group

Over the next few weeks Year 2 is producing its own newspaper. The children each have to write a column. The Newspaper has been named The Star by the children and it is following our Reduce, Reuse and Recycle topic. The children have to problem solve, check each other's work, interview people and have it completed by next week. This is an excellent way to learn about team work and taking responsibility. It allows the children to engage actively and directly in decisions that affect their learning.

Also, we have almost completed our book '11 ways to Use a Tin -Can' and it is looking fantastic. Well done Year 2!!!

## Picture of the Week



### Iris

Iris was the goddess of the rainbow, as well as being the messenger of the Olympian gods. She was often represented as Hera's personal messenger. Iris was the goddess of the sea and sky - her father was a marine-god and her mother a cloud nymph. She had three sisters; Aello, Ocypete and Harpies. Iris was married to her brother, Zephyrus. Her symbol was a rainbow.

### Ruby MacGregor (Year 6)

## Sports Club – latest news

Sports Club will be on **Thursdays** so as not to clash with the Football Team's training sessions on Tuesday.

We are delighted that Lisa Hilton (Ottavia's mother) has offered to become involved. She was a national level sprinter and a county gymnast in her youth so will be a well qualified and enthusiastic co-coach alongside Roger.

Posters to sign up your child will be displayed in School next week.

## Mogg's Group

I had a brainwave to make a hairband for my junk jewellery project so I plaited some ribbons together and found a flower. It only took me up to 10 mins. You can try it at home!

### Betty-Belle Thornton (Year 6)



**My Bottle God** At first we found a bottle and filled it up with sand and then covered it in papier-mâché. Mogg told us to smooth it down, if we did not smooth it down well it would be thrown in the bin (I smoothed it down so much my hand felt all weird and fuzzy). I left it to dry over night and then painted it. It all turned out wrong; the face was grey, the dress was a big black blob and the hair, wait, there was no hair! I did fix it. The blob was a toga, the hair was hair and the face was skin colour. Finally it was a success! **Betty-Belle Thornton**



## Catherine's Group

The children have been working towards a drama and poetry showing and this took place on Wednesday afternoon in the basement.

It is always such a positive experience for the children when they perform in front of their family and friends and Wednesday's performance was no exception.

The children performed a selection of poems they had learned off by heart, as well as poems and limericks they had written themselves inspired by the poetry of Christina Rossetti and the jazz poetry of Ken Nurdine. Well done children!

## School Project

### Dallington School Reducing Food Waste going to Landfill

At Dallington, we have just introduced food waste bins into our classes.

Each class has a person that is responsible for taking the bins to the playground. We are really happy that we are reducing the amount of food waste going to landfill thus reducing emissions of methane from landfill sites.

Rest assured if your child does not eat their lunch - it will be returned home so you are aware of their food intake for the day.

## Abi's Album Launch

Abi will be launching her second album '**Cycling in Stiletos**' on **Thursday April 1<sup>st</sup>** in the basement at School.

All are welcome. Please visit [abigailhercules.com](http://abigailhercules.com) for further details as they are announced.