

Dallington School Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ July 16th – BREAK UP – 12 Noon
- ◆ Friends of Dallington Sports Day at Coram's Fields. Picnic on the grass from 12.15pm. Games and sports on the Astroturf from 1.30pm.
- ◆ 23rd September - Board of Governors' Meeting
- ◆ 3rd February 2011- Board of Governors' Meeting
- ◆ 19th May 2011- Board of Governors' Meeting



Above and right, Mogg's Group at Shadwell basin and on the Thames.

The Mogg Blogg

It is hard to believe that another academic year is almost at a close. Many changes have taken place throughout the year which hopefully, will have become part of our school life, by the time we return in September. Musicians, tap dancers, footballers, cyclists and re-cyclers, swimmers, singers, actors, artists – and these are just the children! Writers, mathematicians, researchers, editors, publishers, historians, conservationists, designers and some very young, very proficient animators abound!

It has been absolutely wonderful to observe the challenges our children have faced and overcome, from swimming, canoeing and various sporting activities, to simply learning to listen to others without getting fidgety or talking at the same time!

The end of the year is one of mixed emotions. Saying goodbye to children, their parents and to colleagues, is never easy, but how lovely it is to see them all again, either at the School Fete or spending time with us, as an additional class member or carrying out work experience.

Now we are looking forward to welcoming a new intake of children, many of whom are younger siblings or are the children of parents who came to Dallington in the olden days. We are privileged, indeed, to be a part of their rites of passage.

Have a wonderful summer!



Jackie's Group



Jackie's group had a fantastic day out at Mapledurham Watermill near Reading in Berkshire recently. We watched the miller and his assistant mill flour and had a visit to the farm's dairy to see the cows getting milked. Everyone came away with a bag of 'Millers Mix' and some lovely memories.



Year 3 showed off their tap skills at the dance showing recently, tapping away to "Raindrops Keep Falling on my Head".

On Tuesday, Year 3 performed their production of "A Suitably Happy Ending". It was a great production and everyone acted brilliantly. Well done Year 3!

During the singing presentation three children from Year 3, Enzo Croy, Louis Menzies-Walker and Hattie Burnay, along with John Keen from Upper Nursery performed a song they had created in their drumming lessons. Well done drummers!

Kate's Group

Year 2 has been very busy. We had a glorious day out on the canal. Most of the children enjoyed playing on the bunk beds and thought they were floating through space when they went through the long tunnel. We also went to the London Aquarium last week. The children loved seeing all the big sharks and different kinds of rays. They even got to touch a shark's egg!

There are a few children leaving Dallington in our class this year and we had a leaver's breakfast to bid them a fine farewell. The children had excellent manners and could eat more than any teacher would expect! So well done to Year 2.

I would like to say a big good bye to Zaki, Louis, Marcel, Jack, Oliver and Emily. You will all be missed and we hope you all come back to visit. I really enjoyed teaching you this year, good luck!

I would also like to say a huge farewell to Geornie who has been such an amazing teaching assistant over the years. She is such an asset to have in the classroom, and so kind and caring with the children. I wish her all the best for her future in New Zealand.

Kate

Upper Nursery News

It has been a good year in Upper Nursery. A delight to see the 'baby-faced children that arrived in Upper Nursery last September blossom into 'school' boys and girls who are ready to take on the new challenges of Year 1 but, are their new teachers ready for them!

The year started with new routines and lots of 'messy' relaxing play and is finishing with red tomatoes and green cucumbers. Along the way we have enjoyed singing, swimming, snow, dance, volcanoes, French, narrow boats and changes. One change was when Ambika left to have her delightful daughter, Eila, and Anna and Kay joined. Also a change of swimming pool from Ironmonger Row, where the children had just mastered jumping in, to Cally pool, where

jumping is not allowed!

Of the many topics that have been covered over the year the most successful and the one that has left the longest impression is 'The 3Rs' (reduce, reuse and recycle). Five months later the children are still proud of their knowledge of *recycling* and have persuaded their parents to *reduce* the packaging in their packed lunches by *reusing* containers. The Staff in Upper Nursery wish everyone a happy and restful summer break.

Lower Nursery

Phew! It can't be the end of another busy year of achievement and progress in Lower Nursery? Where did that year go!? It's a long time since we started with Puff the Magic Dragon frolicking in the autumn mist and progressed to Christmas, the Carol Concert and St. Nicholas flying across the Nursery ceiling....with Cinderella's golden coach and 'Reduce, Re-Use, Recycle' in the Spring and Open Evening and The Very Hungry Caterpillar munching his way around the nursery this Summer. The children have worked very hard and made an excellent start to their school experience.

The children have continued with their pirate role play this week and sunk their ship to create a wreck! We have enjoyed performing at the music concert with Sarah and Evie did a splendid job as our soloist in 'How much is that doggy in the window? Well done Evie! Well done everyone! We also say Happy Birthday to Lexi this week too! Our parents enjoyed a Summer Picnic Celebration at Barnard Park last Saturday with an international food theme where a good time was had by all! So well done and thank you to Isabel and Georgina and all the parents who organised this great family day out and cooked such delicious food.

So it is time to say happy holidays and good bye. We say good bye and good luck to Juliette and her family who will be moving to New York, to Lara, Apollinaire and Millie L who will be moving to new schools and to all the children who will be moving up to Upper Nursery. We also can't wait for September when the Magnificent Seven return to us to welcome all the new children to the nursery and show them the ropes!

Wish them well for the future. Finally all the Lower Nursery Team – Cathy, Christine, Sue and Eileen wish to thank all the parents and children for a fantastic year! We wish you well and have a super summer!

Catherine's Group.



The children in year four gave a stunning performance of Act 1 of Macbeth last Wednesday in a showing for their families. As a special treat, the children had an after-show party. A wonderful time was had by all. Many thanks to the many parents who contributed to the party with delicious baking. We have very much enjoyed working together as a group for the last two years. The children are now ready and are very much looking forward to finally being at the top of the school in 'Mogg's group.' Good-luck children - we look forward to hearing about your future successes!



Did you guess who the last baby was...**Jackie Freeman**. Who on earth can this be.....the answer will be revealed next term!

Dallington FC – A year to remember



Wow. What a whirlwind first year of football at Dallington. In September competitive football didn't exist at the school but now we have over 30 children from years 2-6 playing regularly each week and thoroughly enjoying it.

The idea for the football came from the children themselves and in the space of a few short weeks in January a team was formed, a kit ordered and the inaugural Dallington FC football team was taking to the field of play in a 7-a-side competition involving 6 other local primary schools. Come rain or shine and notwithstanding some difficult fixtures and a lack of match practice the children performed brilliantly each week against strong opposition. Their competitive instinct and enthusiasm never waned and there is no doubting that each of the 23 children who played in the competition thoroughly deserved the medal that they received on Saturday at the Summer Fete. Well done to them all.

After Easter the school set up its Tuesday Tournament with 4 teams of 8 players playing each other over 10 weeks. Congratulations to the Daring Devils who won the league despite a last day defeat to Magma Pants and to Monty Gordon who secured top spot in the Dallington hotshot table of goal scorers. It was a great tournament that kept everyone on their toes right up to the final day of matches.

A big thank you goes out to Fabian and Julius, Elden Croy, Rob Bingham, James Torr and all the other parents who regularly attended football whose help and support was invaluable in getting this new school venture off the ground. Thank you also to FoD for purchasing the kit. And of course a huge thank you to all the children whose enthusiasm throughout has made it all worthwhile. Don't forget the Dallington Tuesday Autumn Tournament kicks off in September which is open to all children in Years 2-6. Look out for the Letter and Consent Form that will be sent out before the end of term. Please sign up and we'll see And, of course, a big big thank you to Simon Batten who made the football shooting gallery that everyone so enjoyed.

Chris Brennan

Summer Fete Football Winners

Congratulations to Swann (LN) and Monty (Yr 6) who were the winners of the Official FIFA World Cup balls at the Soccer City shoot out competition on Saturday. Monty's name was chosen out of a hat by Mogg following a tie for the highest score in the aged 5 yrs + above category. Commiserations to Angus (Hamish's dad), Marcus, Finn, Luka and Griffin who tied for top spot

Quote of the Week

“Why” and “How” are words so important that they cannot be too often used.

Napoleon Bonaparte

News items from Sebastien

I am going to live in New York for one year. I'm feeling a bit nervous about my new school in New York. I'm excited too. I love the city and the tall buildings and busyness. I love the ferry to Staten Island. I hope my Dallington friends come to visit me.

Year 1



What's the time????

Although Year 1 can probably answer this question particularly if the minute hand is on the 12 or the 6 metaphorically it is also time to ...

...celebrate and reflect on the children's progress and achievement.



Teachers and children have been doing this over the past weeks and as a part of our end of year celebration the children enjoyed a canal trip along the Regent Canal. The children were captivated by the tunnel and reflections on the water. Thanks to our parents who helped out. We also went to see Bang goes the Theory at the South Bank Centre and had a super time investigating rockets, illusions and vibrations to make water dance.

As well as this, we have impressed ourselves and others with our music and dance performances.

Look out Kate these Year 1's are coming your way!

Mogg's Group



Ed In burrow by Ambika Lovekin

The Secret School Trip

On the 13th June Fabian took us all on a school trip. It was a secret trip but some of us found out about the surprise. We got the number 243 bus from Clerkenwell Road.

We arrived in Dalston and noticed there was a cinema called The Rio. We walked inside the cinema. It was a small foyer but the auditorium was still big enough to watch a film without getting cramped. We sat in the back row, relaxed and watched the film. The film was UP, most of us had already seen the film, but were pleased to see it again. Fabian brought us all refreshments and food. I really enjoyed the film for the second time.

The film finished and all the schools left except us. I wondered why and then the curtains that covered the screen opened and we heard the sound of the titles of "Rabbit in the Mix", our animated film. It looked amazing on the big screen. When we came out (I think it was the manger but it was somebody who worked there) said how amazing it was. I loved this school trip, it was amazing.

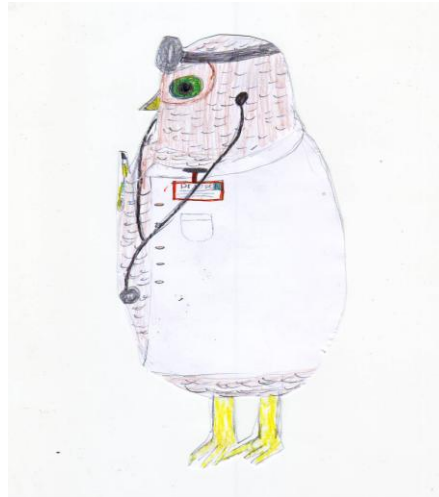
Holly Anness Bradshaw

School Magazine

Dallington is looking into producing an annual school magazine. We need a parent volunteer to move the project forward (as the current volunteer is leaving). Please contact Sarah Dallas.

sarahdallas@hotmail.com or 07530 182940.

Making our animation by Ruby MacGregor



Mogg's Group has been working very hard on creating a story, designing characters and of course filming for our own short animation. We each spent our Easter half-term designing characters for our film and when we got back to school, we improved them with the help of Fabian.

We had already developed the story, so we decided to start making cut outs of our characters for our film. Stop motion animation is taking photographs and in each photograph, moving the object a little. In animation, we refer to photographs as frames. The frames give the illusion of motion when played at a fast speed. The software, StopMotionPro 7 was easy to use because it was very simple and well-laid out. We used a webcam with the software to take the photographs. You simply pressed the spacebar to take an image! I really enjoyed the experience of making a film.



Mogg's Group Collective

Pet of the Week



Pepper the terrapin owned by Betty-Belle Thornton, Year 6

Baby of the week!



We welcome Eloise Summer Hannan Hercules into this world.

And finally.....The brilliant success of the Summer Fête is reflected in the profit made of £3700.00. Although one of the aims of FoD is to raise funds, to subsidise outings and help to purchase equipment to benefit the children, another aim is entirely social – and we did both! Many, many thanks to Colette, Melissa and all the FoD Committee members, the parents and teachers who helped to run the stalls, donated items and purchased others.

So, next year ...!