

# Dallington School Newsletter

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## Upcoming Events

### March

**Wednesday 16th**  
*Friends of Dallington coffee morning*

**Monday 21st**  
*Film Club*

### April

**Friday 15th**  
*Spring Term finishes*

### May

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>**  
*Summer Term begins*

**Monday 16th**  
*Individual and class photographs*

Invitation to all  
Dallington parents!

Friends of Dallington  
are holding a  
**coffee morning**  
on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>  
March at J&A Cafe,  
4 Sutton Lane, EC1  
(upstairs) from  
9:15am to 10:15am.

It would be great to  
see you there.

## The Mogg Blogg

Any ideas for making provision to interest and entertain three grandchildren, ranging in age from three years to half a day old?

I had thought of erecting a childproof fence at the end of my garden, but that idea proved to be unpopular. When Fabian phoned me, this morning, with news of the birth of his and Maria's daughter, Kaia, I must confess that a three days' weekend wouldn't go amiss!

Congratulations to all our successful exam candidates. When final school choices have been confirmed, by the parents, a letter with the results will be sent home.

### Exhibition Space



This fabulous scraperboard was created by Lily Clarke from Year 5. It is of the Egyptian god Bes. Lily chose Bes because she thinks he is 'really cute.'

## Lower Nursery

This term is going to be very busy for Lower Nursery. The topics that we will be focusing on are:

- Wk3 (14.3.11): People who help us stay healthy.
- Wk4 (21.3.11): People who help us keep safe.
- Wk5 (28.3.11): People who help us have food.
- Wk6 (4. 4.11): Spring.
- Wk7 (11.4.11): Easter.

As part of our topics Lower Nursery will be enjoying the following visits:

- Alexander's parents, John and Sophie Collier, are coming in to talk about keeping our teeth and bodies healthy.
- Helen Pickford (Orie's mum) is coming to talk about being a GP (doctor).
- 22.3.11: The Police are visiting to talk about how they keep us safe.

We are also hoping to host a visit from some friendly fire fighters.

A request: Lower Nursery is running short of boys' clothes, especially underpants and trousers. Any contribution will be greatly appreciated – thank you.

### Film Club

Dallington Film Club is back and I will be taking over for this half term. There was a session last Monday (7<sup>th</sup> March) and there will be more sessions, every second Monday (the next one will be on the 21<sup>st</sup> March).

At Film Club, children begin by sitting down to eat a healthy snack, before settling down to watch a film on the giant screen in the basement. After the film, we discuss important themes and review the film.

Each session ends by 6pm. The cost for each session is £5. If you'd like your child to come along, then please see me to collect and complete an attendance form.

I am also on the lookout for film ideas, so please feel free to pass on your suggestions.

Thanks,

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### Upper Nursery



March this year has been very busy in Upper Nursery and it is not even half way through the month! World Book Day was celebrated by the children dressing up as their favourite book character and, during the day, the staff read the accompanying stories followed by some of the children putting on a performance. It was a very exciting day with two Batmen, a Spiderman and two Ben Tens rescuing the various princesses and fairies, while the cats chased the mice. The two Tintins spent time looking for clues as a Skeleton had been found.



No sooner had the staff recovered than Shrove Tuesday was upon us and as is tradition the children made batter, tossed the cooked pancakes and ate them with lemon and sugar. Next week we will be celebrating Red Nose Day; we are sure it will be a fun filled day!

### Year 1 – Cindy's Group



Mix a pancake, Stir a pancake, Pop it in the pan ...

Year 1 loved making pancakes, this week, cooperating with each other to make a yummy batter. The children helped each other, took turns and used positive language. The children enjoyed the challenge of cracking the egg into the bowl, measuring the ingredients and whisking the batter together to get lots of bubbles in the batter (without the help of an adult too).

Later, they helped Ann and Susan fry and flip the pancakes and then they all enjoyed eating the fruit of their labour. Sweet, delicious, sour, scrumptious, yummy and crispy were some of the adjectives used to describe the pancake. Some children, after initial trepidation, tried the lemon with the sugar and then asked for a second one. It is fantastic that they had a try and found out something new about themselves.



### Doctor, Doctor!

A man walked into the doctor's and said that wherever he touched his body, it hurt, so the doctor said, "Touch your head."

"Ow!" screamed the man.

"O.K then, touch your leg."

"Ow!" shouted the man.

The doctor smiled and said, "I know what the matter with you is, you have a broken finger!"

## How to Make Pancakes

Step 1:

Crack two eggs in a bowl.

Step 2:

Sift 1 cup of plain flour.

Step 3:

Add 1 cup of milk and a pinch of salt.

Step 4:

Whisk all the ingredients so the batter has bubbles in it.

The batter is now ready to cook in a frying pan.

Enjoy!

## Year 2

We have been back for two weeks and so many things have been happening in our classroom! Take for example our unit of work this term: The Great Fire of London. We have been learning all about the blaze that destroyed over 13 000 homes and numerous other buildings. Did you know that Samuel Pepys kept a diary which described much of what went on during the chaos of those scary days in September, 1666? He even buried some cheese and wine in his garden to dig up later!

Speaking of food, in English we have been reading and writing procedural texts inspired by a famed recipe for biscuits enjoyed by King Charles II, who was the King of England at the time. We used the recipe to create our own; they tasted so scrumptious they were definitely fit for a King! In Mathematics we are continuing to investigate measurement. We have been weighing items in grams and kilograms as well as measuring liquids in litres and millilitres. This has also come in handy for our baking skills-Thomas Farynor would be proud!

In other news, big congratulations are due to each of us for doing so well in our Swimming sessions with Matt at Cally Pool. We have been practising rhythmic breathing, kicking techniques and gaining confidence in swimming the length of the pool.

Finally, we are continuing to do well with achieving our goals. Well done to Minna for singing *I Love Rock and Roll* in front of a live audience last weekend! X-Factor auditions are when?

## Catherine's Group

We have begun our new project 'The Iliad' and find ourselves already immersed in the world of gods, goddesses, myrmidons, water nymphs and quarrels! Paris has made his choice and given the golden apple to Aphrodite ... but what will happen now? As we work our way through the story, we will let you know.

Congratulations to Devon, his baby brother Espen is now two weeks old. According to Devon, life has been 'a bit more tiring' since Espen was born, but he 'is very cute' and it is 'a lot of fun having a brother'.

Elian was lucky enough to visit Brazil during the half-term holiday and tells us a little about it here:

I visited Sao Paulo where my family and I stayed with friends. The flight there took sixteen hours via Frankfurt and those sixteen hours seemed very long, probably because there was no film to watch. During the day it was 34 degrees, but it didn't feel as hot as we were on the beach a lot. Our friends knew all the best secret beaches! We spent a lot of time outdoors and I loved this. I learned quite a bit of Portuguese as not many people speak English. The best bit of the whole holiday was when I went to a Brazilian football match. I watched Santos vs Sao Bernardo.

## Year 1 – Claudia's Group

The aliens have left Earth and the children are very pleased with the paper machê alien heads that they have made.



Year 1 is now venturing out into the land of Fairy Tales. We have started our topic with an all time classic, Sleeping Beauty, and will listen and work with many traditional tales from a variety of cultures.

The highlight of this term will be a trip to Leeds Castle, where the children will get the chance to dress up and re-enact 'The Swan Princess'.

## Mogg's Group

The last two weeks have been full with the sounds of Year 5 and Year 6 finishing off the work we began at the end of last term. Written explanations of our work, art works of Egyptian gods and goddesses, diagrams of a cross-section of skin, and geometry have now been produced.

The best news from Mogg's Group is that Matt, our swimming teacher, has supported us through our distance swimming tests. Afterwards, he told us that he would like a quote to be put in the newsletter; this is it: 'I am very pleased with everyone today and everyone here has broken their own record.' That's not all though – an official Dallington record was broken! Jessica Shaw and Holly Anness Bradshaw (Yr 6) have swum two thousand metres. That's eighty lengths in the Caledonian swimming pool!

### Brain-nastics!

Try making some St Patrick's Day crafts, which can be downloaded from:

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/st-patricks-day/>

You could also brush up on your spelling at:

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/spelling\\_games.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/spelling_games.html)

Or practise your typing at:

[http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding\\_games/keyboarding\\_games\\_typing\\_adventure1.html](http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/keyboarding_games/keyboarding_games_typing_adventure1.html)

### Student Interview

**Devon – Year 4**  
(A new big brother)



Q1. What is your baby brother called?

A1. Espen

Q2. When was Espen born?

A2. 21<sup>st</sup> February

Q3. What time does he wake up?

A3. Two at night

Q4. Is there a downside of having a brother?

A4. You get no sleep

Q5. Is there an upside?

A5. It is a lot of fun

### Here's Looking at You, Kid

The baby pictured in the last newsletter was none other than the wonderful Fred Marber, from Year 3.

Can you guess who this issue's mystery baby is?



## Match Report

Dallington vs Drayton Park

In this match there was a change to our usual line-up. For this game we had Enzo in goal, Farhad and James in defence, Theo and Louis W in midfield and Albie in strike.

1<sup>st</sup> Half

Drayton Park was trying their best to get in a goal but they couldn't get past Dallington's impenetrable defense. Louis was doing some great passing to Theo. Theo had a great shot but it was stopped by the goalkeeper. Then Drayton Park had a few shots and Enzo saved them brilliantly. Farhad was playing hard in defence, as was James who was chasing all the Drayton Park players down, but then one player got through and shot! Enzo got to the ball but couldn't hold on and the ball went in.

2<sup>nd</sup> Half

There was only one substitute and that was Jack, who came on for Albie. Dallington shot a string of powerful strikes, but couldn't find the back of the net before the full time whistle blew.

End result:

Drayton Park 1

Dallington 0.

### Fabulous Fact

Did you know that, on average, people fear spiders more than they fear death?