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Upcoming Events

May

Tuesday 10th
Summer Term begins

Monday 16th
Individual and class photographs

Monday 30th
Bank holiday

June

Monday 6th – Friday 10th
Mid-Term Break

July

Friday 15th
Summer Term finishes

Iron Man 3



Our swimming teacher, Matt, is raising money for Médecins Sans Frontières, by participating in the Alcatraz Challenge. Read more and donate at:

www.justgiving.com/Matt-Alcatraz-Ironman

The Mogg Blogg

Years 5 and 6 have started their knitting again. Well, the children who have not knitted before have been helped by Grace, mother of Bea, who is in Vanessa's group and Debbie, mother of Holly, in Year 6. One of our Year 5 girls, Harriette, has taught Jay how to knit. The designer holes are occurring less frequently and after the Easter break, we shall start knitting our teddy bears. If you have any spare wool at home, we should be delighted to receive it. If you would like to learn how to knit, you are welcome to join us, on Fridays, from 1:30pm in Middle School, but do bring along some wool and some 4mm needles!

In the meantime, let us hope that we have lovely weather during our Easter break and return refreshed, to start the Summer Term. Wherever you are, have a safe and happy holiday.

Introducing...



Kaia Hercules, daughter of Fabian and Maria, granddaughter of Mogg.

Lower Nursery

Lower Nursery has had a fun filled week learning about two religious festivals - which has naturally invoked many questions beginning with the word 'why?' Our Easter celebrations have included exploring why we celebrate Easter, as well as looking at traditions and customs of Easter. This included tasting hot cross buns, an Easter egg hunt and making chocolate nests.

The second festival we have celebrated is Passover. We explored why the Jews celebrate this through a story and Florence (Shoshana's mum) also came in to talk about the traditions and customs of Passover and brought in some Matzos and grape juice for us to try. Yummy! The children so enjoyed the Matzos, they were chanting for more.... more, more, more! Please look out for a wall display (above the parent notice board) to see what fun we have been having!

Lastly we would like to wish everyone going away safe travels, and for the families staying in London, fingers crossed for good weather. Happy Easter!

Looking For Something To Do Over the Holidays?

<http://crafts.kaboose.com/holidays/easter/> has lots of craft ideas for you to try.

The Stairs

The children at Dallington are taught to use the stairs on the right; right hand going up and right hand going down. This facilitates easy movement around the building. At dropping off and collection time we would appreciate it if the adults and children continued to follow this regime.

It is part of the ethos of the school that parents can drop-off and collect from their child's classroom, thereby maintaining contact with the staff. At collection time the stairs can become busy and we would appreciate your patience.

Music Review

Now That's What I Call Music! 78

Released on the 11th April Now 78 has proved a hit. At Christmas Now 77 became the No.1 Christmas album. The 'Nows' usually have the latest releases from whoever has a new release. Since December the music industry has been booming with songs ranging from 'Price Tag' by Jessie J to 'Don't Hold your Breath' by Nicole Sherzinger. The track listing caught all ages from Laurie (Yr 3) to teenagers as old as nineteen. (You can even catch the occasional parent listening.)

What are you doing over the holidays?

Ben (Yr 1) will go to France for three nights, and then to Italy for the rest of the holidays.

Upper Nursery

We were very lucky in Upper Nursery this term as Dylan brought in some frogspawn for the children to observe the metamorphosis. They were amazed by the little black dots and fascinated to see that the tadpoles had emerged over the weekend. Since then the children have bounced in each day to see if they have become frogs!



To finish our topic on books by Julia Donaldson, we went to the London Aquarium to look for the snail that travelled on the whale, a story telling fish (Tiddler) and a shell to share, as well as the famous Nemo. It was a lovely day out and we also managed to see hidden crocodiles and blue frogs.

This week we have been celebrating Easter and Spring.

Red Nose Day



The Gruffulo comes to Upper Nursery.

Year 1 – Claudia's Group

The children have finished writing their wonderful stories and are looking forward to their own collection of Fairy Tales, coming out at the beginning of May. Here is an early preview (inspired by our collection of magic objects, not her teacher's "holiday" plans, it has to be said).

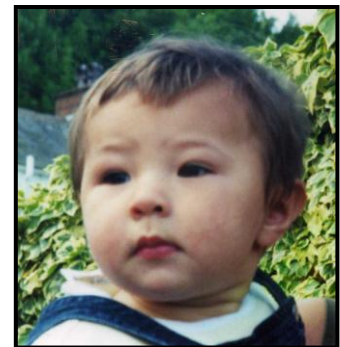
The Witch's Wand

by Sienna Camilleri

Once upon a time there was a princess and a king and a queen. One day, the princess went through the woods. She saw an old lady. She told the princess about a wand: If you hold the wand, your wishes will come true. The princess' biggest wish was to get married so the princess touched it. Later on, the prince came by. He saw that the princess was beautiful. Then they got married and lived happily ever after. The End"

Have a fabulous holiday everyone!

Butter Wouldn't Melt



Apologies for not revealing who the baby was in issue 7.4 but it was none other than Cindy Fenn. Now, can you guess who this innocent little cherub is?

Year 1 – Cindy's Group

Year 1 had a wonderful time at Leeds Castle.

The children dressed up as the characters from the fairy tale *The Swan Princess* and took part in a dramatic retelling of the story.

All the children were exceptional. Later, they had lunch in the gardens and enjoyed the sunny, yet chilly, day! After lunch, the children had a guided tour of the castle. They were well-behaved and asked interesting questions to the castle teachers Judy and Cathy.

It was an extra special day for Caspar, who celebrated his 6th birthday, so the children sang 'Happy Birthday' and, thanks to his mum Julie, they all enjoyed a birthday cupcake!!!

Finally, just when the children thought the day could not get any better, we found this amazing playground, fit for a king or queen, and the children helped each other get up rope ladders and climb up castle walls. It was a fun and enjoyable day for all!

Enjoy the school holidays. Thank you to all our parents for coming in and having discussions with us about your children. It has been good to share their progress and development with you! Also, please remember, we have an excursion to The Natural History Museum on Thursday 12th May, to see Sensational Butterflies.

Year 2

Greetings from Year 2!

Wow! What a busy few weeks we have had here in Year 2. We have continued learning about The Great Fire of London and are still discovering new and interesting information. Did you know that the people of London thought the fire was started by either the Dutch, French or Catholics? It turned out to be baker Thomas Farynor but that didn't stop the people of England blaming a French watchmaker, Robert Hubert, who was hanged, even though he wasn't in London for the first two days of the fire!

A few weeks ago, we made one of Thomas Farynor's recipes for Caraway Seed Biscuits. Recently, we sent it to Innocent Drinks' Great Recipe Archive on the internet. We are now published online and you are invited to make these yummy snacks yourselves and vote for us to win the 'Recipe of the Month'. Find it at www.innocentdrinks.com/recipearchive While you're there, check out a Colin Cake recipe by our very own Theo! Mmm!

We are all looking forward to our Easter holiday and during our diary writing session this week we have looked at building sentences with increasing detail. We all started with 'In the holidays, I would like to...' Here's what we have said:

In the Easter holidays, I would like to go to Spain to visit my cousins because I haven't seen them for a long time and we can go to the shops and buy toys! – Antonio

In the Easter holidays, I would like to go to Princess Diana's playground because I would like to climb up the rigging and go all the way to the top. – Eliza

In the Easter holidays, I would like to go to a museum because you can see statues and they are very old. – Christina

In the Easter holidays, I would like to go to Disneyworld because I would like to meet Buzz Lightyear and ask him some questions. – Hugo

Well, with three weeks away, there are bound to be many exciting adventures to be had!

Please have a happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new term.

From Year 2, Megan and Angela.

Exhibition Space



This drawing was made by the whole of Vanessa's group. It's called 'It must be Spring'. The picture is based on a song that the children have been singing with their singing teacher, Sarah.

Catherine's Group

It has been an exciting few weeks in Middle School. Our Greek project is well on the way. We have been finding out about those rowdy Centaurs - who were half horse and half man. They were a raucous bunch and enjoyed a bit too much of the good life. This was a huge contrast to the Spartans. They had a harsh existence but endured it in order to become great warriors!

We have also been exploring the metric system in Maths and discovering Power point presentations.

The last few days we have created some alternative Easter bonnets, we decided to combine traditional Easter themes with something creative and Lady Gaga-esque, these designs were presented in our Alternative Easter Parade. We have certainly enjoyed doing these.



What are you doing over the holidays?

Casper (Yr 1) is going camping with his mummy and daddy and going to the farm to see the farm animals. He will then go to the seaside, but he's not swimming!

Mogg's Group

As the term comes to a close Mogg and Jay try their best to get us to finish our work. The tap performance went down a treat with all the parents for both Yr 5 and 6. Ema said she was pleased with us all and hopes that after the Easter holidays she will be able to expand our knowledge of tap. Sobell came to a close as both teachers of football and basketball said they were very pleased with the progress. Particularly basketball as none of us had really had any experience of it before. Our Science project on the human body has gone brilliantly. We have learnt about the digestive system, circulatory system, skeletal system, the teeth, skin and the respiratory system. We experimented with putting a whole pack of mentos in a bottle of diet Coke. We were trying to find out which method would create the biggest explosion. Farhad's group's explosion went the highest.



Fascinating Fact

As it is Easter, it's time for a bunny fact! Adult bunnies can weigh between one kilogram and ten kilograms.

Match Report

Dallington vs. Drayton Park

1st Half

This was our last game of the season. We were trying for our first win. The game kicked off. Theo had the ball, he passed to Albie. He had a shot which looked like it was going in but then their goalkeeper stopped it. We kept firing shots at their goal but one went in, then one of Drayton Park's players had a shot which was too fast to stop.

2nd Half

Play began with Theo kicking a brilliant shot but again it was saved by their goalkeeper. Then Drayton Park tried to get past our defence. We were only able to hold them off temporarily before they scored again. Louis ran up the field getting past all Drayton Park's players and shot but it hit the crossbar. Drayton Park got another run up the field to test Dallington's defence, which they did - getting past and scoring.

The end score was 3-0

Boo hoo hoo.

Written by Farhad Khan

Doctor! Doctor!

Patient: Doctor, Doctor I've got wind! Please, can you give me something for it?

Doctor: Yes - here's a kite!