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## Forthcoming Events

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June**  
**Break up for Half Term**  
**Holiday**

**Term starts again**  
**Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**Year 1 trip to**  
**Little Angel Puppet Theatre**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**  
**FoD LN & UN Disco**  
**3:30 p.m. – 5 p.m.**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**  
**Upper Nursery trip to**  
**Willows Activity Farm**

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>**  
**Board of Governors Meeting**  
**7 p.m. – 9 p.m.**

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**Sports Day**  
**King Square**  
**1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**



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## The Mogg Blog

What do I need to say, that can not be found elsewhere in this Newsletter? I hope that you all have a marvellous holiday wherever you may go, even if you are staying here in London!



## Summer Fete

FoD is ramping up for the Fete and Raffle on 7 July, 12-4pm, at the Seward Street playground.

It should be a great day out!

Join us for lunch this year – we are open earlier and will have more seating. We will also have new games for children and parents, and a special Dallington 40th anniversary celebration!

Your child should have received their book of raffle tickets yesterday which have over £1,200 in prizes, and tickets are just £2 each. The proceeds from these ticket sales funds special activities as well as new school resources.

After half term we shall be asking for volunteers to help with some quick tasks in getting prepared for the fete. Would you be interested? Any questions? Email [FriendsOfDallington@gmail.com](mailto:FriendsOfDallington@gmail.com)  
**NEW!**

FoD Lunch box Cookbook.

Thanks to LN parent Lucy for suggesting and organising this idea to help give us all more and easier ideas for school lunches. Please email ideas and recipes for children's lunches to [FODcookbook@gmail.com](mailto:FODcookbook@gmail.com)

## The AbBlog

Rehearsals have started for The Summer Extravaganza 2018 – so much to celebrate!

Please help your children to practise at home – then you can join in on the night, singing and dancing! And on that note...  
**WE NEED A DRUMMER FOR OUR BAND.**



Please get in touch if you can play, anything, especially the drums. Happy Half Term.

## Music and Drama Summer Course

Our music teacher Sarah, is organising this week long course. Singing, acting, creating artwork and putting on a musical show at the end of the week!

For children aged 6 to 12 years.  
Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> July.  
Held at Christchurch Highbury Grove N5 it lasts from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. each day and the whole week costs just £150



For more details contact Sarah on 07939 150 525 or [sarahwilkinson53@gmail.com](mailto:sarahwilkinson53@gmail.com)

## Lower Nursery

We loved our recent trip to Freightliners Farm and thank you again to those parents who came with us, and behaved so well! Your children should be very proud of you. The Freightliners Farm staff were suitably overwhelmed with your generosity of donations so a big 'Thank you!' from them, and the animals, as well.



With the warmer, brighter weather now here, we have started to grow different things in our classroom. We have begun growing carrot and parsnip tops, watching daily as the green, leafy shoots come out from the top of the vegetables. Each child has also planted 2 beans in a see-through cup, wrote their name on a label, and remembered to water them when they needed it. Some of them are already over 30cm high!



Jarl's, Felix's and Gabriel's beanstalks.

The next step is to put them into soil and to carefully carry them home to see if they will carry on growing there. We are all wondering which of them will become the tallest.

Barney, Cathy and Christine

## Upper Nursery

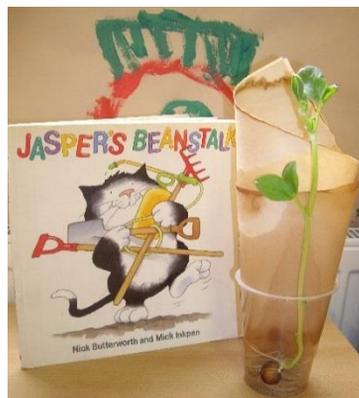
As part of our topic on Growing, the children have been reading Jack and the Beanstalk. It has been interesting to read the many versions with different beginnings and endings. This has led to reading different versions of other traditional tales. We have looked at how stories begin and the children are now using their knowledge of this to begin to write their own stories.



Jack and the Beanstalk by Emiliano.

This term sees the children consolidate their learning and begin to apply their skills to begin to try and write independently.

The children have been watching how the beans they planted have been growing, observing the growth of roots and shoots. How tall will they grow? Will there be a giant at the top?



Ambika, Christine, Sue and Melissa

## Year One

A short while ago, in a land far, far up the stairs, was a group of Year 1 children that have been hosting a menagerie of fairy tale characters to take the 'Hot Seat' and help us to quiz and question them. We have been visited by the personal servant of the Emperor to talk about his new clothes. The miller's daughter and new queen, Anna, came to discuss with us about Rumpelstiltskin's dastardly ways and we were discussing wishes with the genie from Aladdin!

Aladdin inspired us to explore the Clerkenwell Design Week goings on in the neighbourhood. We found a pop-up hub that had a sheep and giant loom display. This had us wanting to weave our own 'flying carpets' which we made from paper, fabric and pipe cleaners.



Looking to our local environment, Sonny spotted a mother swan swimming down the canal, together with her eight signets that were carefully tucked up in between her wings! So much cuteness; definitely no Ugly Ducklings here!

Thank you to Camilla who came and read the story of Little Red Riding Hood to us. If you are feeling shy about reading to us, perhaps you would like to help us on our upcoming trip to the Little Angel Theatre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June to see 'Sleeping Beauty in the Wood.'

Megan, Angela, Paula and Shakirah

## Year Two

As our topic themes are 'Flora' and 'Our Local Area', we have been out and about on a history quest to discover evidence of the past. We visited St John's Gate Museum and the Physic Garden – a hidden gem here in Clerkenwell. At the Museum of the Order of St John we created some observational drawings from the many historical artefacts there to be part of our classroom display. We all managed to dress up as a Member of the Order wearing a long, black velvet cloak emblazoned with the Cross of St John.



At the Physic Garden we learned how the Hospital Knights prepared medicines from plants such as lavender, chamomile and roses. We saw the painted medicine jars that were used to transport these medicines.



One of the medicine jars.

The children are also growing and monitoring the progress of green beans and sunflowers. We shall soon be planting other seeds and conducting a plant survey of the local area.

The class has also started embroidery with Ann and are very enthusiastic, having already produced some truly magnificent pieces.

Eileen and Ann

## Year Three

Year 3 had an afternoon out, to explore Clerkenwell Design week. They saw some pretty cool things!



*"We each had a turn at weaving material through the strings – it was a lot of fun!"* Davids



*"We were stroking the lambs. I didn't touch them though, because I didn't want my hands to get dirty."* Eloise



*"The man showed us a colour chart. There were only 7 different colours but 2500 different shades and hues."* Stevie



*"We were looking at different art designs and sculptures – they were so colourful!"* Louis

Milko and Wendy

## Happy Birthdays

All these children were born in the month of May. Did any of them celebrate their birthday with you? Maybe you went to one of their birthday parties?

LN Annika, Gabriel, Beth

Y1 Olivia

Y2 Joe, Thomas, Cecily

Y3 Davids

Y4 Alexander, Martin

Y6 Ned



## Charity Corner

As the school's 40<sup>th</sup> Birthday fete is only several weeks away, please check in with your child's class teacher as to what may be needed for your year group's fete stall to be a huge success.

The Transition team will be hosting a Tombola prize stall once again and so we would like to put the call out to families now to start thinking about donating new and full bottles of items which you would be happy to win. Popular items in the past have included gourmet produce, alcohol, shampoos, beauty products, room diffusers and fragrances. Items can be left with Transition after half term.

We are looking forward to the fete in Dallington's 40<sup>th</sup> year. Let's all make it the greatest one yet!



Megan  
Charity Coordinator

## Year Four

As the story of The Iliad unfolds, Year 4 continues to discover new characters and find out more about them.

Here, Year 4 has chosen a character that they are particularly interested in.

*'I idolise the goddess Athene. I think she did what might be regarded in those days by most people as a man's job and was very good at it.'* Maya

*'I am fascinated by Zeus. He behaves very badly and sometimes this is very funny.'* Tabitha

*'I am amazed by Athene. She is strong and brave.'* Tabby

*'I admire Hector because he took his bronze helmet off to hug his baby and wife.'* Rachel

*'Hector is a kind and loving character and he is a horse whisperer.'* Matylda

*'I am fascinated by Zeus. In most of the books or films he is the ruler and not naughty. In the Iliad he is very naughty and very fascinating.'* Sofia

*'I like Odysseus. He is a very intelligent and swift character – and an amazing fighter.'* Alex

*'I like Hector because he is kind and he is the best fighter on the Trojan side.'* Ethan

*'I am fascinated by Patroclus. He is a very kind and talented warrior in the Iliad.'* Alexander

*'I am interested by Thetis as she is kind, helpful and calm.'* Layan

*'I am fascinated by Achilles. He is a good warrior and he was taught by Chiron the centaur.'* India

*'Hector is the strongest warrior on the Trojan team and he's quite kind.'* Raon

*'Apollo is very sensible, kind and caring. I also like Apollo because he saved Hector.'* Bronwen

We are all looking forward to continuing the story and discovering even more characters!

Catherine and Sam

## Teachers Outside of School

After a holiday to London in 2005, Megan, one of our Year 1 teachers, decided to move here from a small town in Australia, because she wanted to travel and have adventures.

Some of her adventures were based in London and were about facing her fears. She abseiled down Guy's Hospital Tower, raced up the 1037 stairs of The Gherkin in high heels and even walked over hot coals barefoot; and all for charity.



Other adventures have taken Megan to other countries. She has ice skated atop the Eiffel Tower in France, stayed overnight with a ghost hunting team in Dracula's Bran Castle in Romania and even managed to talk her way into a secret KGB spy room in Estonia!

Sometimes her adventures have not always gone to plan. After she was injured on a frozen lake in Sweden, she had to be rescued by hovercraft. She once had her purse stolen on Christmas Eve in Norway and her taxi lost a wheel on a remote road in Cuba.

More recently, Megan has been attending events and meeting famous people from fashion, film, music and art, that are mentioned in a book she bought when she first moved to London.

Megan would like to say to you all, *'As you grow up, do not lose your sense of adventure.*

*Do things you never thought possible because, more often than not, they are!'*

## Years Five & Six

Here are some of the children's accounts of a most eventful week at Summer Camp:

*'My favourite activity was the water slide where we slid down a long tarpaulin sprayed with water! Camp was amazing!'* Coco (Year 6)



*'I think this was the best week of my life! We learnt a lot about how to work as a team and look after ourselves independently without our parents!'* Oscar (Year 5)

*'Everyone was really supportive of each other and I was able to reach the top of the leap of faith. There was also the incline logs where you had to cross two logs which got higher each time. It was a fantastic week!'* Reuben (Year 6)

*'Camp was one of the best experiences of my life. I have definitely gained courage over the course of the week. With the help of my classmates and the instructors encouraging me all the way, I have made progress on overcoming my fears. Everybody is a lot closer and we all know each other better. Thank you Janet for making this happen!'* Zoe (Year 5)



Making cocoa around a camp fire.

Mogg, Shoab and Janet