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## Forthcoming Events

**Spring Term begins Tuesday  
8<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

**Year 2 Trip**   
**Natural History Museum**  
**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> January**

**Safer Internet Day**  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February**

**Governors' Meeting**  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup>**  
**7 – 9 p.m.** 

 **FoD Quiz Night**  
**Friday 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Safer Internet Day**  
**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Break up for Half term**  
**Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**



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## The Mogg Blog

Our longest Term is coming to an end!

We have managed, on the whole, to cope with exams, interviews, the dreaded 'non-specific viral infections', the excitement of various outings and, of course, preparation for our Carol Concert, in addition to school lessons!

The children are certainly looking forward to spending time with their families, during the break and are sharing, already, their plans for the break's activities.

Have a wonderful time, stay safe, enjoy yourselves – and we shall see you all in 2019!

## Christmas Jokes

### Part 1

Yes, even before you have opened a Christmas cracker, here are some examples of the jokes that you may well come across:

Why don't you ever see Santa in an NHS hospital?

*Because he has private elf care.*

What's the most popular

Christmas wine with adults?

*'I don't like Brussels sprouts!'*

What's green, enjoys being in water, is covered in tinsel and goes ribbet, ribbet, ribbet?

*Mistle-toad.*

How did Mary and Joseph know that Jesus was 7lb 6oz when he was born in Bethlehem?

*They had a weigh in a manger.*

## The AbBlog

Once again, the children rose to the occasion, dressed up and sang their hearts out at the Carol Concert. We hope you enjoyed yourselves too.

Thank you to the parent reps. for organising pre-show meals and for Friends of Dallington's annual post-show party in the Crypt – a favourite event for many.

What with the Thursday Christmas parties and talent shows all around the school, along with some end of term lunch do's on Friday, this certainly is the Dallington community spirit in full flow.

Thank you to you all; parents, staff and children for making this such a positive time of year.

Enjoy your families this Christmas and see you in the New Year

Abi x



## FoD

Thanks for a fabulous term of discos, book swap, welcome party and Xmas Party.

Next term we are looking forward to another book swap, Middle School discos and FoD Quiz Night (a great night out and an important fundraiser).

Please join us at the next FoD meeting 17th Jan 8 p.m. or 18th Jan 9 a.m. We shall need volunteers to kick-start Fete preparations.

Happy holidays!



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## Lower Nursery

Our term comes to an end with the children having made several Christmas gifts to take home, and to perhaps look after, for many more Christmases to come.

Do not forget, parents and carers, that the Christmas tree decorations are definitely NOT for eating!



Our visit to the Little Angel Studios was a great success and we all had front row seating. Olivia was the first child to answer the riddle that one of Santa's elves asked the whole audience. Well done, Olivia!



*The elves in the show.*

We have spent many lovely music sessions with Sarah, our wonderful music teacher, learning the songs that we sang in church, and we are all so proud of how well the children performed and behaved in a setting that was new to most of them.



*Edie learning to make paperchains, with which to decorate our classroom.*

Hoping you all have a great holiday!

But is it Easter or Christmas?  
Barney, Cathy and Christine

## Upper Nursery

The festive season is well under way. Many thanks to Ileana's family for sharing the story behind Thanksgiving and for all the great activities that they brought to the classroom.

The children have been very busy using their creative skills to help to make festive decorations for the classroom. We have also been hearing different versions of the Nativity as well as reading other stories, poems and books about Christmas.

The children have been using their literacy skills to write cards and there has been a real interest in making signs lately too. We have also been discussing what colour our hyacinths might be? It would be great to bring in a photo of them once they have bloomed. Our Trip to the Little Angel Studios for 'Finding Santa' was filled with excitement. Thank you to all the parents who helped us.



*Created by Beth*

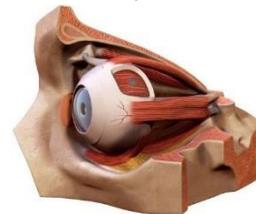
We have really enjoyed this term and look forward to the next. We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

Ambika, Christine and Sue

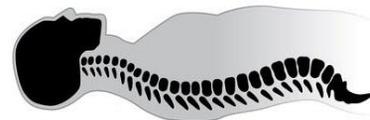
## Year One

Christmas seemed so distant back in September and in the blink of an eye, we find ourselves at the end of term and almost the end of a calendar year!

Our work on the Skeletal System was enhanced by our guest speakers, Chen, Justus' dad who spoke about the eye and eye socket. We also welcomed Melissa, Elias' mum, who spoke about the spine. Thank you both for sharing your expertise and experience with us.



We end our Human Body Topic with exploration of the Muscular and Nervous Systems.



Next term our topic will be the Weather. Please contact us if you would like to share some knowledge via our Guest Speaker spot.

As they develop their phonics knowledge they are truly enjoying reading for pleasure. Writing is also continuing apace and letters to Santa have been completed and posted this week – fingers crossed, children!



We wish all the children and families a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you refreshed in the New Year.  
Angela and Paula

## Year Two

The Autumn Term has been a hive of activity in Year 2 and as 2018 comes to a close, we end our investigation of Light and the Festivals of Light.

The children have enjoyed learning about Diwali, Hanukkah and Christmas. Retelling the stories and producing beautiful drawings and shadow puppets too. They enjoyed listening to three presentations on the Hindu, Jewish and Christian Festivals and learning about the shadow puppets of Bali. Simon (Y5 Rachel's dad) and his friend Reverend Steve, came in on our final week to talk about how they celebrate Hanukkah and Christmas and shared delicious doughnuts with us!



In Science the children learnt about the sources and properties of Light exploring and experimenting with torches, mirrors and coloured transparencies in the dark cave that we built within our class area.

All of Transition sang beautifully at the Carol Concert like a choir of angels and boogied their feet off at the Transition Festive Party.

Next Spring term our first topic focus will be 'Dinosaurs' and we shall be going to the Natural History Museum to participate in a Stegosaurus Workshop!!!! A splendid first term for Year 2. Well done everyone! Eileen, Ann and Shakira.

## Year Three

The children were very excited to have Milko visit last week when he showed us pictures of baby Eva and told us some stories. Milko will be returning as the teacher for our class in January.

As it is Christmas time, the children are completing some craft and stories related to this time of year. We have been making a Christmas story that will be typed onto the computer and turned into a book that we will then give to Milko so that he can read it to Eva.



In Maths, the children have been learning about perimeter by making farms using lollipop sticks as fences to mark the outside of their paddocks. Your child should now know that perimeter is the path around the outside of a shape.

In Writing, the children have been learning about information reports. The children have had to do research, using books and the internet, to find information about their chosen form of transport – and then to write an information report.

Overall, there has been a significant improvement in our handwriting! Please support this by encouraging your child to always use neat and cursive writing at all times.



Wishing you all a safe and restful Christmas break.

Brad, Wendy and Milko.

## Happy Birthdays

All these children were born in the month of December, the last month in the year. Which classes are not represented here?

UN – Oren  
Year 2 – Hugo  
Year 3 – Hassan  
Year 4 – Stevie  
Year 5 – Maya  
Year 6 – Charlie



## Christmas Jokes

### Part 2

What does Santa suffer from if he gets stuck in a chimney?  
*Claustrophobia.*

What do they sing at a snowman's birthday party?  
*Freeze a jolly good fellow.*

Why does Santa have three gardens?

*So he can 'ho ho ho!'*



What do Santa's little helpers learn at school?

*The elf-abet.*

How does Darth Vader like his Christmas turkey?

*On the dark side.*

Who hides in a bakery at Christmas?

*A mince spy.*

What did one snowman say to the other snowman?

*"Can you smell carrots?"*

## Year Four

Year 4 has been thinking about the forthcoming holiday and what they have to look forward to in the next few weeks;

'I am looking forward to having Christmas dinner with my family.' Louis

'I am looking forward to seeing all my family.' Rishi

'I am looking forward to seeing my family, but I'm also hoping it will snow!' Stevie

'I am so happy because I am going skiing in the new year.'

Freya

'I am looking forward to spending time with my family.'

Leila

'Well, my grandparents are coming down and the joy of seeing how many presents you have.'

'I am looking forward to baking in Colombia with my dad and opening my presents.' Mariana  
'Me and my Mum and Dad are going to the countryside.'

Kotone

'We are having a Christmas party at our house with family.'

Avalon

'I'm really looking forward to all the presents and going skiing in Italy.'

'I can't wait to see my family and hopefully get some presents.'

Georgie

'I'm looking forward to going to Austria.'

'I am looking forward to going to my grandma's house!'

Theodora  
'I am excited for the Warhammer I will hopefully get.'

Toby

'I am looking forward to my cousins coming during the Christmas holiday.'

Lazar  
'I am super excited to see all my family this Christmas!'

Emily  
'Over the Christmas holidays I'm excited because my grandma is coming over to stay.'  
Wilf  
We hope that you have a fantastic festive break, whatever you do!

Catherine and Sam

## Death?... Or Ice Cream?!

Recently, we were invited by the BBC One Show, to help make a short piece which will be broadcast after Christmas.

Six excited chatterboxes met the crew for filming at the Barbican Library and found themselves considering the eternal mystery - Death? Or Ice Cream?!

Josh from Year 6 recounts the experience;

"On Friday 23 November, six Middle School kids, including me, went to the Barbican Children's Library and were filmed by The One Show talking to Gareth P Jones, the author.

My favourite part was when he sung a song about one of his books, The Thornthwaite Inheritance, and we had to count how many deaths he sung about. Believe it or not, I counted 48 deaths!!"



"Overall, we had a great time and were excited to see the finished show but sadly, they said it won't be shown until the New Year. But never mind, one good thing was that they gave us a whole chocolate cake and we missed two hours of school! Brilliant!"



Maria

## Years Five & Six

As the holidays draw nearer, Year 5 and 6 have been feeling somewhat festive... there have been sightings of Christmas jumpers and even the occasional Santa hat!

We have thoroughly enjoyed decorating our classroom with hand-made pompoms and 'too much' tinsel (Janet and I disagree).

And that's not all! On the last day of November, we braved the number 55 bus all the way to Hackney to partake in that favourite of traditions, the Christmas Panto!



Yet again the Hackney Empire put on 'Aladdin', a thoroughly enjoyable experience that had all of us joining in at the top of our voices... Oh yes we did!



*The Empire's stage.*

Before we all settle down for three weeks of seeing family and eating too much, I would just like to say how hard both Year 5 and 6 have worked this term. They have certainly earned a break!

Merry Christmas everyone!



Sophie, Mogg and Janet