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Forthcoming Events

Year 1 School Trip
Geffrye Museum, E2 8EA
9am-1pm Tuesday 3rd February

FOD Quiz Night
7pm Saturday 7th February
At Vivat Bacchus
47 Farringdon St, EC4A 4LL
***Final ticket sales to**
be made by 5pm
Wednesday 4th
February*

Last day of Half Term
3:30pm Friday 13th February

Social Media

Have you been following our #FODQuiz #Trivia questions on our Twitter account? Get your mind into gear for our upcoming Quiz Night at Vivat Bacchus on Saturday 7th February with some perplexing titbits of information. If you have a #Trivia question of your own that you'd like to pose us, be sure to include the hashtags #FODQuiz and #Trivia.



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The Mogg Blogg

We have had such a lovely week enjoying the company of our young visitors who hope they will be joining us in September 2015. Of course, it almost goes without saying that we have to review the numbers of children in each group prior to sending firm offers, which is not easy when our young visitors availed themselves of every area. Children who have successfully passed their exams, especially in Year 6, are in the process of being called back for interviews, so yet again, it will be a waiting game before I can let you know about their successes. In the meantime, the children are remaining positively optimistic.

Mogg

Phonics Fun

Did you know that there are 44 main sounds in the English language? Sounds or phonemes can be represented by one letter or combined to form digraphs (two letters such as /sh/, /th/, /ai/ or /ue/) or trigraphs (E.g. /thr/, /spr/). Phonics examples can be heard via sites such as <http://www.pearsonschoolsandfeedercolleges.co.uk/Primary/GlobalPages/phonics-at-home/listen-to-the-44-phonics-sounds.aspx> Learning the letter sounds, letter formation, blending, identifying the sounds in words (segmenting) and spelling 'tricky' words are part of Dallington's Literacy program.

The Ablog

A word about security for the safeguarding of our children. Please exercise extreme caution when entering or leaving the school by the basement door. We ask you all (children and adults) not to kindly let in other visitors entering the building behind you unless they are clearly a parent dropping off a child. Delivery people and other professionals will not be surprised if you suggest that they buzz and announce themselves to the office and likewise, please don't be offended if you get challenged! And finally, would you like to get involved with the next school CD? Do let me know...

Thank you.

Abi

The Little Lunch Company

Have you seen the introductory letter from the Little Lunch Company in your child's school bag this week? For busy families, it may just be the solution you are looking for. Headed by two mothers, LLC provides a daily changing menu which includes hot and cold food, fruit, a snack and treat delivered straight to school. If you would like to trial their service before a monthly commitment, call 07880 956 690 or go to [Facebook.com/thelittlelunchcompany](https://www.facebook.com/thelittlelunchcompany)

Lower Nursery

Over the last two weeks our story focuses have been *The Gingerbread Man* and *Sleeping Beauty*. The children enjoyed making gingerbread men and many claimed not to be concerned that ours would run away like in the story because they are not real and are only biscuits. We did an experiment to find out why the Gingerbread Man could not cross the river on his own. Before the experiment, the children predicted what they thought might happen. Henry and Thomas both thought the biscuit would melt. Nicolo thought it might turn into icing, Sam thought it would sink and Ella and Kate thought he would crumble. The children were very excited to find out what would happen.



Finding out about why the Gingerbread man couldn't cross the river.

Our focus in mathematics this fortnight has been to extend and build on using positional language. The children have been playing games and drew maps to depict the Gingerbread Man's journey. These are displayed in the writing area so please come and take a look. This week it has been all about glitter and sparkles as we explore the story *Sleeping Beauty*. The children have been making crowns, tiaras and jewellery, fishing for treasure in the water tray and drawing their favourite story characters. Watch out for a display in the book corner!

Stacey, Cathy and Christine

Upper Nursery

The children have been busy collecting natural materials for our big weaving. Thank you to the children who have brought items in. We still need more so if you have any natural materials that we could use for our weaving please bring them in. Weaving encourages and supports children's hand eye coordination, fine motor skills and sequencing skills.



Warp runs vertically whereas weft is horizontal

Alongside this, the children have been exploring the properties of wood, metal, fabric and plastic, through activities such as 'floating and sinking'. The children have experimented with items that they have found and predicted what they thought would happen before testing and observing outcomes.

The children also have created some beautiful collage pictures using a variety of materials after reading the story *Lucy's Picture* by Nicola Moon in which Lucy creates a collage for her grandfather.



Creative minds, creative hands

In maths, the children have been making their own repeating patterns using coloured wooden blocks, plastic counters as well as making repeating patterns of girls and boys!

Ambika, Sue, Paula, Christine and Melissa

Year One

'Once upon a time, long ago and far away'..Year 1 was busy making books!

We are extending our creative writing by producing our own versions of the Cinderella story and we have been learning about sequencing narratives, short vowels, tenses and exploring 'now and then' in our writing. We have also designed invitations to the ball! So look out in Year 1 as our display appears magically with the children's beautiful illustrations and stories!

What's the Time Mr Wolf? In our study of time we have learnt about o'clock and half past and have used the sand timers to time ourselves at work. Please continue to support your child at home by practising the days of the week and the months of the year and referring to the time during the day.

| January | | | | | | |
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It's hard to believe January is almost over for another year!

Also, we started 'Minute Maths Challenges' in class. For example: How many blocks can one stack into a tower in a minute? Perhaps you could invent a new one at home and challenge your friends at school E.g. How many stairs can you climb in a minute? We look forward to hearing your ideas!

We can't wait to visit the Geffrye Museum next week to hear about 'Albert the Mouse' and learn about life in the past.

As always a busy and productive time!

Val, Ann and Eileen

Year Two

Year 2 was thrilled to receive an almost immediate reply from FOTI Fireworks in response to our numerous questions about their role in organising fireworks displays around the world and fireworks in general. We were delighted this organisation was so accommodating of our many questions and contributed to the children's authentic learning experience.

Our art focus this week has been creating shadow puppet theatres. The children are working in groups to create a puppet show based on well-known fairytales. We have watched shadow puppet productions by children online as well as Britain's Got Talent (2014) act *Attraction* for inspiration. We are currently in rehearsal and hope to perform to other classes before the half term.



Three Billy Goat's Gruff cast and puppets

Votes were cast and counted and we now have two democratically elected Student council representatives for Year 2. Congratulations to Isabelle and Theo; worthy advocates indeed. Theo and Isabelle will jointly be the voice of Year 2, responsible for attending meetings with the Board of Governors and assisting in officiating in events such as Sports' Day. Deputising in their absence will be Zoe and Luke.

Megan, Angela & Wendy

Year Three

Year 3 has been writing instructions during our English lessons. One of our instructions has been to make a potion for a witch! Here is a sample written by Isabella:

Ingredients

1. 55ml Unicorn's blood
2. 2 green crushed eyes
3. 1 red dragon's scale
4. 1000 evil birds tongues
5. 3 octopus' legs
6. 20ml of red boiling lava
7. Dirty pond water

Equipment

- An enormous red rusty pot
- A black iron spoon
- Two orange bowls



*Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and cauldron bubble!*

Instructions

1. Firstly, pour 55ml of unicorn blood into the pot.
2. Next, with the black iron spoon put some red boiling lava into an orange bowl.
3. Now, put 2 whole octopus' legs in a serpent and cook.
4. Continue with pouring the lava into the octopus legs and pond water and mix.
5. Finally, add the blood and watch it!

Well done to Isabella for making such a delicious and wholesome potion! Stay tuned for our report to the science museum.

Rod and Sam

Happy Birthday!

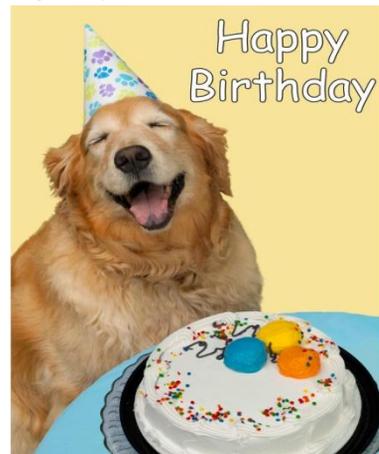
Our Winter babies are celebrating their special days. If you see them, please wish them a Happy Birthday!

LN - Jack

Yr 1 – Tabatha

Yr 2 – Luke, Imani

Yr 3 - Nick



F.O.D

Don't forget to get your tickets for our second annual Parents' Quiz Night in aid of FOD! It will be held on Saturday 7th of February from 7pm at Vivat Bacchus, 47 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4LL. 020 7353 2648. It's a great opportunity to socialise and meet staff and parents from different year groups. Ticket price (£25) will include a welcome drink, supper and entry to the quiz. If you can't join us, please consider buying a ticket to cover a teacher's ticket. Tickets are now on sale in the school office. Wednesday February 4th is the last day to buy tickets, so don't wait!



Vivat Bacchus interior

Thanks,
Tracy

Year Four

This term Year 4 is looking into the life and work of William Shakespeare.

The group has learnt about what is known of Shakespeare's life, starting as a young boy, growing up in Stratford Upon Avon, which is now sometimes referred to as 'Shakespeare country'. Imagine that – having a whole area named after you, because you were one of the most brilliant and important playwrights ever to be born in England!

Here are some fantastic Shakespearean facts, brought to you by those well known Elizabethan sleuths, YEAR 4!

'Shakespeare was born in 1564 in Stratford upon Avon. We think he was born on the 23rd April.'
Amelia

'In Shakespeare's school days, boys had to speak in Latin all of the time. If you were caught speaking English, you were punished.' Evie



Milou's depiction of the three witches of Macbeth

'Shakespeare got married when he was 18.' Milou

'He married Anne Hathaway, a daughter of a farmer, Richard Hathaway.' Anna

'Shakespeare is one of the most famous playwrights of all time.'
Lottie

'Some of Shakespeare's most famous plays are A midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest, Hamlet and Macbeth.' Joshua

Catherine and Sam

Circus Skills

Last week, the circus came to Dallington. James Waters from Press Play came to visit along with his numerous spinning plates, floaty scarves, diablos, ribbons, peacock feathers and other interesting items in his bag of tricks for the children to try out. Many thanks to Val and F.O.D for organising this entertaining and enjoyable session which we hope to turn into a regular event!



Keeping her eyes on the prize



'Spinning Around': James from Press Play



Sheer wonder at balancing a peacock feather in the palm of one's hand!

www.pressplay.org.uk also hold corporate workshops!

Years Five & Six

Who had the 'great' idea to have outdoor football this half-term? Not that the children mind! In fact, after one particularly awful downpour, which caused the class to be held indoors, a number of the children complained that they hadn't been 'allowed' to play outside!

It is apparent from recent observation that the concepts of perimeter, area and shape are difficult to grasp. To help your child at home, look for practical opportunities that explore these ideas.

As part of our reading programme, the children are trying to read as many different types of books before the Easter Holidays. With your child, take the time to read your child's Barbican Library books.

The children enjoyed their Internet Safety session last week and were given a lot of good information on how to keep safe on-line. Take the time to talk to them about what they learnt – they may well teach you something!



Are you a Science fan? Check out www.britishtscienceweek.org for British Science Week (March 13-22) info!

In Science, we are carrying out investigations into materials. The children are really enjoying having a chance to carry out practical work.

The Year 5s have begun their Thursday sessions with Jo Page. Remember, Year 5 need to be at school by 8:45am on Thursdays, in order to be ready for Jo.

Mogg, Jay and Janet