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## Forthcoming Events

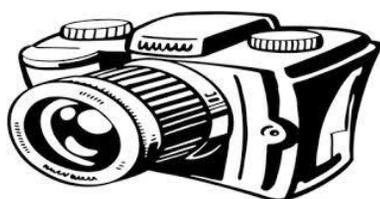
**Individual, Siblings and Group Photographs**  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

**Whole School Photographs**  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May

**Half Term Week**  
1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> June

**Sports Day**  
Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June

**School Fete**  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July



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## The Mogg Blogg

I wish you all a wonderful bank holiday weekend!

### Happy Birthday!

Wishing our Dallington babies born in late April and early May a very happy birthday!



Upper Nursery – Rishi  
Year 4 – Evie

## Charities

Thank you to all those who generously donated to our Nepal Earthquake Fund! The full amount has yet to be counted but we will let you know!

*Sam*

## The Ablog

**11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> May** is Dallington Film week. Our children will be armed with iPhones, iPads, iTouches and stills cameras to record their 'day in the life' footage for our promotional film, being directed by Anand Tucker and Jeremy Pollard. Using the children's footage, combined with professionally shot stills and filmic moments, we hope to create a truly 'Dallington' film which celebrates all that we are about. Do get in touch if you would like to get involved in any way, creatively, promotionally..

The playground project has been put back until 'late Autumn' and could even start at the end of the year. I understand that the council is hoping to procure further funding in order to complete two projects at the same time (the Compton Street playground as well).

This means that our **Summer Fete** can go ahead as planned on **July 4<sup>th</sup>**. Please put that date in your diaries. I will pass on any further news as I receive it.

*Abi*

## Lower Nursery

Over the last two weeks we have continued to learn about Spring. The children have planted their own sunflowers, made mini beasts for our wall display and have been making repeated patterns. We have also welcomed some spring pets: caterpillars, snails and some surprise visitors - bees. A big thank you to Jack and his dad for bringing these in!

Before our new pets arrived the children came up with some rules to help us care for them. For example, Kate said, "You have to hold them properly or they will die,"

Caio said, "Be gentle and don't play with the glass,"

Sonny said, "We can put them in a safe place,"

and Axel said, "You don't give too much food to them, they will get fat."



*Our pets*

Next week we will start our new topic - Places - which will continue until the end of the academic year. The children will be learning about the world in space, a watery world, land and habitats, how we get around and countries and people.

We would like to say a very big thank you to FOD for a generous donation. So far we have updated our small world toys and home corner resources and have bought some multi cultural toys to support this term's topic.

*Stacey, Cathy and Christine*

## Lower Nursery

Here are some lovely photos from Lower Nursery



*Looking after our plants*



*Making potions*



*Our pets*

## Upper Nursery

When the children returned from the Easter break they discovered that the tomato seeds and cucumber planted before the holiday had started to produce shoots.

They are rapidly growing so we look forward to enjoying cucumber and tomato sandwiches for our snack in the very near future.



*Our plants receiving a refreshing drink!*

We have now planted some runner beans which we hope will grow into giant beanstalks!

Some children asked if there will be a giant at the top. Do you think there will be? We would also like to know how your sunflowers are doing. Please bring in any pictures, drawings or independent writing that the children have done that shows how the sunflowers are progressing.

This half term our focus will be *Growing* so alongside growing plants we will be looking at how we grow and how animals grow etc.

We are also creating models that grow, using boxes and tubes, as well as other construction equipment whilst involved in collaborative work. If you have any materials that can be used for this, please do bring these in.

*Ambika, Paula, Christine and Sue*

## Year One

Transports of Delight!

Welcome back for the final term of the academic year!

The children have returned full of vim and vigour with an amazing array of interesting holiday projects – from Mauritius to Music and Plants- do come and have a read !

This term our learning focus will be 'Transport'. We will be travelling around this great city of ours during the term, by foot and public transport. The children have already brainstormed their ideas – Alex G defined transport as ...'something moving to somewhere else'!

So look out for trains, planes and automobiles- scooters, rockets, trikes and bikes.

We have already been out and about exploring the Clerkenwell area, making our own maps and mapping our routes to school and the playground. We will learn about mapping skills and direction this term and plot some coordinates!

In mathematics we have introduced the topic of 'Money' and will visit the Bank of England. During the term we will extend number skills and focus on place value. This week we have learnt about fractions and alternate spellings.

We thank FOD for their generosity in providing lovely new resources for play time – we have new dinosaurs, a farm and farm animals and games.

*Val, Ann and Eileen*

## Year Two

It is amazing to think we are already on the "home straight" of this academic year!

Our current topic of Inventors, Inventions, Designers and Designs is drawing to a close and with much humour we have been investigating a myriad of silly inventions - from butter sticks to baby mops and fans attached to chopsticks for cooling down noodles - "Fanoodle", anybody? Our own silly inventions include:

- the Skiing Cubicle invented by Theo - "It skis and you can go to the toilet in it if you need the loo!"

-the Sensing Broom invented by Isabelle – "it is useful because it sweeps away everything and my mum does not have to clean the house anymore!"

The culmination of our current topic will be learning about Leonardo da Vinci, the original Renaissance man, which we are very excited about.

Multiplication arrays, division as inversion of multiplication, reviewing mental arithmetic strategies as well as a class maths quiz are some of the activities our year 2 mathematicians have experienced this week.

Our Literacy focus has been **synonyms** and Year 2 has been surprised by how many different words can be used instead of "said"! With Spring weather (nearly) upon us we have been thinking about what the season means to us and the children have written cinquain poems on the subject. These, along with their beautiful spring drawings, will soon be on display in the basement. Enjoy the Bank Holiday weekend.

*Angela, Megan and Wendy*

## Year Three

During the Easter break I travelled to the Peak District and started my "Forest Schools" training. It was a great course and I am very excited about bringing all the skills that I learnt into Dallington! We were involved in many fun and exciting outdoor activities , for example: building shelters, nature art, using tools, building camp fires and identifying trees and birds. I am currently putting a 6 session program together to take Year 3 to a suitable open space or forested area.



*A shelter built out of natural materials from the forest.*

Forest Schools is a fast growing and popular movement nationwide. In times when many children are spending more and more time in front of computers and playing computer games, Forest Schools recognise the need that children have to connect with the outdoors and to nature.

They have found, together with many other educators and adults, that these sessions in the woods enable children to become: self-aware, self-regulated, self-motivated, empathetic and finally to progress significantly in their social skills.

I strongly feel that Forest Schools has a great deal to offer Dallington so I'm really enthusiastic and excited to be bringing this new forum of learning into the school.

Stay tuned for details about our forthcoming visits this term!

*Rod*

## Year Four

Year 4 is bringing the William Shakespeare project to a close this week. By the time you read this, the group will have visited the Globe Theatre and Museum. The Globe Theatre is a recreation of an Elizabethan playhouse and was the project of American actor and director Sam Wanamaker.



We have been finding out about English playhouses in the 1500s and 1600s.

Here are some of the things we've found out...

*'Before the 1560s there were no theatres in England. Actors performed plays in market places or the yards of pubs and inns.'* Joshua

*'In 1567 a business man called John Brayn built the first London playhouse called The Red Lion.'* Lottie

*'He guessed he could make a lot of money from making a permanent playhouse.'* Milou

*Soon there were several playhouses in London. Each one could hold 2,500 people.'* Evie

*'Players' was the name for the actors that performed at the playhouses.'*

*'The players belong to companies, each named after a nobleman or Lady. Shakespeare's company of players was called the Lord Chamberlain's Men and became the King's Men.'* Amelia

*'It was illegal for players to perform without a protector. If players did, they could get whipped or branded.'* Anna Catherine and Sam

## Years Five & Six

There are grey clouds across the sky. Rain is threatening to bucket down. It must be getting close to another lovely British summer! Please, make sure that your child has a rain jacket with them everyday when they come to school.



We went to kayaking on Wednesday with over half the class not suitably dressed. We live in London, not the Sahara! Now, usually kayaking is a lovely activity, but when the rain falls it can get as far from lovely as it is possible to get, very quickly. Please, make sure your child brings warm gear every Wednesday, in case the weather turns grim.



Camp preparation is in full swing. Some of the children are busy organising fundraising ideas. The first of these is to have a cake sale on Friday 15th May. Everyone (well, nearly everyone ... you know who you are ... Jay and Janet!) has made lovely baked food, so we are looking forward to selling top quality produce on the day.

## Years Five & Six



Year 5 Film Club – to find out more about Dallington Film Week please read the Ablog!



Have you heard strange sounds and smelt odd smells coming from your child's bedroom recently? Don't worry, it isn't last term's baking coming back, but budding scientists preparing for our science lessons. Everyone is aiming to carry out at least one science experiment this half-term. Fingers crossed, no one blows up the school!

*Mogg, Jay and Janet*

