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## Forthcoming Events

**Half Term Break**

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June**

**Planning Application Objection**

**Letters deadline**

**Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June**

**Father's Day**

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**Dallington Sports Day**

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

**Dallington Fete**

**1pm-4:30pm**

**Seward Street Playground**

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



## Social Media

What are you up to for your Half Term Holiday? Will you be in London or will you be travelling? Will you be staying at home or will you be having a play date or sleepover? Will you be having an adventure or will you be having an action-packed, creative, fun, supercalifragilisticexpialidocious time? Whatever you will be doing, why not upload a picture to our social media sites and caption it with the hashtag #halfterm Remember to use safe online behaviours and sign off with just your initials. And, have a safe and happy #halfterm!



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## The Mogg Blogg

It was lovely to have an unannounced and unexpected visit from six past pupils on Tuesday. Not one of them could now be 'tucked under the arm,' for a quick embrace, especially as they were so tall and, as they proudly said, "Well, we are now fifteen." We took time out, however, to reminisce about the olden days. They even agreed to be filmed whilst doing so, but failed to agree on which film they should see, in the afternoon. When they wrote down their email addresses, I did wonder what had happened to their cursive script. Perhaps technology – or spiders on speed?

Mogg

## Drama Club

Calling all talented young actors in Years 3 - 6! Dallington Drama Club will commence after the half term with established drama coach and London theatrical agent, Mario Renzullo. Build your child's confidence and develop presentation skills via script reading, voice improvisation and production. £100 per half term is payable to Smart Management (ph 020 7837 8822, email [smart.management@virgin.net](mailto:smart.management@virgin.net)). Sessions will be from 3:45pm-5:15pm with a day to be confirmed. Please email the office or drop in to let us know your preferred day of Tuesday or Thursday.



## The Ablog

We listened to your feedback following our successful Welcome Evenings and will be holding a Summer Open Evening on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July 6 – 8 pm, which is open to the public. We invite you and your friends to join us for a drink and learn more about life at Dallington and our broad, creative curriculum. Please visit [www.dallingtonschool.co.uk/open-evening](http://www.dallingtonschool.co.uk/open-evening) to reserve your places and please spread the word.

I am delighted that Peter Raeburn ([peterraeburn.com](http://peterraeburn.com)) has agreed to join the Dallington Film production team and write us some music for our promotional project.

Have a great Half Term and see you all for the busy second half of the summer term with Dance, Music, Fete, Sports, Film and more to look forward to...

Abi

## Planning Application Letters

Please can we rely upon your support to help us oppose the proposed Number 9 building development. Please contact our ward councillors and our MP, Emily Thornberry, **before 9<sup>th</sup> June**, asking them to support our objection and visit the school.

Ward Councillors:

[troy.gallagher@islington.gov.uk](mailto:troy.gallagher@islington.gov.uk)

[robert.khan@islington.gov.uk](mailto:robert.khan@islington.gov.uk)

[claudia.webbe@islington.gov.uk](mailto:claudia.webbe@islington.gov.uk)

MP:

[emilythornberrypm@parliament.uk](mailto:emilythornberrypm@parliament.uk)

Thank you!

## Lower Nursery

The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to Henry's mum, Emily, talk about her career as an architect. Thank you Emily for taking the time to come and talk to us. Since then, we have turned the construction area into a building site and last week the children drew architect plans and houses, with many producing detailed and well thought out pieces of work. This Friday we are all looking forward to a visit to a local building site on Aylesbury Street.



Grace's house

Learning about water has been a popular theme and the children have continued to explore making predictions. During a recent experiment, many children were happy to guess which objects would float and sink. We have also been discussing water safety and the children enjoyed sharing their experiences of water and finding out about how to keep safe.

Dressing up has been a favourite theme over the last two weeks and in order to take this interest further, we have spent the remainder of the money donated to us by FOD on some wedding dressing up clothes.



Two beautiful brides, Ella and Vera

Stacey, Cathy and Christine

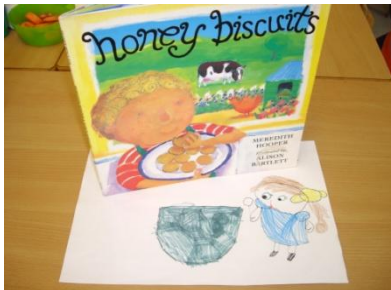
## Upper Nursery

The Clerkenwell Design Week building competition generated a lot of interest, with children creating designs for entry to the competition as well as fuelling their imaginations to create constructions in the classroom. Different constructions appeared all over the room - from five star hotels made from the small wooden blocks to castles made from boxes.



*This castle uses a drawbridge design. London's most famous drawbridge is that of Tower Bridge. The Tower of London also has a working drawbridge, which was originally installed in 1834.*

The children used mathematical skills to measure, balance and problem solve when involved in building. Maths opportunities evolved when the children were building towers from blocks and Unifix blocks, matching these to numerals to 20 as well as being encouraged by adults to think about adding one more or taking one away before working out the answers.



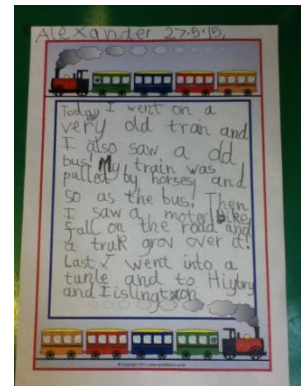
*Honey is regurgitated by bees! That's right, honey is bee vomit!*

Our cooking session this week was inspired by reading *Honey Biscuits* by Meredith Cooper. Did you know it took one cow, a thousand buzzing bees and bark from a tree to help make the delicious biscuits!

Ambika, Sue, Paula, Christine and Melissa

## Year One

We have been very busy in Year 1 thinking about journeys - we have written stories about travelling on a train to different destinations of our own choosing to extend our narrative writing - The Imaginary Train Journey. Aoibheann travelled to County Mayo, Ireland and played a game with her family whilst Alix went to Wales, Amelia to Cat Land, Matylda to Poland and Raon went to Stratford and went shopping! Come up and read all the interesting travelogues on our Transport display.



*Alexander went to Highbury and Islington.*

Last week James, our very own Mr Barnum, circus skills impresario - returned to a very enthusiastic year 1. We rose to the challenges James set and challenged ourselves too! Mastering the peacock feathers and balancing them on our noses and chins! Twirling and spinning the diablo with aplomb - no mean feat - and juggling scarves and balls with greater coordination and dexterity! It is gratifying to see the confidence and improvement in all the children's skills.

Year 1 has been busy at home designing and making their constructions for the Clerkenwell Design Week competition and has impressed all the judges with their imaginative ideas, skilled construction techniques and sophisticated structures. We were all waiting eagerly for the presentation today.....so watch this space!

Val, Ann and Eileen

## Year Two

You may have noticed that the back wall in Year 2 is on fire! No, not really! However, our multi media mural depicts homes inspired by those which were ravaged by the flames that gripped local London streets in the dry September of 1666. Did you know that 13,000 homes and 89 churches were razed to the ground due to the Great Fire of London? Little wonder when you realise that homes were made from wood using the wattle and daub technique. Frames were made from woven tree branches and compacted with a mixture of mud, straw and animal dung! We have an upcoming trip to the Museum of London on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June and we are looking for two parent helpers. If you'd like to join us, please let your child's teacher know.



*Sssunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ssseptember, 1666 was a date that sssizzled!*

Inspired by Thomas Farynor, the baker at the centre of the Great Fire of London, in Literacy, we have begun to look at Procedural texts such as recipes. We have identified the three main components of this genre of writing; the aim, ingredients or materials and the method or steps. Over the half term holiday, you may wish to create a variety of delectable dishes by following recipe instructions. Please take some photos of your yummy creations in the kitchen!

Going hand in hand with our Procedural writing are our mass investigations in Mathematics. We have practised hefting and measuring weights and capacity.

Have a great Half Term Holiday!

Megan, Angela & Wendy

## Year Three

Year 3 has been to Hampstead Heath twice this month, as part of 'Forest Schools'. We aim to visit the Heath a few more times in the second half of the summer term.

The children are really enjoying themselves, identifying trees and plants from their leaves, and birds from their tweets!



*Hampstead Heath is 320 hectares or 3,200,000 km<sup>2</sup> which is half the size of Gibraltar!*

On one of our visits we were lucky enough to be asked if we wished to enter an area that is normally closed off to the public.

We played a hide and seek game in a clearing.



*Ready, steady, HIDE!*

In small groups, the children created shelters, collecting branches and leaves to create the perfect forest den! Lots of climbing and team work were needed for this activity and the children really rose to challenge, creating wonderful structures and helping each other out.

All photographs with thanks to Jeremy Pollard.

Rod and Sam

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our June juniors! This month's flower is the rose and we think that our June birthday boys and girls are just as lovely! A special mention goes to Tayto and Joshua as both boys turn a year older during the half term break.

LN – Amna

UN – Orlando, Kimon, Eloise

Yr 1 – Rocco

Yr 2 – Tayto

Yr 4 – Joshua,

Lottie-May

Yr 5 – Isaac



## F.o.D

Please join us at this year's fete between 1pm-4:30pm on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

We are seeking donations of raffle prizes for the big event and volunteers to staff stalls at the fete. There will be sign-up sheets put up shortly. Please sign up for at least one stall. Family participation is needed for the fete to succeed. **We are especially looking for a volunteer who can put together a team to run the barbecue stall.** Please contact us at [friendsofdallington@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofdallington@outlook.com) or contact your class rep.

The camping trip is on June 12<sup>th</sup> – June 14<sup>th</sup> at Debden House, Epping Forest. Your family can sign up for one or two nights. Adults are £8 per person per night, children are £4 per child per night, cars are £3 per night, and dogs are £1 per night. If you will be joining in, please put the booking information, (number of nights/ adults/ children/ tents/ whether car parking is required) and payment in an envelope and return it to your teacher, class rep or to Wendy Pau by **June 5<sup>th</sup>**.

The F.o.D has joined the **Scooters for Schools** program through Micro Scooters. Posters have been put up throughout the school. Shop at [www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk). Enter the code 100462 and F.o.D will receive 10% back!

Tracy

## Year Four

The children of Year 4 are continuing their journey through the Iliad. This week it's all about the centaurs! We have been learning more about one particular centaur, who is a bit different from the rest. This centaur is called Chiron.



Illustration depicting Chiron by Lottie-May.

But first, here are some things we have found out about those wild centaurs...

*'Centuars are mostly bad creatures. They drink alcohol all the time and trample gardens and crops. People really hate them.'* ~Lottie

*'They are great trouble makers and are pests. They don't care about other people, only themselves.'* ~Anna

*'Centuars also have an eye for the ladies. They would pick the lady up even if they didn't want to go.'* ~Amelia

And now, here is some information about a very different centaur:

*'Chiron was a centaur, but he wasn't like all the others. He was very intelligent. He knew everything there was to know about all sorts of things.'* ~Evie

*'Chiron is a nice centaur and he teaches people how to fight and ride horses. He also knew how to bake and cook and taught English and maths.'* ~Milou

*'Chiron knows everything. He's the smartest centaur. He taught Achilles absolutely everything.'* ~Joshua

Catherine and Sam

## Charity Corner

You've heard the statistics about people whose lives have been affected by cancer. Everyone agrees it continues to be too high. To help combat this insidious disease, The Dallington Dames (Wendy, Anne, Sue, Paula, Melissa, Christine G, Sam, Cathy, Janet and Maria Luisa) will be donning pink and taking part in the Cancer Research U.K's Race For Life on 29<sup>th</sup> June, with sponsorship going towards cancer research and patient care programs. If you would like to sponsor them, go to their Just Giving page:

[www.justgiving.com/teams/dallington-dames?utm\\_source=DM&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=2015\\_Wel](http://www.justgiving.com/teams/dallington-dames?utm_source=DM&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=2015_Wel)



## School Holiday Fun

London is home to many amazing museums, theatres and other child friendly venues. How many of these activities and facilities will you engage with this Half Term Holiday?

**Harry Potter tour:**

[www.wbstudioutour.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here](http://www.wbstudioutour.co.uk/your-visit/getting-here)

**Butterfly World:**

[www.butterflyworldproject.com/](http://www.butterflyworldproject.com/)

**Kentish Town City Farm:**

<http://kcityfarm.org.uk/>

**London Wetland Centre:**

[www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/whats-on/](http://www.wwt.org.uk/wetland-centres/london/whats-on/)

**Royal Opera House tour:**

[www.roh.org.uk/learning/families](http://www.roh.org.uk/learning/families)

**The Big Barbican Adventure:**

[www.barbican.org.uk/education/event-detail.asp?ID=14272](http://www.barbican.org.uk/education/event-detail.asp?ID=14272)

**Best of the rest:**

[www.timeout.com/london/kids/activities/top-10-half-term-activities](http://www.timeout.com/london/kids/activities/top-10-half-term-activities)

[www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/tourist-attraction/museum/best-london-museums-for-kids](http://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/sightseeing/tourist-attraction/museum/best-london-museums-for-kids)

## Years Five & Six

Half-term is once more upon us. I'll be busy writing reports. I hope the kids will be busy and should you want some ideas about how to achieve this, read on.

Everyone has at least two books that they should read. If your child appears to be reading the same book as a few weeks ago, then they're not reading enough! Make daily reading compulsory.

The children have really enjoyed learning about Ancient Egypt. To help them consolidate over a few thousand years of history, take them to The British Museum, Soane Museum or Petrie Museum, as they all have great collection of artefacts from ancient Egypt.

A trip to the Science Museum never goes amiss. We will be learning about magnetism and forces next half-term, so visiting any of the galleries that cover those topics would be grand.

Take your child to a concert. We have been learning about song structure, so hearing live music would be a great way to follow that up.



Ticketmaster has 177 different gigs in London over our half term!

[www.ticketmaster.co.uk/browse/all-concerts-catid-10001/music-rid-10001?area=London&rdc\\_smonth=5&rdc\\_sday=29&rdc\\_syear=2015&rdc\\_emonth=6&rdc\\_eday=7&rdc\\_eyear=2015&teVal=&type=range](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk/browse/all-concerts-catid-10001/music-rid-10001?area=London&rdc_smonth=5&rdc_sday=29&rdc_syear=2015&rdc_emonth=6&rdc_eday=7&rdc_eyear=2015&teVal=&type=range)

**Summer Camp**

Summer Camp is nearly upon us. All the relevant information has been sent out, so if you feel you are missing something, please speak to Jay. If you can't come into school, email me at: [jay.smith@dallingtonschool.co.uk](mailto:jay.smith@dallingtonschool.co.uk)

Mogg, Jay and Janet