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## Forthcoming Events



**Father's Day**  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June

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

**Dance Workshops 11am & 2pm**  
Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**Dallington Fete - 1:00pm-4:30pm**  
Seward Street Playground  
Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July

**Dallington Open Evening**  
6:00pm – 8:00pm  
Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July



## Social Media

How do you celebrate Summer? Do you have a barbeque or a picnic in the park? Build sandcastles? Eat ice cream? The Met Office is predicting 22 degrees this Sunday so we hope that you all have a chance to get outside and make the most of it! Send us your summertime snaps to show us your Summer Solstice scenarios! Remember to include the hashtag #HelloSummer



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## The Mogg Blog

Years 5 and 6, along with Jay, Janet, Hamida and masses of luggage, have just driven off in their coach, to begin their journey to the campsite at Lambourne End, where they will be staying for three days.

Apart from the amazing activities the children will be taking part in, they will also be planning and cooking meals, including the final evening, when parents have been invited to share their meal, before they start their return journey.

The children were so excited about going away together and the general feeling of positive anticipation, allayed any concerns from the parents, as we waved our farewells!

Mogg

## The Ablog



Last weekend, Sonny, Eloise, Dusty and I spent a wonderful weekend in a field in Epping Forest with 26 children and 20 adults in 15 tents and a camper van! Thank you to Wendy Pau for organising this annual Friends of Dallington camping event. Numbers were up this year and what began as an event for just the Year 1 dads, has now been opened up to the whole school. The kids ranged in age from two to eight and it was so great to see them all playing together, hanging out at each other's tents and building fires.

## The Ablog continued

Two days going wild in the woods has such benefits for these townies as does a weekend of baked beans and giant marshmallows roasted on the fire. There is another camping trip in September - please go!

Abi

## Dallington School Open Evening

We invite you and your friends to visit our school, join us for a drink and learn more about life at Dallington and our broad, creative curriculum.

6:00pm-6:30pm Welcome drinks in the basement

6:30pm-6:45pm Welcome address from Mogg Hercules (Headteacher)

6:45pm-7:15pm Brief introduction to each year group by our teaching staff

7:15pm-8pm Explore our school and talk to staff from all year groups

Information about each year group and our curriculum will be available on each floor (along with another glass of wine!).

Please reserve your place using our online booking form at [www.dallingtonschool.co.uk/open-evening](http://www.dallingtonschool.co.uk/open-evening)

If you have any questions, please call us on 0207 251 2284. We look forward to welcoming you on the 7th July!

## Lower Nursery

Our trip to the construction site was a great success. The children were so well behaved and loved watching the builders at work. We were well looked after and each child came away with their own safety helmet and glasses.



*Watching the builders at work*

As our kindness Beanstalk filled with observations Kate suggested we have a 'kindness party' to celebrate all the kindness going on in Lower Nursery. So last week the children baked brownies and chocolate chip cookies for the party. We celebrated on Friday with lots of dancing, eating and talking about how we can be kind to one another. Long may all this kindness last!

On Monday Lower Nursery went on a trip to Camley Street Natural Park. The children found out about habitats and went looking for mini beasts in the woodlands. They also got to look closely at what creatures live in ponds. Definitely a trip we would like to do again! A very big thank you to Leora (Avi's mum), Alyssa (Caio's mum) and Zahra (Amna's mum) for coming with us!



*Looking for Mini Beasts. Camley Street Natural Park was created from an old coal yard back in 1984. It sits in the middle of King's Cross, alongside the new Eurostar station.*

Stacey, Cathy and Christine

## Upper Nursery

Our topic on Mini Beasts has begun with the children reading stories by Eric Carle. The children also had fun retelling the story *If Only...* by Neil Griffiths using the story props from one of our story sacks.



*Anoushka and Eloise are recreating the story of If Only... by combining visual, aural and kinaesthetic skills.*

During the next few weeks we will be looking at life cycles of different creatures .

We have just received a very special delivery in the post today- Not one, not two ,not three, not four but FIVE very tiny, very hungry caterpillars to care for! We will watch the metamorphosis as the caterpillars become some extremely beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies!

Thank you to Valentine for bringing in a woodlouse! We were quite surprised to find another one hidden under some leaves. We are going to be creating a snail environment so if you would like to bring in some snails please do!

Wanted: Cakes for the cake stall!!!



Please deliver to Upper Nursery on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July or deliver to the fete on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> July.

The most popular cakes are whole cakes... ginger, lemon, Madeira, fruit, apple etc.

**However, any cakes are welcome as long as they are NUT FREE !!!**

Thank you.

Ambika, Sue, Paula, Christine and Melissa

## Year One

Magical journeys over land and sea continue this term with adventure stories galore being written by our budding authors. We also caught the number 4 bus to Covent Garden to visit the London Transport Museum and participated in the 'Build a Bus Workshop'. We saw many old buses as we traversed the museum trail and it was as if we were travelling through time! It was a very informative fact finding, mission enjoyed by all.

"Ahoj there me hearties!" and "Yo ho ho!" - A motley crew of pirates has moved into Year 1 as we continue to explore boats and ships in preparation for our trip to the Golden Hinde. The children have been honing their research skills by using the internet and information books to find out about galleons and all things piratical. They used this knowledge to produce wonderful watercolours of ships. Plus, in conjunction with our script reading in class, pirate collage characters have been created using photographs of the children. The pirate treasure maps have been drawn up and x marks the spot for our voyage of discovery!



*It's 'Peril at the Pirate School' by Tony Bradman*

We have also been investigating floating and sinking and have designed and made 3D boats and tested them for their sea worthiness. We're happy to report our Armada stayed afloat! "Ay Ay Captain!"

Val, Ann and Eileen

## Year Two

We were transported back to the 17<sup>th</sup> Century last week as Year 2 visited the 'London's Burning' exhibition at the Museum of London. We were intrigued by many of the items on display including original artefacts that somehow survived the blaze. Our workshop presenter, Nina, explained the history of various items including leather buckets, horseshoes, cooking cauldrons and candlestick holders. The designs of the latter were most impressive. Did you know that there was such a thing as candle dimmers?! Also the colour of your candles revealed a lot about your social standing!

Lifting leather buckets full of water would have been quite tiring and so this has led to investigations in our Mathematics sessions relating to Mass. We have measured the heaviness (or lightness) of classroom items using informal units of measurement with balance scales. Using plasticine, we have learned that changing an item's shape does not change an item's mass, even when the item is broken up into several smaller pieces! Our explorations led us to conclude that formal units of measurement are practical in a wider range of scenarios and we have used kitchen and bathroom scales to determine the number of grams or kilograms in a number of everyday items found in class.

In Literacy, we are continuing to read and create our own Procedural texts. After writing a set of instructions for brushing teeth, we followed our steps. We shared photos with Colgate via the school's Twitter account and we were left smiling when reading their responses. We continued learning about how teeth grow by reading an information based text and enjoyed the story of William with a wibbly, wobbly tooth.

Megan, Angela & Wendy

## Year Three

We have been studying 'Lava to Life' – the epic story of how life emerged from boiling hot lava.

Year 3 has been learning how life morphed over millions of years, from bacteria, eukaryote cells, sea creatures to dinosaurs, birds and mammals.



*Ruben has illustrated the changes from molten earth to bacteria cells to eukaryote cells.*



*Celia focused on the evolution of birds, as this drawing shows.*

'Some dinosaurs on earth began to morph into birds! Big birds, small birds, colourful and dull birds! Some dived into the sea to get fish, while others fed on leaves and berries.'

Rod and Sam

## Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to our summertime children! Here's hoping your presents include a sunny day!

LN – Eleanor  
UN – Eloise  
Yr 1 – Rocco, Barnaby  
Yr 3 – Ade  
Yr 5 – Isaac



## Ramadan

The Islamic holy month of Ramadan began in the early hours of yesterday (Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June) and will continue until Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July; the last day of our academic year. Fasting in the U.K. lasts for upwards of 18.5 hours! It is also a time of increased charity and personal reflection.

## F.o.D

The camping trip was a great success. We all survived a little rain and had some adventures along the way!

**School Fete:** July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 1pm to 4:30pm at the Seward Street Playground. Please join us if you can.

Thank you to Abi Hercules, Ken Yamada/Toktsu Restaurants, Harpal Bains/The Harpal Clinic, Venus Vortex/Pinch Hackney, Tori Wells, Maria-Luisa Marchini, Gerda Smelkova, Gillian Thomas, Thomas Uhm, Susan Miller Jones, Peggy Cecileng/Estee Lauder Companies, Simon Posner, Tanya Laing and Wendy Pau/Mata Mata for all donating prizes to the Fete raffle!

We are seeking volunteers to staff stalls at the fete. Please sign up for at least one stall. **Family participation is needed for the fete to succeed.** We will have another sign up day before school and will be available to sign people up during sports day.

Please contact us at [friendsofdallington@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofdallington@outlook.com) or contact your class rep if you are able to sign up to volunteer.

Tracy

## Year Four

You may remember that earlier this term, Year 4 was looking at the life and times of William Shakespeare. The monarch during Shakespeare's life was Queen Elizabeth I. She ruled from 1558 until her death in 1603. Elizabeth's reign is known as the Elizabethan era.

Year 4 has created portraits of Queen Elizabeth I, based on famous paintings of the time. This painting is by an unknown artist from the Elizabethan era.



Queen Elizabeth I has many well known quotes. The monarch once said 'Men fight wars. Women win them'.

We have also been crafting frames that match our magnificent paintings!

If you find yourself in Middle School, please come over to have a look at the Dallington Queen Elizabeth I Gallery in the Year 4 area.



This painting is by a known artist (Evie!) from 2015.

Catherine and Sam

## Charity Corner

Next week on 29<sup>th</sup> June, the Dallington Dames (Wendy, Ann, Sue, Paula, Melissa, Christine G, Sam, Cathy, Janet and Maria Luisa) will be taking part in pink in the Cancer Research U.K's Race For Life.

You can help them achieve their fundraising goals by going to their Just Giving page to make a donation:

[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)

Thank you.



The Dallington Dames from left to right are: (Back row) Sue K, Maria Luisa, Christine G, Ann, Paula (Front row) Cathy and Wendy. Absent: Melissa

## Father's Day

Dad, Daddy, Papa, Baba...did you know that the first celebration of Father's Day was held in America in 1908?

This year, Father's Day in the U.K. falls on the Summer Solstice. What better way to mark both occasions by watching the sunrise together just like Mufasa and Simba, below, from *The Lion King*.

We would like to wish all the fathers of Dallington a happy Sunday!



## Years Five & Six

We have been away at camp this week at Epping Forest, having immense fun! Let our pictures do the talking...



Off to Archery



Clean up



Crossing the swamp



Lights out!

Mogg, Jay and Janet