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Forthcoming Events

Walk to School Week
15th May-19th May

Clerkenwell Design Week
23rd-25th May

23rd May
Little Musketeers Club
Cancelled

Bank Holiday
Monday 29th May

Sports Day
Friday 30th June
1:30-3:30 p.m.
King Square

Half-Term Holiday
5th June-9th June



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The Mogg Blog

Our Open Evening was a huge success, with visitors from fifty families attending. Thank you to everyone at Dallington who worked so hard to make the evening both successful and enjoyable.

I always find it so interesting at these events, to listen to our visitors' observations. This is not only about what they had seen in the classroom areas, but also their comparisons between our published documentation and the evidence around them in each of the areas.



Drinking, gossiping and visiting all the areas, continued after 'closing time!'

Thank you again to all the staff for making the school look so welcoming!

The AbBlog

We had a busy and positive Open Evening on Wednesday, sharing all things Dallington with prospective parents. Thank you to the Class representatives who were able to support us and share their experiences of being a Dallington parent.

On another note, if you are a musician, unless you are on a world tour, you don't have an excuse – we need you in our band!

Please get in touch or you will be missing out on playing these hits: 'Hotel Ladybird', 'I love Guinea pigs' and more... Imagine!



Attendance Record

This is the latest class attendance percentage.

Year 6	– 96%
Year 5	– 93%
Year 4	– 94%
Year 3	– 96%
Year 2	– 95%
Year 1	– 95%
UN	– 84%
LN	– 93%



Bank Holiday

The fast-approaching, Bank Holiday Weekend (Saturday May 27 – Monday May 29) has plenty to offer your children. There are all kinds of fun activities to keep you and your gang going. If the weather is fine, do try to take advantage of the many parks that London has. We are the greenest major city in Europe!

Please don't just stay indoors!

Lower Nursery

Now that we are in the Summer Term, we are assuming that the weather will start improving. With this in mind, our topic for this term is Growing. We have already planted beans and are waiting to see whose beanstalk will become the tallest.

The children have discussed whether their beanstalk may actually grow through our classroom ceiling!



This activity has concerned knowledge and understanding of the world, in learning about seeds and growth, and will later involve maths when we start measuring how tall the beanstalks become.



We have also been (no pun intended) learning about what plants need to grow healthily. Most require soil, light, warmth and water, but we now have some strange plants in our classroom which are commonly known as air plants. These plants do not need any soil at all, although they do still need water and warmth.

If you are not very good at looking after houseplants, these are often recommended as the plants to have.

Let's see if ours actually survive!



Barney, Cathy and Christine

Upper Nursery

This half term our focus will be Growing so alongside growing plants we will be looking at how we grow and how animals grow. We are also creating models that grow using boxes and tubes, as well using other construction equipment to take part in collaborative work. If you have any materials that can be used for this, please do bring these in.

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 will also plant some tomatoes and cucumbers so that we can eat these in some sandwiches!



The author and illustrator Quentin Blake is our focused author this term. Some of our favourite stories are "Mister Magnolia", "Mrs. Armitage on Wheels" and "Angelica Sprocket's Pockets".



Mister Magnolia by Zebedee

Ambika, Christine, Sue and Melissa

Year One

This term we are diving into our Topic which is Under the Sea. We have used globes and online maps to identify and define oceans and seas.

In Art we have investigated colour and have created collages of seaside and beach scenes.

In ICT we have begun coding to create movement of marine avatars against an underwater backdrop.

A sea theme continues with acrostic poems in Literacy.

Later in the term, we plan to visit the London Sea Life Aquarium and follow the journey of fish from the rivers and seas to our dinner plates.



London Sea Life Aquarium is teeming with marine life!

The Summer Extravaganza is fast approaching and this year's theme is Animals. We have elected to depart from our Topic to retell a beloved jungle favourite, so keep an eye out for African animal costume ideas and resources please!

We are enjoying Special News this term as the children are relaying information about people they have interviewed. To prepare, we initially interviewed a partner from Year 1 before introducing them to the group and sharing what they divulged. We hope that through this the children will gain confidence in speaking and listening to a range of children and adults within the Dallington Community.

Finally 'Thank you' to everyone for remembering to bring a change of clothes for Gym, Sport and Dance.

Megan, Angela and Paula

Year Two

Year 2 has been steadily developing their skills in writing poetry.

At the beginning of this term we looked at a poem called 'Peter's Pets' by Ima Dogg and tried to write in the same style as the author. Here are a few samples of our work. We hope that you enjoy reading them:

In Ella's living room she kept:



Ten purple cushions with tigers sleeping on them,
Nine fluffy rabbits jumping,
(*Bea*)
Eight black cats licking milk from their bowls,
Seven pink flamingos standing on one foot, (*Lazar*)
Six slimy toads jumping in the swamp,
Five funny lemurs leaping on a big tree, (*Theodora*)
Four big red pandas climbing,
Three blind mice bumping into each other, (*Louis*)
Two mice looking for their hole,
One spotty ladybird on the windowsill. (*Leila*)

In Ella's bedroom she kept:

Ten otters sleeping on the striped bed, (*Stevie*)
Nine purple frogs leaping about the room,
Eight gigantic monkeys swinging on the lights, (*Rishi*)
Seven cute pandas nibbling a chewy branch,
Six fury lions loudly roaring at a scary tiger,
Five meowing cats playing with a big ball of string. (*Orlando*)



Rod and Ann

Year Three

Year 3 has returned to school as enthusiastic as ever, following the Easter break, excited to get their final Year 3 term under way!

In Maths we have been learning to tell the time. We have used activities on the touchscreen and played Time Dominoes and Time Bingo to help us become more familiar with analogue clocks.



Time Bingo

We have also begun our topic for the term – Zoology, the scientific study of animals. After having a box of different animal-related books delivered, the children read through some of them looking for interesting facts.

The canine of a baboon can reach 5cm – *Matylda*

When a bird lays an egg, all there is inside is a bag of protein. The proteins build up together to make the chick. – *Alexander*

The platypus is one of the only mammals to lay eggs – *Tabitha*
Zebras have black skin and develop white stripes – *Alex*
Horses started off as dog-sized animals – *Maya*

Toucans can use their long beaks to get food from the ground – *Ethan*

Milko and Wendy

Happy Birthdays

All the following children have their birthdays in May.

UN Olivia, Rita
Y1 Gryphin, Joe, Thomas, Cecily
Y2 Davids
Y3 Alexander, Raon
Y5 Ned
Y6 Evangeline, Anna



Charity Corner

Thank you to everyone who has collected and returned their Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. At present, we have 1536 points which we are able to redeem for cooking and sports equipment. We are in the process of placing our order and we will soon let you know what we have purchased. If you happen to have any additional vouchers at home, please do bring them in.



This term our Charity initiative will be in support of another local organisation, the nation's largest welfare for dogs charity; **Dogs Trust**. I am in talks with their fundraising team to finalise our plans to assist them. Dogs Trust's commitment is evident in their mission statement and in practice; caring for 17,000 dogs across 21 centres in 2015. So stay tuned for more details about how we can all help.

Megan
Charity Coordinator

Year Four

Year 4 is looking at the story of The Iliad during summer term.

The Iliad is an ancient Greek poem by Homer, written down sometime between 725 and 675 B.C. It is set during the Trojan War and tells of the battles and events during the weeks of a quarrel between King Agamemnon and the warrior Achilles.

By the end of this term, the children of Year 4 will be experts on ancient Greece, The Iliad and Greek Gods and Goddesses.

Here, in the children's own words, are some of the characters that we have learnt about so far;

"The Myrmidons were a very brave and skilled army of warriors led by King Peleus. They were the most feared army in the whole of Greece. They were created by a plague that was sent to the island of Aegina by Hera, the queen of the Gods." *Sami*

"The Nereids were the fifty daughters of Nereus and Doris. Their name means children of Nereus. Nereus is sometimes called the old man of the sea or the ancient of the sea because he is mainly a sea dweller." *Tayto*

The Centaurs

"The Centaurs are badly behaved half-man half-horses. Centaurs are super badly behaved but there is one centaur who is super smart. His name is Chiron. Chiron is a great teacher. He taught healing and was an astrologer. He was a respected oracle."

Zoe

Catherine and Sam

Walk To School Week

During the week of 15-19 May we are encouraging all children, where possible, to Walk to School.

Join thousands of children across the country celebrating the benefits walking brings.

We know that walking to school makes children feel healthier and happier, while reducing congestion and pollution outside the school.

Yet less than half of primary school children, in this country, currently walk to school. We want to reverse this decline and see every child that can, walking to school.



Gardening Without A Garden

Even if you do not have access to a garden, you can easily take the opportunity to grow plants indoors. You can produce lovely smelling herbs, grown in small containers, to add to your cooking, if you have a sunny windowsill.

Look online if you are interested in trying this for yourself at home. If you do, we would love to see the photos of your successes!



Years Five & Six

'Half a league, half a league,
Half a league onward...'

We return for our final term of the academic year, laden with our amazing Easter holiday diaries recounting exciting and interesting trips and activities! These are displayed in Middle School, and you are most welcome to view them.

We continue our exploration of the Victorian Era by looking at Tennyson's poem 'The Charge of the Light Brigade', which is set during the Crimean War.

The children are finishing their own PowerPoint presentations and we look forward to hearing, seeing and enjoying these.

Each child, or small group, has autonomously selected a topic of interest and prepared a presentation utilising their developing IT skills, presentation techniques and research skills.

Kayaking lessons at Shadwell Basin began with a splash! This increases their confidence and builds resilience in preparation for going on a school journey later in the term before moving on to senior school in September!

We encourage the children to prepare and pack their own kit for kayaking as they require a complete change of clothing. Extra coats, pants, socks, tops, trousers and shoes, together with waterproof bags and a towel are required. A total immersion in water is a definite possibility in a kayak!

We look forward to our school journey to Lambourne End and the preparations for the Summer Extravaganza have begun in music and dance!

Mogg, Eileen and Janet