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## Forthcoming Events

**Art Workshop  
with Catherine**



**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December  
Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Science Club  
with Milko**

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December  
10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**

**Spring Term starts  
Tuesday  
January 9<sup>th</sup> 2018**



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## The Mogg Blog

It certainly felt like Christmas at our Carol Concert, in St James' Church, Clerkenwell. The church looked wonderfully festive, as did the children. The children performed brilliantly and certainly did justice to their music teachers, who were so proud of them – and rightly so!



The children in Year 6 had mixed emotions as, in their countdown of traditional events, were commenting that this was their last time to take part in our Carol Concert. Looking around the audience, I could honestly say that next December, they could still be a part of the occasion, as evidenced by the number of ex-Dallington children who were doing just that! Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy New Year and we shall see you after the break, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.



## The AbBlog

What a busy and productive term it has been, culminating in a truly festive and eclectic Carol Concert on Wednesday night. Thank you to everyone for their hard work and commitment. I feel that the children are getting better and better at rising to the occasion and are really singing beautifully. The bar has been raised! It is a pleasure to write songs for the kids and have them realised in front of such a warm, receptive congregation.

Thank you.

Have a great Christmas break everyone!

Love, Abi.



## Highbury Youth Choir

Sarah, one of our talented music teachers, works with this very professional local choir. They are currently auditioning for their next project, "Ahoj for the Mary Rose!" This is based on sea shanties and will eventually be performed at the Voices of London Festival. Visit their website for details. <https://www.highburyyouthchoir.com/>



## Lower Nursery

Our last day of this term and now it is the Christmas holidays! Hurrah! All the class have done immensely well over the past few months and in January we shall be joined by eight new children in Lower Nursery.

Five of the new children already know the school very well as they have siblings here, and I am sure that we will make them all very welcome. We are all looking forward to seeing new friendships develop over the next term.



The children all participated really well when we went to see Mrs H sing last week. All the class (and Upper Nursery) gave a collaborative smile of surprise and send a huge "Thank you!" to Felix's Mama and Papa who bought a CD and book of her music for everyone! (Danke vielmals!)

Thank you so much for coming to the Christmas Carol Concert. We really hope that you enjoyed seeing your child perform.

You may think that your child was not the most enthusiastic singer in the church, but rest assured, this is perfectly natural. The majority of the children sing the songs in the classroom very enthusiastically, but put them in a different environment, facing an audience of beaming, expectant faces, and their voices often fade to a whisper!



Have a fantastically glorious holiday, wherever you may be, love one another, and we shall see you all again in the New Year!

Barney, Cathy and Christine

## Upper Nursery

The arrival of snow this week led to much discussion and activities such as making paper snowflakes, creating both North and South Poles and learning about where penguins and polar bears live. The festive season is well under way with the children helping to make classroom decorations and creating a beautiful Winter Wonderland display.



We have also been busy hearing different versions of the Nativity, as well as reading other stories, poems and books about Christmas.



The trip to the Little Angel Studios for Santa's Little Workshop was magical and our 'elves' had a very busy time helping Santa. They wrote letters, met Chris Mouse, made puppets and then finally met Santa.



We were also very lucky to have Lucien's mother come to talk to the children about Chanukah, sharing traditions and customs, including plenty of delicious doughnuts.

Thank you once again! It really has been a wonderful term. We hope you all have a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year.

Ambika, Christine, Sue and  
Melissa

## Year One

Wow! What a term! It has been busy, but most definitely fun! Our Year 1 Retrospective Gallery display showcases a sample of Literacy, Mathematics and Topic work of which the children are most proud. We are so proud of them, for so many reasons! We have enjoyed being a part of their learning journey so far.

This term's Topic on the Human Body was a hit with the children. Next term, we will be investigating various modes of Travel and Transport so please keep any tickets or stubs from journeys you make over the holiday period.

Thank you to Aisha and Sophie who accompanied us to the Little Angel Theatre Company where we all really enjoyed 'Sleepyhead' last Friday. The children enjoyed the end of term outing and marvelled at the terrific storytelling skills of the actors.



Little Angel Theatre



The children also posted their Writing for Purpose 'Letters to Santa' on the way. We do hope that all of our Dallington families have a wonderful Christmas break and that Santa is kind to you all.

Megan, Angela, Paula and  
Shakirah

## Year Two

Our busy first term came to a glorious close with a lovely performance at the annual Christmas Carol Concert at St James, Clerkenwell, and a grand Transition Christmas party enjoyed by all!



*An artist's impression of the party!*

In our Topic work on 'Light' we learnt about the primary and secondary sources of light and about the properties of light.

A 'Cave of Wonders' was created in the classroom where hands-on investigations took place; torches, coloured filters, concave and convex mirrors were very much in evidence. The class also created stained-glass windows to investigate transparent, translucent and opaque materials.

Next term we shall explore the spectrum with an astrophysicist, Urmila, who is Danu's mum, as a lead into our exploration of 'Colour and Painting'.

Greater independence has been observed as the children have become more autonomous and self-reliant this term.



We look forward to an exciting Spring term and our 'Wonderful World' theme – where we will learn about the geology, and geography of our planet Earth and in the second half branch out into space...the final frontier. Happy Holidays to all!

Eileen and Ann



## Year Three

Year 3 has been rounding off the term learning about Roman Gods and Goddesses.

With Christmas now quickly approaching, the class has been writing their own Christmas stories. As Freya's story was so impressive, we have decided to include an abbreviated version of it here for you all to enjoy:

'Once upon a time Pinky and her friend Rudolph, both reindeer, were playing in the garden with the sweet mince pie smell in the air.



Suddenly, a cold, frosty wind blew the smell away and a huge horror arose! An evil ice dragon flew past and took Rudolph away! Pinky was horrified, she had never seen an ice dragon before. She knew she should tell Santa but, because she was old enough, she decided to not tell anyone else and to rescue Rudolph herself. She was going beyond the border of the North Pole! She packed her backpack and set off. Through the jungle with rustling leaves, across the ocean with rolling waves and up to the Himalayas, where Snowy, the ice dragon lived. Up, up and up to the top of Mount Everest where she found the ice dragon's cave. The ice dragon wouldn't let Pinky in. "I will tell you why I took Rudolph away," the ice dragon said weakly. "I took him because all I ever wanted was a friend." Pinky replied that they could all be friends. "Well then, let's go home," she said. The End.' We think that you will agree that Freya has written an excellent story!

Milko and Wendy

## Happy Birthdays

All these children were born in the month of December.

LN Oren  
Y1 Andrey, Hugo  
Y3 Stevie  
Y4 Maya  
Y5 Charlie



## Charity Corner

Thank you to everyone that braved the cold and wet weather in their Slippers for Shelter last Friday. Shelter's aim is to help millions of people every year struggling with bad housing or homelessness through their advice, support and legal services. They campaign with the intention that, one day, no one will have to turn to them for help.



Thank you also to those of you that gave generously to the retiring plate from Wednesday night's Christmas Carol Concert. The charities that we are collecting for, 'Crisis at Christmas' and 'Help Refugees' will deploy monies raised to urgent causes over the Winter period.

**Crisis**  
at Christmas



Megan  
Charity Coordinator

## Year Four

As part of our Earth project, we have been watching the BBC programme Blue Planet 2. The class was inspired to write about their own imaginary Blue Planet underwater creatures.

An extract from Matylda's 'The Atlantic Golphin.'  
'This particular golphin is only a bit different from a normal golphin. For example, a regular golphin is shimmering silver and eats only fish. Most Atlantic Golphin prefer to stay away from human fishing nets, while some use their small, but sharp teeth, to tear through them and eat the fish. A golphin is a friendly and very intelligent mammal which looks a bit like a cross between a dog, dragon and crocodile. Strangely enough, the golphin does not have any predators. Maybe this is because golphins are very helpful creatures?'

An extract from Alexander's 'The Unnown.'  
'The Unnown is a sea creature of the Bermuda Triangle. Long, long ago, it was said to haunt time, and we now know that ... this is true. Its teeth are as sharp as Samurai swords and its scales are so powerful that they can bend light. About 72% of fishermen agree with the fact it can distort time, but only one claims to have seen it. Tommy Susan, a young fisherman, says he was on his dinghy when a massive thundercloud rolled out. Rattles of lightning shuddered the boat. Then he saw it. A glimmering emerald green surface split the sea apart.'

If you would like to read more, the work is currently on display in the stairwell.

Have a fabulous holiday and see you all in 2018!

Catherine and Sam



## Guide To Education

From Michael Rosen, author of many children's books.

"You get education in schools. To find out how much education you get, the government gives you tests. The tests test whether they have put you on the right table.

The tests test whether you know what you're supposed to know. But don't try to get to know any old stuff like, 'What is earwax?' or 'how to make soup'. The way to know things you're supposed to know is to do pretend tests.

The more practice you do, the more likely it is that you won't make the mistake of thinking in any other way other than in the special test way of thinking.

Here's an example:

The apples are growing on the tree.

What is growing on the tree?

If you say, 'leaves', you are wrong.

It's no use you thinking that when apples are on a tree there are usually leaves on the tree too. There is only one answer. And that is 'apples'.

All other answers are wrong. If you are the kind of person that thinks 'leaves' is a good answer, doing lots and lots and lots of practice tests will get you to stop thinking that 'leaves' is a good answer.

Doing many, many practice tests will also make it very likely that there won't be time for you to go out and have a look at an apple tree to see what else grows on apple trees. Like ants. Or mistletoe.

Education is getting much better these days because there is much more testing.

Remember, it's 'apples' not 'leaves'."

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## Years Five & Six

The second half of this term has been truly eventful. We have been writing essays and stories in English to develop our writing skills.

Our current sewing project is a piece for our topic. We have been drawing figures of ancient Egyptian gods on hessian fabric, then sewing them in different colours using satin stitch.

The WeDRAW team from UCL came in to do a workshop for Maths. Teams had to collaborate to create different types of angles and shapes.



*Here is Year 6 forming themselves into the shape of a star!*

In Science, we learnt about buoyancy and water resistance by placing everyday objects in water to see what happens.

"We learnt that objects that are denser than water will sink; it also depends on the shape and air pockets that an object has."  
Carlo, Year 6.



*Investigating buoyancy.*

Shoib, Mogg and Janet