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Forthcoming Events

Friday 26th January
FOD Book Swap
in the basement
3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday 6th February
Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 6th February
FOD Meeting
7:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Thursday 8th February
Board of Governors Meeting
7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Friday 9th February
Circus Skills Day

Half-term Holiday
Monday 12th – Friday 16th
February



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The Mogg Blog

How lovely it was to see so many people last week on Thursday evening. I was quite overwhelmed, especially to see past pupils and their parents, as well as current parents and children. I hope everyone enjoyed themselves as much as I did. So many memories were shared during the evening, which ended, for some of us, at 10:30 p.m.! Thank you for a really special celebration. Bring on the visit to the palace!

What is an MBE?

An MBE is one of five classes of appointment to the Order Of The British Empire, and it stands for **Member Of The Most Excellent Order Of The British Empire**. MBE recipients are invited to attend a ceremony at either Buckingham Palace or one of the Royal households, where they will receive their MBE medal from the Queen or her representative from the Royal Family.

Mogg will therefore be able to tell us all about that at a later date!



An MBE medal.

The AbBlog

Thank you to those of you who were able to join us to celebrate Mogg's MBE - there was such a great atmosphere and it was a joy to welcome back so many alumni and feel supported by you all.



Mogg was overwhelmed by your generosity - her wine rack is replenished and the house is adorned with stunning bouquets in beautiful vases.

Thank you!



Stay tuned for more celebratory events during our 40th Birthday year. Next up, a whole school collaboration to create an original artwork to celebrate our school and current pupils...

January

January is the first month of the year and the first month to have the length of 31 days. The first day of the month is known as New Year's Day and it is, on average, the coldest month of the year within most of the Northern Hemisphere. Therefore parents and carers, do please provide gloves for your children!

Lower Nursery

Our class has recently expanded as we now have nineteen children in Lower Nursery.

The seven children that recently joined, are settling in well and some lovely new friendships have already developed.

A Taste of the World is the current topic in our class. This is a lovely way to help introduce children to unfamiliar foods.



We shall be exploring this topic through handling, smelling and tasting food from different countries. Hopefully this may well encourage some of the children to try foods that they are not familiar with.

We shall also be making food in the class to either try here or to take home.

We will also be reading story books that are set in other countries to see if we can notice how they are different from where we live.

This has also led us to talk about where we have been on holiday. If you happen to have any photographs of places that you have visited, and that are comparatively different to the United Kingdom, then do please bring them in.



For those children who were already in Dallington before Christmas, thank you very much for the lovely cards and gifts that you gave to the three of us. They were all very much appreciated.

Barney, Cathy and Christine

Upper Nursery

This half term's topic is 'People Who Help Us' so the children have helped create a doctor's surgery in the role play area and are busy writing down appointments and prescriptions. The children have taken on the role of receptionists, patients, doctors and nurses.



We have talked about what helps keep us healthy and we will be making some posters that show this. It would be lovely if the children could bring in magazine cuttings about healthy eating and healthy lifestyles to add to their posters.

The children will be looking at how fruit and vegetables are important parts of our diet and finding out how they grow. I am sure that we will also talk about which foods we like and dislike.

In Literacy we have been continuing to build up our knowledge of CVC (consonant, vowel, consonant) words and listening to the sounds at the beginning, middle and end of words.

We have also been reading stories by Shirley Hughes. 'Alfie' stories being our favourite!

Ambika, Christine, Sue and Melissa

Year One

We are exploring all things Travel and Transport this term. We have classified modes of transport and posed questions that we would like to uncover answers to such as, 'How many people fit on a double decker bus?' and 'Has anyone ever travelled around the world?'

We have ventured around the neighbourhood for a 1km walk and used Google Maps to measure our distance. Along the way we spied the artwork of Mr Doodle and this inspired us to do doodles of our own.



Year 1 notices the artwork of Mr Doodle

Casper J's question of 'Has anyone ever walked 100 miles?' had us learning about the differences between imperial and metric systems of measurement as well as learning about Ed Stafford. He was the first person to walk the length of the Amazon river, in South America, from its source to the sea. This took him 860 days to traverse the several thousand kilometre journey!



Currently we are learning about travel by sea. In Science, our investigations have turned to sinking and floating as well as load bearing. This is also being consolidated in Maths with mass. Later this term we will be visiting the London Transport Museum in Covent Garden so stay tuned for updates!

Megan, Angela, Paula and Shakirah

Year Two

Spring Term est arrivé! Everyone in Year 2 has returned full of vim and vigour after the long winter break.

Many with splendid holiday diaries – Caio created a beautiful memory book “all handmade”! Sam’s shows us what a wonderful time he and his family had in sunny New Zealand! Everyone had an exciting holiday it seems.

This half term our topic focus will have a geographical bias as we learn about our ‘Our Wonderful World’, followed in the second half of term by ‘Space – the Final Frontier’ as we explore our solar system and beyond.

In Art we will focus on ‘Painting’ and have already used water colours to produce beautiful still life paintings of tulips which are on display in our gallery.



The children have already used their imaginative skills to create their own imaginary ‘islands’, full of geographical marvels, such as volcanoes, tropical bays, forests and rivers. They will continue to extend their developmental writing skills through drafting and editing and desktop publishing of the adventures that take place on their island. We have drawn maps and will be learning simple mapping skills and using coordinates.

We are also working hard on our comprehension and presentation skills this term and revising the spellings of the 100 word list as well as focusing on our cursive handwriting and touch typing!

Exciting news! Year 2 welcomes a new pupil, Isabella, who hails from the USA, who joins us for the Spring Term.

A busy term ahead for all!
Eileen and Ann

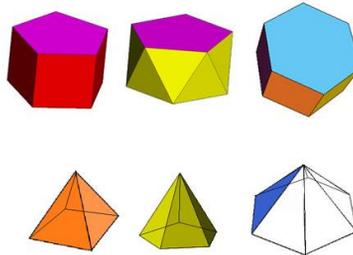
Year Three

Year 3 has had an excellent start to the Spring Term! Beginning their new topic, Global Studies, they used inflatable globes to label different countries in Europe.



They were very surprised to find a small, separate piece of Russia between Poland and Lithuania!

In Maths, we have been focusing on geometry, looking at 2D and 3D shapes as well as different types of lines and angles.



“A pyramid has a point where it finishes but a prism looks like it could go on for ever.” Wilf

We also investigated the number of plastic cubes required to make different shapes.



“I didn’t have to use as many cubes as I predicted to make the big cuboid.” Mariana

Milko and Wendy

Happy Birthdays

The children listed here, were born in January, which is the first month of the year.

LN Aleksey, Daniel
UN Lara
Y1 Hazim
Y2 Zorawar
Y3 Mariana
Y4 Sofia, Ethan
Y5 Theodore
Y6 Nick



Charity Corner

This term, Dallington School will be supporting Skateistan. Established just over 10 years ago, this charity is an award-winning, non-profit organisation which empowers children and youth in Afghanistan, Cambodia and South Africa.

Through their skateboarding classes and an educational arts-based curriculum., children build the skills and confidence to create a brighter future for themselves and their communities.

If you would like to learn more, go to <https://skateistan.org/>



Full details of our fundraiser will feature in the next Dallington Newsletter.

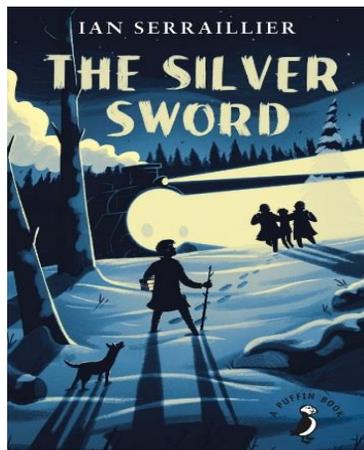
Thank you,
Megan
Charity Coordinator

Year Four

Year 4 has just finished listening to 'The Silver Sword' novel by the author Ian Serraillier.

The book follows the story of Polish children during World War II.

The children have been thinking about some of the main characters in the story and wrote these descriptive comments.



'Jan is a stubborn boy with a passion for animals. He had a cockerel called Jimpy, a cat, and a dog called Ludrig. He was very good at thriving and we don't know much about his family.'

Alex

'I think Jan is good inside, but he thieves. I think his parents were thieves and they were captured when he was young.'

Bronwyn

'Ruth Baliki was born about 11 years before World War II started. She had a younger brother, Edek, and a little sister, Bronia. During the war her father got taken away to prison and her mother went away to Germany.'

Maya

'At the start, Jan was a thief and kept pickpocketing people, but Ruth changed him and he stopped. Jan is a bit naughty.'

Matylda

Catherine and Sam

World Book Day

Thursday 1st March is World Book Day. Children and staff are invited to dress up as their favourite book characters.

Do feel free to start planning your outfits! Over the years we have hosted Harry Potters, Cats in Hats, an array of superheroes, pirates, fairies and princesses.



We would especially like to invite any parents or friends that are authors or illustrators to come and talk to us about your experiences and inspire us even more!

There are £1 book vouchers on offer and the World Book Day website has lots of resources, competitions and games to try. For more information, go to <http://www.worldbookday.com/>

Football Club

We predicted that the score would be 4-0 to the team we were playing against. To our total surprise though, Roman scored a goal! We were so happy as this was the first time that we had ever scored!

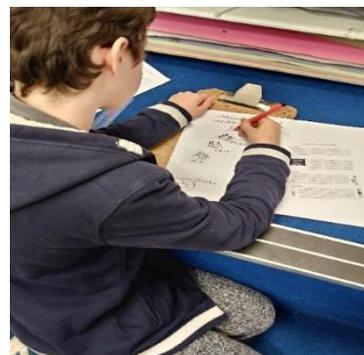
During the first half of the game we also scored another 2 goals; one by Ethan and the other by Nick!

But once the second half started, we let our guard down, and the other team scored a goal against us. From then on, we fought hard but the score remained 3-1 to us at the end of the game.

We won! We actually won!

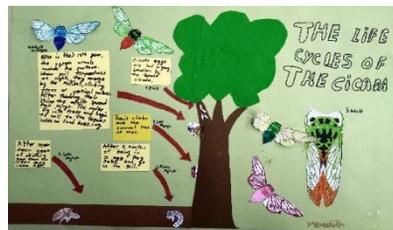
Years Five & Six

What a start to the new term for Years 5 and 6. For our artwork over the next few weeks, we shall be making models of Egyptian gods from bottles filled with sand. The bottles will be covered with tissue paper and then we will fashion the distinctive parts of the god from card. Finally, we are going to paint them.



Charlie (Year 5) designing a human's life timeline. 'In the adolescent phase, people become moodier and are always on their phones.'

Our new Science topic is all about living things and life cycles. We have already looked at the life cycles of humans, amphibians and insects.



In Drama, we have taken the parts of corporations trying to make changes in a local town:

'We improved our presentation skills by pretending to be company executives. We also came up with arguments for and against reopening a disused railway line.' Nick (Year 6)

Year 5 will now be attending sessions with Jo Page every Thursday. These sessions are crucial for exam practice so do not forget your equipment!

Mogg, Shoab and Janet