



Fortnightly newsletter

Dallington CE Primary School

...be an example to the believers with your words, your actions, your love, your faith and our pure life. (1 Timothy 4:12)

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End of term

These short terms on paper always seem lovely but boy are they mentally long and physically tiring. All of the children are emotional, tired and very ready for lots of chocolate and lazy days! As for the staff...well they are just looking forward to some relaxation and a chance to recharge! Saying all of that it has been an action-packed term with outstanding work happening across the school - the children should all be proud of themselves. Term 5, when we return will hopefully bring sunshine and no rain – it will also bring phonics tests, SATS for year 6 and year 4 times tables tests! We are all working so hard to ensure not only are the children ready but are confident! The year 6's have been attending booster classes, year 1's and 2's have been enjoying their phonics lessons and one of our wonderful year 4 children answered 100 times tables questions in 60 seconds – my brain can't even work out the time each question took let alone the actual times tables!

Can I wish all of our families a wonderful Easter, I hope it is filled with eggs, bunnies, family members and relaxation!

Thank you all for your support.

Upcoming events

28th Last day of term 4

April

15th First day of term 5

Dates will updated in first newsletter of term 5



Woods Corner



Dallington Class



Bodle Street

Lateness

Following on from conversations with the teachers. Starting on Monday 18th March, if you and your child arrive after 8:55am (when the gate closes) you will need to drop your child off at Reception; you will not be allowed to come into school. The reason we are doing this is we have so many people arriving late then wanting to talk to staff or just floating around school - it is causing lessons to start late. Our timetables are already over full, if we are not starting lessons until 9:10am this is not fair on the whole class. Either Mrs CB or myself will be there to take messages – if you need to speak to a teacher you will need to book a time to see them. I hope you understand- if there are any questions please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Poetry

Every year the children of Key Stage 2 take part in the Heathfield Schools poetry competition. The children choose a poem (from a selection) they then have a few weeks to learn it off by heart. These poems are recited to a 'judging panel' who then choose a winner. This year the competition at Dallington was very strong – we had a top three and lots of special mentions.

Special mentions went to Lavinia, Maya, Hannah S, Dacre, Lilly W and Sophia H

Our top three were

1st Winnie

2nd Ava

3rd Thomas

Winnie went to the final at Punnetts Town. She performed her poem alongside all of the other 'winners' from the Heathfield schools. Winnie, was as always, a star- she does everything with a great big smile and this was no different! She performed amazingly and got a special mention from the judges for her performance.



Spellings

Our new spelling approach is already having an effect- Nancy (yr 6) achieved her bronze and silver certificate in week 1. This week I have presented certificates to

Bronze

Astrid (R)
Grace (R)
Willow (yr1)
Arthur M (yr1)
Dorothy (yr 4)
Arthur R (yr 3)
Millie (yr3)
Lily (yr 4)
Evie (yr 3)
Samuel (yr4)
Esther (yr4)
Sonny (yr4)
Emily (yr 4)
James H(yr 3)
Arthur S (yr 3)
Giles (yr 4)
James LG (yr 4)

Silver

Astrid (R)
Arthur M (yr1)
James (yr 3)
Dorothy (yr 4)
Lily (yr 4)
Giles (yr 4)
Willow (yr1)

Gold

Arthur M (yr 1)
James H (yr 3)
Dorothy (yr 4) 2 awards
Lorelai (yr2)

Well done everyone – keep up the hard work

Comic relief

A massive thank you to everyone – we raised just over £100 to support the excellent work of Comic/Sport relief.

Little Sing

On Thursday 21st, the children from year 2 travelled to Cross in Hand school to sing alongside their peers from the Heathfield area schools. It was a wonderful event. The children sang one song they had chosen and one they all sang together. They also had a nice long playtime where they could mix and make new friends. Sounds like a lovely way to spend a morning. Thank you to everyone who was able to help us transport the children to and from Cross in Hand.



Brightling class

One of the events I was most looking forward to was the Year 5/6 documentaries. As part of the Blue Planet topic the children had been finding out about the dangers our planet is facing. They wrote scripts, came up with props, created jingles and just worked so hard on their presentation. For their school trip this term – rather than leaving school we had Focus Film School visit us. They worked with the children to film and produce their documentaries. It was a very long day but the children got to use the cameras, direct, manage, edit and use the sound booms to create their own documentaries. It was an amazing experience. The products will now be edited and ‘polished’ we will then invite parents in for a red-carpet premier once it is all finished. A massive thank you to Clive from Focus Film School, the children and staff for their patience and hard work during a very long day!



Parental lunches

We have now finished the parental lunches – thank you to everyone who was able to join us and enjoy the school meals.

Kitchen

Speaking of Lucy and Lucy and the wonderful work they do in the kitchen: they were recently awarded a certificate that recognises the cleanliness of the kitchen. I know what you are thinking we make sure they work harder next time and find that missing 1%! A massive well done to Lucy and Lucy – fantastic work.

