Dear parents & carers,

It has been another successful year at Dalmain and we have much to celebrate. This newsletter is packed full of the children’s accounts of their experiences and achievements, so I hope you are as excited to read it as we are to share it. I don’t have enough space here to tell you about all of the things that have made this term so good, so I hope you’ll read on to find out. Below are a few of my absolute highlights.

Trips and visits

The children always say that the best thing about school is ‘trips, trips and more trips’, and this term has certainly delivered on that front. Children in Years 6 and 4 have enjoyed residential trips to the Isle of Wight and Naturebase, in Wales, while other trips have included a tour of Brockley Street Art for Year 5, a philosopher’s trip to the offices of the Guardian Newspaper, and a Year 2 trip to the Golden Hinde. These trips help to enhance and deliver our broad and balanced curriculum and excite our children about learning and you can read more about them in the newsletter.

Musical & Dramatic Achievements

I’m always thrilled to see Dalmain’s pupils participating in concerts and making progress on their chosen instrument.

This term we’ve seen the choir perform at the Royal Festival Hall and Blackheath Concert Hall, while our guitar ensemble performed at Goldsmiths. We also held two successful music progress concerts in school, and Aimard Class (Year 3) has been fortunate enough to work with the London Symphony Orchestra for the entire year.

Our nursery class (Handel) supported their hugely musical parents, who performed Handel’s music in a school assembly, and Year 5 danced at Trinity Laban and the Broadway Theatre. The Leavers Performance of Oliver was hugely enjoyed by all who saw it.

There is information on individual musical achievements later in the newsletter.

Sporting achievements

We are delighted that so many of our children participate in sport. Year 5 boys topped the football league this year, and you can see a list of winning teams on our website.

We entered the largest number of children ever into Lewisham’s Swimming Gala, and children in many years throughout the school have been offered free cycling and scooter safety sessions.

SATS & other tests

We are extremely pleased with Dalmain’s children’s attitude to learning during the SATS tests. We are also delighted with their results, which are printed later on in the newsletter. Our Key Stage 2 results were particularly strong in maths and in the spelling, grammar and punctuation tests, thanks to the hard work of our excellent teachers.

Scores were also very high in reading, with Dalmain’s pupils scoring well above the national average.

We were also pleased with our Key Stage 1, Phonics and Early Years results, all of which reflect hard work from staff in school and parents and pupils at home.

Our educational practice is now seen as so exemplary that we were chosen by Teach First for the second year as one of only four London schools to train 10 teachers for two weeks before they embark on their careers.

Friends of Dalmain events

I’m so grateful for all of the support from parents and carers, whether they are reading with the children, going on school trips, helping to run clubs or engaging in fundraising activities.

I must mention in particular the two stunningly good fairs that the Friends of Dalmain have staged. The most recent World Carnival Summer Fair broke all records for fundraising at Dalmain, bringing in over £4,000, as well as providing a fantastic day out for huge numbers of pupils and members of the local community.

The Friends of Dalmain Committee, consisting of Chairs Vanessa Clover-Nichols and Hannah Martin, Treasurer Vanessa Land, Secretary Laura Roden, Creative Lead Clare Hughes and Link Governor Jane Hogarth, worked tirelessly to make the fair a success. I can’t thank them enough.

I’d also like to extend a special thank you to Valerie Cadoret, who has done such a wonderful job with our allotment and gardening club, and who leaves us this year. We are so grateful for her hard work and support.

Achievements of leavers

This week we bid farewell to our Year 6 pupils. We are so proud of their achievements in every field - academic, social, dramatic, musical, sporting – the list goes on.

It is so uplifting to behold the extent to which these young people have developed into self-confident, resilient individuals; good team players, ready to work hard and independently at their secondary schools. I wish them all future success in happy and healthy lives.

Thank you

I can’t sign off for the summer without thanking all the staff and some of the significant individuals who make our school so special.

I offer my huge thanks to my Deputy Head, Sarah Rose; my Assistant Head, Anjali Sewani; my Senior Leader Business Manager, Luisa Element; and Senior Leader, Chris Shone.

I also want Governors to know how very grateful I am for their guidance and particularly to Mary Lindsay, Chair of Governors, for her unstinting support and unfaltering understanding.

It is humbling to realise how fortunate the Dalmain community is to have such a dedicated team of conscientious and tireless individuals who make up our staff team and governing body.

Some final thoughts

The summer holidays are a time for everyone to relax, but I would urge all parents and carers to ensure that children read over the holidays.

The most successful of our readers are those who enjoy reading quality texts and do so for pleasure every day.

I cannot overstate the importance of reading. You could help develop your child’s reading by encouraging them to participate in the Summer Reading Challenge at your local library.

This year’s challenge is themed around top secret Animal Agents and there are numerous prizes for children who take part.

Finally, it remains for me to wish everyone a happy and relaxing summer holiday. I look forward to seeing everyone back at school on Tuesday 5 September.

Elizabeth Booth, Headteacher
On 8 June, the Young Philosophers from Year 6 made our way to The Guardian newspaper offices. At Kings Cross, we met with other children from St Joseph’s Primary School, Camberwell, and three secondary schools across Lewisham and Camberwell. The first activity we did was a short philosophy session on facts and opinions. Chelsea, a girl from St Joseph’s, gave her view, which was that “An opinion is something you believe, but that doesn’t make your opinion correct”.

Later in the day, after some more philosophy sessions, we arrived at the building where The Guardian is prepared for printing in London and parts of the rest of the UK. One of the team, named Jan Trott, taught us how real newspapers were made, and then she guided us through how to edit our own newspaper front pages. When we finished the workshop we got to keep our own freshly printed copies of the newspaper pages, as well as taking home a free copy of the one that they print. It was a successful, rewarding and challenging day.

YEAR 5 STREET ART TOUR

By Eleanor Cooper & Kailah Hart (Jamal class)

On 7 June, Year 5 went to Brockley for a Street Art tour. We started at the Bob Marley mural, which was created by a very talented artist called Dale Grimshaw.

One of the class’s favourites was a house that had been completely covered in patterns in the style of Picasso. It even had a gate with a matching design. A new addition to Brockley’s collection of street art is the Brockley sign, situated beneath the railway bridge outside of the station. We were lucky enough to see this piece, and two others, actually being painted whilst we were there.

We had a great day, and had no idea there is so much art in our area. We learnt that every piece of street art is unique.

HOME LEARNING

Don’t forget that children will still be able to access the learning platforms Mathletics, Spellodrome and Reading Eggs over the school holidays to help develop their numeracy and literacy skills. Please ask your child’s teacher if you have forgotten your passwords.
YEAR 5/6 TRIP TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

By Ziyen Jackson-Nugent & Edward Cheung (Rodrigo class)

On 24 May, Year 6 went to The Science Museum. Although it was a hot day, we managed to travel on the Tube without a fuss; we got there an hour before our activity started, which meant we got to eat our lunch ahead of schedule.

When we got inside, we went to the Wonder Lab. Just before, we were told three important rules: don’t run, no shouting and the most crucial rule: have fun.

As soon as we entered, it was like we were in space. The first thing that caught our eye was the giant Earth orbiting the huge Sun! Then we all wandered off into different directions; our group all sped to the friction slides where we joined a long queue, which is where we saw Porter and Jamal class.

Another thing that we enjoyed was the ‘sip or spray’ science game, you could play it with 2 players maximum and your partner could press drink or spray in order to give you a drink or a spray in the face!

Our personal favourite was when there were flashing lights and we could slow down or speed up the lights and Ziyen put her hand in front of the water and it went all over her face!

Overall, it was a great experience.

AIMARD CLASS TRIP TO THE LSO SCHOOLS CONCERT

By Leo Martin and Lois Hogarth (Aimard class)

On 5 June we went to the Barbican to watch the LSO play ‘The Firebird’ by Stravinsky, who is a composer from Russia.

When we arrived we were lost for words because the Barbican was so beautiful!

The loos were luxury (the boys’ ones). When we got to the seats, it was so glorious to see how the stage was built. On a giant board suspended above the orchestra there were pictures of the Firebird. When the Orchestra came on, everybody started clapping. We heard and we thought they were playing the piece and when they stopped we thought it was over but it wasn’t. They started playing creepy music and a person came called Rachel and started telling the story of the Stone Princesses. Then we sang about the Prince catching the Firebird.

Afterwards, we went back to school and some people had a sleep.

RECEPTION TRIP TO THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM
YEAR 5 TRIP TO THE WORLD PARA ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 17 July, Year 5 were lucky enough to go and see the World Para Athletics at the London Olympic stadium. When we arrived we met our school hosts, who showed us to our seats, which were at the front of the stadium.

We were able to see the athletes and their reactions as they came across the finishing line. During the day we saw a variety of sporting events such as the long jump, shot put, wheelchair racing, discus and 100m, 200m and 400m sprint. Throughout the day all the athletes showed great determination, perseverance and skill in their chosen sport despite having a disability. All the athletes were inspirational! We also saw a few world records being made! We had an amazing day and it was a great experience.

YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM

It was 28 June when Oh and Nelsons classes ventured into the public to visit the British Museum. First we walked casually to Honor Oak Park Station. While we were walking the sun was beating on our necks.

When we reached Canada Water, people were swimming down the escalator like fish escaping from sharks. We were on the last few stops before we got off, Stanley fell over when the train had started. There were a few cases where Oh and Nelsons had to give up their seats for other passengers. From then on, our group played Rule the Sky, Sea and Land which meant we had to stay together.

When we got in, we had a quick drink and Mr Roberts gave us our activity sheet. We soon set off to our first room, room 49. Both rooms we visited had paintings, busts, mosaics and artefacts from the Roman times.

YEAR 2 TRIP TO THE GOLDEN HINDE

By Evgenia Isari, Grace Skingley, Ptolemy Reed and Joe Menjor (Makeba class)

Do you want to know about our trip to The Golden Hinde? Well read on.

We had been learning about Sir Francis Drake and his ship at school, so to actually visit The Golden Hinde was fantastic. We were greeted by one of Sir Francis Drake’s crew members called Ian. He was really loud and scary. He took us on a complete tour of the ship where we explored every deck from bow to stern.

Did you know that if a member of Drake’s crew did something wrong they would have to place their hand on the mast and not move a muscle for four hours? Unfortunately for the crew, the strong waves that crashed into the ship would make them move their hands so their hands were nailed into the mast!

We learnt that the crew slept together below deck to keep the cannons safe. This was the room where they kept the cattle. It was a dirty, smelly room. We were also taught how to clean and load cannon.

One last piece of information about the crew is that they had to strap themselves in to do a poo!

By Porter class
First, Dalmain played Kelvin Grove, and although our discipline and knowledge of the rules was much better, we couldn’t convert this into a goal in the first half.

In the second half, all players had to rotate positions and luckily Andre managed to score twice before the final whistle blew! This meant that, win or lose our second match against Fairlawn, we were through to the semi-finals.

Unfortunately we lost our second game 6-0, however the whole team put up a good fight considering some of their Year 6 players were almost twice our size!

It was now time for the semi-final against Horniman. Even though we had more possession, Dalmain just couldn’t score and neither did our opposition so the game ended in a draw.

It now came down to a “sudden death” penalty shoot-out. Andre stepped up to represent Dalmain and scored the first goal, however Horniman then netted their next two attempts meaning we had narrowly missed out on the final.

Although we were disappointed, we showed great sportsmanship by shaking our opposition’s hands at the end. Horniman’s coach even commented that we were the better team and had deserved to win!

Our first competitive netball experience was really enjoyable and we can’t wait for next year!

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**YEAR 5 FOOTBALL PRESENTATION**

Congratulations to our Year 5 football team who were the winners of the Lewisham School Cup and attended a presentation ceremony at Sandhurst Junior School on 28 June.

Thank you to Graham Curtis for all his hard work with all of our football teams this year. We are very lucky to have such a dedicated coach who is so popular with the children.

We look forward to many more sporting successes next year.

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**THE MIGHTY KING’S COLLEGE HOSPITAL RFC U11S**

Eight Dalmain students played in the end-of-season Kent festivals for King’s College Hospital RFC, representing both the Under 10s and the Under 11s. King’s College RFC takes boys AND girls from age 6 to 13 and they are really keen to see new players in September at the clubhouse on 104 Turney Rd, Dulwich, London SE21 7JH. New players play touch rugby, all the coaches are RFU certified, and the teams play in tournaments throughout the season.

Members play between 10.30am and 12 noon every Sunday, followed by hotdogs in the club house. They play rain and shine (not like the footballers!). Please contact Andrew Tucker (Ellie’s dad, year 5) on 07531 212475. He will also be in the playground in rugby kit at the beginning of next term to recruit players.

If people are interested, King’s College RFC has offered to host a newcomers’ tournament at the beginning of term in September. Let Andrew know if your child would like to attend and he will arrange it with the school.
YEAR 2 SCOOTER TRAINING

By Donnie Heritage, Ocean Currie and Kodie Bowie (Husband class)

Scooting training was amazing! On 25 May some of us had our own scooter or borrowed one from a friend. First, we scooted around some cones in the Pen. Next we talked about how to stop our scooters.

Our instructors taught us three different ways. The first way was using the brake. Second was by lifting your foot up and stomping it on the ground. The third was the emergency stop, when you stomp both of your feet on the ground.

After that we wore safety coats so we knew which group we were in. We practiced riding using both feet. We learnt that if a big family is in the way, we say “Please may I get past?” Then we went on an adventure around the streets and back. Back in the Pen the instructors demonstrated how to move out of the way of poo. They used a fake plastic poo! They also said that if we see a friend, we should go slower and look out for obstacles.

We feel much safer on our scooters now.

Y3/4 KWIK CRICKET TOURNAMENT

On 19 June the Year 3 and Year 4 Cricket team went to Catford Cyphers to compete in the borough cricket competition.

The first match was against Horniman, which is always a close game. We batted really well and ended up winning by 23 runs. An impressive start.

The second game resulted in another victory for Dalmain. This meant if we won the last game, we would be champions of Lewisham. We were a little nervous but still confident. Gordonbrook bowled first and we got another good score. As we were bowling, we kept taking wickets and it looked like we were going to win.

The game finished and we all shook hands and headed over to Mr Walker for the result. We had won!! We were so happy. We received our gold medals and certificates whilst all the parents cheered and clapped.

Highlights of the day included a brilliant catch from Gabriel, 2 wickets in 2 balls for Zari-nna, and some fantastic six hitting from Jake and Oliver. We can’t wait to play in more tournaments next year.

Thanks Mr Walker for being such an excellent coach.

ST DUNSTAN’S CRICKET FESTIVAL

By Omari Blair (Jamal class)

On 13 June the cricket team attended the Lewisham Cricket Festival to defend our title.

I felt very excited when we arrived. There were 9 schools in total there, which were split into two leagues. We played Myatt Gardens (previous winners) in our first game, and we knew it would be tough. We played really well and managed to win fairly comfortably.

The second game was against Brindishe Green. In a really tight game, it was all to play for coming up to the final over. After some excellent catching by Amari, we waited to hear the result. Unfortunately, we had finished 8 runs short. We were disappointed as we knew we could have won that game.

In the final group game, we played really well and won easily. This put us second in our group, just missing out on 1st place. We then played a 3rd and 4th playoff against St Dunstan’s who were very good.

We gave it everything we had but finished 20 runs short. We were proud to finish 4th place in Lewisham. We all had a great day and I can’t wait until next year.
YEAR 3/4 MINI TENNIS BOROUGH FINALS

On 6 June children competed in a Borough tennis tournament in Ladywell Fields.

Playing in our group were St George’s, Prendergast Vale and Tidemill. Each player, Miles, Seb, Hannah and Ida, played against a pupil from these schools.

Overall we played 12 games and won 11! A fantastic result meaning that we came top of the group and were through to the finals. Well done to all players.

The finals took place on 14 June when Year 4 were on a residential camping trip, so representing Dalmain at the tournament were Miles, Abdur-Rahman, Milie and Natalia.

They played against seven different schools and between them won three games.

Unfortunately this was not enough to win the competition, but we were very impressed with all our players, particularly those Year 3 children who had not played tennis before and who were competing against more experienced Year 4 players.

We finished seventh overall. A special well done to Natalia who won a Sporting Spirit Award certificate for demonstrating passion.

SPORTS DAY

Our Sports Day on 7 June was a triumph as ever. We were delighted to see so many parents and carers come along to St Dunstan’s to support their children. You can see more photos of the children on our website www.dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk/photo-galleries

Y1/2 SIX-A-SIDE FOOTBALL

Our Year 1 and 2 football team played at a festival at Elm Lane on 6 July. Four schools competed in a round robin tournament with around 50 parents and carers watching.

All teams were full of energy, but the clear winners were Haseltine who scored a total of eight goals.

All players received a certificate for taking part. We congratulate our team for playing so well and for showing such good sportsmanship.

THESE GIRLS CAN!

Congratulations to footballer Ellie Mae Hogan who was selected to represent Lewisham in the London Youth games on 29 June. Unfortunately the event was cancelled, but Ellie Mae also played for the Lewisham district team that finished 3rd in London this year.

Well done also to Tiana Casey-Lawal who was named Player of the Tournament in the St Dunstan’s Football Cup this term.

Congratulations to Eva-Celeste Sheehy who is doing brilliantly with her Irish dancing—she came 3rd in the British Open Championships in May and came 1st in the Grove School Feis this month.

Zarina Blair was awarded a gold medal for level 1 gymnastics, and Lilly Miller and Edie Schofield were awarded silver medals for level 2. Olive de Peyer also received a medal for gymnastics. Well done all of you!

We are proud of all these girls and their achievements.
YEAR 2 PIRATE DAY

by Sebastian Sachrajda, Zarina Blair & Evgenia Isari (Makeba class)

Ahoy there me hearties! What an amazing day it was! We did lots of different activities. First, we all dressed as pirates then we went to scrub the deck. In the wildlife garden we were able to read pirate stories and looked at pirate books.

We stole Mrs Rose’s sword and she was scary and funny at the same time. It made us laugh out loud. We made ships’ biscuits. I thought that they’d taste horrible but they were actually delicious. We made pirates pictures using paint on our hands. We had a treasure hunt and ate the chocolate coins we found. We played a game where we had to walk the plank.

At the end of the day we all got a pirate licence.

Yo-ho-ho and a bottle of rum!

YEAR 5 FIRE BRIGADE VISIT

By Henry Elizabeth, Fatima Sesay, Megan Wheeler, May Kirk & Daniel Navin (Porter class)

On 25 May, Forest Hill Fire Brigade came to visit Year 5 to talk about fire safety. There were four firemen: Dermot, Dan, Robert and Josh, and two firemen talked to each class.

The first part of the talk was about the fire safety equipment that they use in their job as firemen, such as their uniform and the masks they wear in emergencies. Benji, Tariyah and Miss Sewani got to try on some of the fireman’s uniform! The second part of the discussion was stories and dilemmas about fire safety in our homes and how to stay safe. Joshua (one of the fireman) told us a story about a house fire that had happened to him: a chip pan was left unattended whilst his mother was talking to a friend. Luckily, Joshua was in the living room at the time and smelt the pan burning and knew what to do. Sadly, a lot of damage was created to his home and they lost a lot of precious belongings. We were then asked to think about what we would do in that situation. We were also told about the dangers of smoking and leaving cigarettes unattended.

At the end of the session we were given a telephone number (0208 5551200) to give to our parents’ and carers that we could use if we needed further information about fire safety at home. The visit was very important as we now know how to keep ourselves safe in this type of emergency.
A special thanks to Deku Solutions Ltd for supplying the end of season football trophies and sports day medals.

### SATS RESULTS 2017

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### NSPCC/O2 E-SAFETY WORKSHOPS

On 14 July we hosted an excellent NSPCC/O2 online safety workshop for parents and carers, run by trained NSPCC staff and volunteers.

One key message that we took away from the workshop is that technology is a very positive tool, but children need to learn how to resolve conflict and manage friendship issues **offline** before they start to interact online. The advice was simple: don’t give your child a mobile phone until you feel they are responsible enough to cope with the challenges of online interaction.

The trainers stressed the importance of **talking** to your children about what they like doing online, and **talking** to other adults and be aware of what issues your child might face.

The O2 and NSPCC have a dedicated online safety helpline—0808 800 5002. They also reminded parents and carers that you can take any device to an O2 store and they will help you set up parental controls.

Thank you to all those parents and carers that came along and took part in the workshop.

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**If you missed the e-safety workshop:**

**FREE E-Safety Online Training for Parents/Carers**

Our digital world is rapidly expanding and changing – how do we keep children and young people safe whilst enjoying the benefits of new technologies? This course answers this question from the perspective of the parent, giving you an understanding of what your children are doing online.

**About this course:** What do children do online? What are the risks? How can I keep my children safe online?

This course looks at the risks associated with mobile and online technology and demonstrates ways that you can help create a safer digital environment for children and young people.

You will automatically get a course certificate on completion, as long as your computer is attached to a printer at that time.

Once you have completed this course you will know the risks to children associated with mobile and online technology, and how to tackle these risks.

**To Register:** The self-registration link is: [https://lewisham.melearning.university/course_centre](https://lewisham.melearning.university/course_centre) (registration key is @Lewisham) – once you send off a request, you will receive a welcome email containing your log in details.
As we waved goodbye to our parents, a sudden flow of excitement rushed through our minds. We were going to Naturesbase!

It took us a whopping eight hours to get there. When we arrived Gyles, who owned the farm, and Tamsin welcomed us warmly. As we were being shown the ropes, we heard a joyful bark - it was a golden retriever called Lily, the farm dog!

We were then shown the field where the other animals were kept and where we fed them for our daily jobs.

The highlights of the week for us, were roasting fluffy marshmallows by our billowing fires that we made by ourselves. After a long walk on the Wednesday, we enjoyed making theme parks for the crabs on the beach while eating ice-creams. On our last day, we made dens and we also made pizzas and did team building games, which were great fun.

As soon as we got on the coach back to England, we wanted to do it all over again. The phenomenal week ended with an awards ceremony on the coach as we headed home. As soon as we were back at school, we reunited with our parents and they hugged us like we were their teddy bears!

You can see more Naturesbase photos on the school website: www.dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk/photo-galleries
Thank you to everyone who made this year’s Carnival Summer Fair such a roaring success: the wonderful Friends of Dalmain team who worked so hard to organise the event and make sure it all ran smoothly, the parents and carers who made cakes and homemade international food or donated books and toys; the staff, parents, carers and governors who helped out manning the stalls… you are all amazing!

We all really enjoyed the band, Dr Elias and the Soul Surgeons (below), who performed in the infant playground. They were so good that the winner of the cake competition, Ebene Logie, donated her cake to the band! You can see a photo of Ebene’s Grenada cake to the right.

Thanks to all of you who came along to support the fair.

Special thanks to Year 6 children Chandani, Kianna, Jennifer, Freya, Violeta, Aaliyah, Hannah, Ashley, Otis, Brenton, Grace, Rebekah, Khadijah, Theo, Max and Connor who ran the Nail Bar.

The winner of the carnival cake competition!

ALUMNI NEWS

Every term we welcome a number of secondary school pupils to do work experience at Dalmain.

We were delighted to catch up with Zainab Waqar, who spent a week in the school helping the teachers and learning about working in a school.

We love to hear from our ex pupils so if you have siblings who used to attend Dalmain, please encourage them to get in touch and let us know what they are doing now.

DALMAIN PEN SUMMER CAMP

Monday 24 July to Friday 28 July 2017
Tuesday 29 August to Friday 1 September
10am – 3pm
£60 for 5 days, £12 per day, £6 for a half day session
10.00-12.15: cricket 12.45-15.00: football
All abilities welcome, open to boys and girls in Years 1-6.
For more information contact: 020 8699 2675
**YEAR 6 LEAVERS’ PERFORMANCE:**

Last night’s leavers’ performance of ‘Oliver!’ was incredible. The children worked really hard, and put on a show that highlighted just how talented a group of children we have in Year 6. Well done to every child in Year 6, whether performing on stage, providing technical support or playing musical solos. What a great team! A huge thank you to all the staff and helpers that made the show such a success, and a special thank you to Liz Kempster who once again created such wonderful costumes, and to Louise Southworth and Michaela Wheeler who volunteered their time to do the make-up.

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**LITTLE PRINCESS TRUST**

We are so proud of Blake Powell in Reception class who is getting his hair cut and donating it to the Little Princess Trust, a charity that provides real hair wigs for children suffering hair loss.

Blake will be seeking sponsorship and the proceeds will be split between the Little Princess Trust and Cancer Research.

We think this is a lovely gesture. Well done Blake!
LEWISHAM MUSIC SUMMER GALA

On the evening of 20 June our school choir took part in the Lewisham Music Summer Gala. This was a massed choir performance led by our choir teacher Clare Caddick, who is also Lewisham Music’s singing leader, involving over 800 singers from over 20 Lewisham schools. They sang five songs including a medley of African songs, and a medley of swing songs.

Mrs Booth said “I was so proud to witness Lewisham’s stunning display of musical talent and skill. How exciting that our very own choir trainer Clare Caddick conducted the 800-strong Lewisham choir!”

SUMMER MUSIC CONCERT

Another triumph! Our open afternoon and music concert on 6 July was well attended by parents and carers, and the children’s performances were testament to all their hard work and practice this year. Over 130 children participated and their progress since the beginning of the school year was noticeable. We are so grateful for the support and encouragement you give them at home and for the excellent teaching that they receive in school. There are more photos on the website.

RECENT MUSIC ACHIEVEMENTS

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CHILDREN WHO HAVE APPLIED TO LEARN AN INSTRUMENT NEXT YEAR WILL BE INFORMED IN SEPTEMBER WHICH INSTRUMENT THEY HAVE BEEN OFFERED
**JAPANESE CLUB TRIP TO THE JAPANESE EMBASSY**

**By Isabel Hearn (Nelsons class)**

On 22 June, Dalmain Japanese Club went to the Japanese Embassy in Green Park. When we got there, I felt really excited!

Firstly, we went up to the great ballroom and were told about the Embassy and Japan. After that, we went to have a go at calligraphy (writing using brushes and ink). It was quite hard to get the symbols right but I was happy how mine turned out.

When we had finished, we went back into the ballroom where we were told about Japanese houses and everyone (including me) thought the toilets were really cool! They had lots of buttons you could press which did things like: playing music, heating up the seat and many other interesting things. Next, we went to try yosakoi, which is a type of Japanese dancing. We had to wear something called a ‘happi’ jacket and shake these wooden things called ‘naruko’. We also shouted some Japanese words as we danced and sometimes had to count up to eight (luckily we already knew how to – ichi, ni, san, yon, go, roku, nana, hachi).

After that, it was time to go back to school. We took our calligraphy home with us and could look back on a really memorable day!
FLAT STANLEY WORKSHOP

By Joe Welsh and Ella Clover-Nichols (Siffre class)

'Flat Stan' First Aid is about learning how to react in an emergency, and on 3 July Siffre Class were rewarded with a one-hour session for achieving the best punctuality in the school this year!

The first thing we did was discuss what first aid is; next we practised shouting 'HELP!' in our loudest voices. Afterwards, we were reminded to always call 999 in an emergency, and practised wrapping a bandage around our head, hands, legs and arms. They taught us what to do if someone is having a nose bleed. Did you know you should keep your head forward and pinch the soft part of your nose?

Also, we learnt how to check if someone is breathing and practised CPR on Stan (the blow up doll!!)

This experience was useful for helping us not to panic in emergencies and we also enjoyed practising first aid.

Finally, everyone was awarded a certificate and a sticker, and given a book to take home.

SPEECH BUBBLE

Since September 2016 twenty children have been having fun every Monday afternoon participating in 'Speech Bubble'.

Speech Bubble is a drama workshop run by London Bubble Theatre Company for groups of children from Key Stage 1.

Children enjoy a range of drama warm-up games including the 'blobby bench' and 'magic box' and acting out stories in the story square. Each week a different child creates the story in their own words and the other children act it out.

The drama workshops have helped the children to improve their language and storytelling, and developed their imaginations, confidence and listening skills.

London Bubble Theatre who ran the sessions offer out of school drama workshops. Look them up at www.londonbubble.org.uk.

GARDENING CLUB

This year, the gardening club has created a wonderful sensory garden area in the allotment. Two allotment beds are now permanently planted for year round interest - including our stunning Roald Dahl rose planted on Roald Dahl Day last year. Our gardeners, Ellie, Nathalie, Isobel, Violeta, Daisy and Edie have worked as a fantastic team. During the year we have had guest appearances and help from Ines, British, Sacha and Josic Cadoret. We even received some donated plants grown by Jonathan Konno (gardening club member from 2 years ago!).

Valerie Cadoret, our gardening volunteer won't be running the club after July 2017. If you want to exercise your green fingers and help out in the school allotment garden, playground or wildlife garden please contact Luisa in the school office. Even if you only have 15 minutes before school pick up, you can help water or weed the allotment, or water the pots in the playground. If you have more time, you can help run the club or support a gardening session during the year so that more children can access it.

Valerie says: "I have run the gardening club as a volunteer for two years while my son is at Dalmain. I have loved sharing and developing my gardening skills with the children and seen their transformation to gardeners. Within a few weeks, the garden belongs to the children and I am there to help them to run their own garden space. I am a better gardener because of their insight and I am so proud of them all."

COLECTIONS

Well done everyone for your fundraising efforts this term.

We raised £1,334 for Comic Relief and a further £270 for the Health Poverty Action through the School Stomp.
By Hannah Adams  
(Rodrigo class)

When Year 6 arrived at school on Monday 19 June, we were all so excited: no parents for a whole week! As the coach finally arrived, we piled in and waved goodbye to mums, dads and Dalmain: we were on our way to the Isle of Wight for a trip of a lifetime. After eating our lunch on the coach, we boarded the ferry and stared out to the sea, looking at the spectacular view. It took less than quarter of an hour to get to Little Canada once we got off the ferry.

We were greeted by the enthusiastic PGL staff as soon as we got there; they took our cases and we headed off for our first activities without further ado! After working up a sweat playing a few games, we were taken to our cosy (and very warm) chalets where we would be spending the next week. After unpacking, we headed off to the dining room for one of many hearty meals before an evening of fun-packed team games.

There were so many brilliant activities at PGL; most of them had something to do with heights. All of us pushed ourselves to the limit in climbing activities like trapeze and Jacob’s ladder. There was a real sense of community as we cheered each other along. My personal favourite was archery: I was pretty good at it. On the hottest day, we went on a beach walk and were able to go paddling in the sea; it was so much fun and so beautiful.

The most hilarious time was when all of us nearly lost our voices at the campfire: we were screaming and chanting at the group leaders. However, there were so many other wonderful moments. A few nights later, for instance, we were all doing Robot Wars for our evening entertainment and all the Robots (which were made out of people and cardboard) had to go down a catwalk to some music. Ayo won, with his rather unique dance moves! This was followed by our own made-up group dance routines!

Although we came back home exhausted and happy to be reunited with our families, it really was one of the best weeks of my life: an experience that I will treasure forever. In fact, I think that all of us will think back on this trip in years to come with a massive smile on our faces.

Thank you Mrs Booth for choosing this great activity-based holiday for us!

You can see more PGL photos on the school website: www.dalmain.lewisham.sch.uk/galleries
SUMMER FLOWERS COMPETITION

On 10 July we welcomed John Glover from the London Children’s Flower Society. John visited the school to judge the summer flowers that children grew at home.

We got more gold certificates than ever this year! Congratulations to the following children who received certificates:

Gold
Isla Andrews
Leo Baggs
Henry Baker
Claudia Brown
Isla Campbell
Edward Cheung
Thomas Cheung

Akeelah Collins
Eleanor Cooper
Ivo Cooper
Fran Jamal-Brown
Otis Marshall-Harris

Ted Marshall-Harris
Leo Martin
Thea Martin
Grace Miller
Kamil Qaisar

Silver
Destiny Quest-Stewart
Ptolemy Reed
Tobias Sachrajda
Ned Walpole
Oona Walpole
Aurelia Ward

Hannah Carey
Eleanor Cooper
Kayano Kondo
Sakaya Kondo
Sonny Purcell
Milo Wood

There was an unnamed plant that was awarded a silver certificate—was it you?

Please collect your plants from the reception area if you haven’t already done so.

TERM DATES 2017-18

We have had to change the term dates for next year slightly—please see amendments in red below. The summer term will now end on Thursday 19 July and there will be an INSET day on Friday 12 January. Please make a note of the revised term dates.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

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1 day closure for May Bank Holiday on Monday 7 May 2018

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ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following children in Years 1-5 for 100% attendance this year:
Adams Sylla
Alexis Dowling-Jones
Ashanti Clarke
Aurelia Ward
Casper Britton-Chambers
Clever Bignmore
Daisy Bignmore
Edie Hughes
Florence Allopp
Freddie Agnew
Freya Britton-Chambers
Haley Myftari
Harvey Green
Isabel Hearne
Jaina Ogiemwonyi
Jude Parsons
Julia Atanana
Kasia Dowling-Jones
Kirsty Glynn
Leo Martin
Max Mitchell
Milo Smith
Olive Travis
Orla Moore
Rio Hutchinson
Roisin Cameron
Sebastian Pennell
Sebastian Sachrajda
Sophia Omoruyi
Tariyah Henry-Hartley
Thomas Cheung
Tilly Roberts
Tristan Pennell
William Parsons

These children will be rewarded with a trip to the pantomime at Christmas.

Congratulations also to Year 6 children Charlotte Allsopp, Abigail Enstone, Raphael Hope-Koffi, Gabriel Britton-Chambers, Alexander Caseley, Hava Dogan, Adina Johnson, Greta Kelly, Connor Moore, Aliyah Opesade and Ayo Tojula for achieving 100% attendance in their final year at Dalmain.

Our target for attendance this year was 96.7%. Overall attendance for the year up to 17 July was 96.5%. We narrowly missed our target for the first time in many years, which is disappointing. We hope to improve next year.

Please work with us by avoiding taking children out of school during term time.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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SURVEYS & FEEDBACK

This term we have been gathering feedback from parents, carers and pupils on a variety of issues.

Thank you so much for your responses to our School Communications Survey, our Pupil Safety survey, our Music Tuition survey and our Class Photos consultation. We are going through each and every response and noting points for action.

All of your responses will shape the action that we take and this will be fed into the School Improvement Plan, which is reviewed and updated annually.

We will provide more information about our action plans next term.

Aimard class (Year 3) collaborating to make a Greek mosaic