



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

We have started the Spring term with a positive launch on 'Punctuality'.

In assembly, the children focused on coming to school on time and in readiness to learn by following the 3Ps.



• The 3Ps

- plan
- prioritise
- prepare



- **Plan** a daily routine and keep to it
- **Prepare** your things ahead of time
 - Do your work ahead of time
 - Prepare for unexpected delays
- **Prioritise** things you need to do
 - Think about the order of importance



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We considered the importance of:

- Getting up on time and having our school belongings ready.
- Planning a routine and thinking about the order to get things done.
- Making sure we are in the right place at the right time.
- Coming into school in good time to catch the early bird or read our books during the start of day activities.
- Starting the day, calm and ready for learning.

We looked at the example of successful people and their routines.

Follow the example of Successful people

- Turn up every day
- Get there on time
- Work with the expert team
- Know that **excellence** comes with practice



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Keep a look out for the Early bird – remember, he catches the children who arrive in good time and in readiness for learning!

• The **early bird**  catches the ...
children on time and in readiness for learning



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*'Early to bed, early to rise, makes a person, healthy and wise'.
Every day counts.
Let's achieve excellent attendance together.*

Yesterday, I had lunch with some celebrities; on my table was a TT Rockstars champion and a millionaire Accelerated Reader. The whole table chatted excitedly about TT Rockstars and Accelerated Reader sharing evidence of their speed, and their contribution to the battle of the bands. Harry E, AKA ChadBoomChakalaka, told me all about his rock speed, placing him in top rank. Harry challenged the teachers and held the winning position! Theo B shared his word count and enthusiasm for reading in Accelerated Reader, which was acknowledged by his friends as a great achievement. Laura T, Playleader invited me to the sports zone to watch a cheerleading performance by a group of girls in Year 3. They shared the routine of 'Go Bananas' supporting our value of belonging. This was followed by a routine of the values 'A to E', finishing of course with the chant 'Leads to Excellence'. What an achievement to see our children engaging in Academy life and enjoying and participating in the things we value.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls





News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery**, our topic has been The Lion King. We have learnt lots about all kinds of animals including lions, giraffes and elephants, male Lions have manes, females don't, giraffes not only have long necks, but also very long tongues to reach the best leaves on trees, and elephants can eat using their trunks, which are also their nose. The children have made lion pictures using their footprint, they all enjoyed putting their foot into the paint. We went on a hunt for Simba around the school field, finding other animal characters on our search. We have also welcomed lots of new children into Nursery this week and hope that they are enjoying their time with us. Next week our topic is Dumbo, so we will be taking a closer look at elephants and trying out some circus activities. Can parents please make an effort to support their children in taking part in show and tell, this is a great platform for the children to get their voices heard and they gain confidence and take pride in speaking to their peers. **Nursery Team**

This week, **Reception** have written letters to Father Christmas to thank him for the lovely presents that they received during the holidays. We are going on a trip to the Post Office next week to send them off. The children have returned after the holiday with a continued eagerness to develop their learning and our topic this term is 'Animals'. We have enjoyed focusing on 'Noah's Ark' and linked it with counting on in twos in maths. Next week our learning stimulus will be the story 'We're Going on a Bear Hunt', which will be tremendous fun! **The Reception Team**

KS1

Year one have enjoyed starting their new 'Starry Night' topic this week. We have been learning all about Vincent Van Gogh and have created wonderful pictures of the Starry Starry Night painting using his painting techniques. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**



With Miss Arnold year one have been looking for animals that might live in the painting The Starry Night by Vincent van Gogh. They were very lucky to find two Owls resting in a tree during the day. Great Bird spotters' year 1. **Miss Arnold, ODL**

KS2

Travelling to the continent of North America **year three** have been exploring Guatemala. We have also been chilling out to the beautiful music of the Mayan people. In English, we have been learning about the story 'The boy who cried wolf'. Whilst looking at the purpose of this text and the moral, we related this to our society today. Constructing 3D shapes with chickpeas and cocktail sticks, the children have enjoyed creating their masterpieces. These have helped identify the vertices, faces and edges. Some of us have been exploring e-safety and the importance of only writing respectful words as you would in public. We have talked about CEOP, the internet police who ensure the



internet is being used safely. We discussed the importance of parents knowing what you are playing on the computer and together understanding why certain games are not appropriate. The children also enjoyed bringing in their special book to talk about. We look forward to visiting the local synagogue to help the children learn about the Jewish religion so that our understandings can help us respect all religions. **Mr Cauchi, Rockpool class**

I enjoyed listening to the Mayan music and drawing what came to my brain.

Rashawn, Rockpool class

I enjoyed playing maths games that help me with adding. **Tye, Rockpool class**

Year five have had a fun-filled week, learning all about fairgrounds and their history, as part of their topic. They have experienced a rollercoaster simulator and have had their own funfair come to the school playground where they got 30p (plastic coins) to spend on a variety of games and stalls. All this will help them to write their stories of a fairground experience over the next few weeks.

Mrs Powell, Poseidon class



Safe School Journeys

- Please may we remind you of parking sensibly and responsibly around the school community. Please be respectful of our neighbours.
- Please be reminded that walking through the car park is prohibited.
- Year 3 parents, please ensure you are delivering your children to their classroom doors each morning, Children are not permitted to walk around the front of the school independently.

Do you tweet?



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The Early Bird catches...



Please ensure you bring your child's PE kit in from home, with a water bottle for PE lessons. We are covering a Health Related Fitness module this term where they will be involved in some high intensity workouts and need to be dressed appropriately and be able to have a drink.

Our school policy on the wearing of earrings during PE is as follows: Where possible earrings should be removed for PE lessons. In the event of earrings being unable to be removed, they must be taped over.



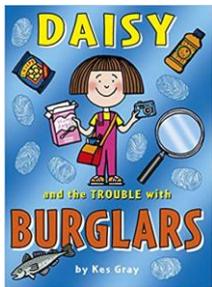
Book Reviews

We love to hear about the books that you particularly enjoy reading.

Please send in a brief review of what you have read and tell us why you enjoyed it and why you think other children at Darlinghurst will love your book. As well as having your review published, Mr Sykes will be offering 10 house points for every review submitted.

Please email your comments to mrsmith@darlinghurst.co.uk or hand your paper copies to Mr Sykes in White Shark class.

Mr Sykes, Reading Lead



Title: Daisy and the trouble with burglars

Author: Kes Gray

I liked this book because there's a little girl called Daisy and there's been a robbery in her town. She decides to make her own crime detection agency.

Characters: Daisy (A seven year old inquisitive girl and a bit mischievous), Daisy's mum, Gabby (Daisy's friend).

The book is funny because it's not easy making her own crime detection agency when she's only a child. Daisy describes all of her troubles and mischief.

I would recommend this book to boys and girls because it's kind of funny and a bit mysterious.

James Y, Dune class

**Mon 14 Jan
Year 1 Owl Visit**

**Thu 17 Jan
Census Day**

**Thu 17 Jan
Year 6 Darwin workshop**

**Fri 18 Jan
Reception Post Office Walk**

**Mon 28 Jan
Year 2 Big Garden Birdwatch**

**Wed 30 Jan
Young Voices (O2)**

Please visit www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/ for future dates



| Group | % Attend |
|--------------|----------|
| JELLYFISH | 95.6 |
| STARFISH | 96.1 |
| PELICAN | 96.1 |
| PUFFIN | 95.3 |
| SEAGULL | 94 |
| LOBSTER | 95.8 |
| OYSTER | 94.9 |
| SHRIMP | 97.2 |
| DUNE | 96.5 |
| PEBBLE | 96 |
| ROCK POOL | 95.6 |
| SEASHELL | 97.8 |
| PORT JACKSON | 97.3 |
| REEF SHARK | 97.6 |
| SAND TIGER | 96.4 |
| WHITE SHARK | 95.9 |
| NEPTUNE | 95.1 |
| POSEIDON | 97 |
| TRITON | 95.7 |
| BEMBRIDGE | 94.8 |
| WILTON | 97.2 |
| MAYFLOWER | 92.7 |
| ENDEAVOUR | 94.8 |
| Totals | 95.9 |

Well done to the winners this week. Keep up the good attendance aiming to keep hold of the title, looking forward to the results next week.



CENSUS DAY – LUNCH

As you may already know the funding our school receives is based upon census returns that we have to complete each term. The amount of funding is dependent upon the figures that we submit, with particular emphasis on the uptake of school dinners. In order to help us to do the best for your children we are asking for your support.

This term's census is on **Thursday 17th January 2019** and it is really important that as many children as possible in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year's 3 – 6 (who are claiming a free school meal), have the free school lunch that they are entitled to. Even if your child does not plan to have a school lunch again, it really helps if they **ALL** do on this date.

To encourage all children to have a school meal on census day we are running a Special Menu, which is as follows:
Beef Burger or Veggie Burger with Chips and Baked Beans
Or

Pick 'n Mix (a selection of packed lunch style items)
Chocolate Drizzle Cake

(The roast dinner will be served on Wednesday 16th)

If your child is unsure about trying a school meal, please encourage them to book the school lunch and also bring in their normal packed lunch as an alternative.

All children who have eaten a school lunch on census day will be entered into a draw. The lucky winners will be invited to have afternoon tea with the Principal. Thank you for supporting us in obtaining the best possible funding for your children's education.

Unwanted Christmas Gift Appeal

We hope you all enjoyed the festivities. If you are now wondering what to do with the excess chocolates and drink, then look no further!

The PTA would be incredibly grateful for all donations of unwanted Christmas gifts and festive goodies. This might include: toiletries, drink, candles, clothing, gift sets, toys, kitchen gadgets, garden gadgets, books etc. Anything at all! It would be helpful if chocolates etc had a use by date of at least April. Unused rolls of wrapping paper would also be great.

Please send items in with your child or hand in to the office.
Happy New Year to you all!

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