



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

This week our children and staff have showcased our Academy values in a variety of ways. Through our actions and words, we have demonstrated how being a positive member of the community and engaging in learning and partnerships, brings excellence.

We have seen **our values A – E:**

achievement, belonging, confidence, determination and excellence.

We have also seen the following A – E, this week!

A is for active citizens: Our children have been actively engaging in academy life across the academy. The Juniors have met this week and discussed each of the school values, what it means to them and how they are demonstrated in school. They have identified good role models in both staff and children. They are planning ideas for some exciting 'mini films' to promote and share our values A – E, sharing their pupil voice and teacher's views. Our performance club attended 'Young Voices' alongside supportive parents and staff members, joining together with other communities and filling the O2 with their singing voices. Thank you to Miss Riley and the rest of the team, for providing our children with this memorable moment.



B is for British values: We have encouraged children to be tolerant of others, their views and beliefs, echoing the importance of individual liberty and democracy. Year five invited me to a debate where they presented constructed arguments for and against a visiting 'fairground' to our school grounds. During the debate they presented counter arguments, with confidence. In conclusion, the views from both parties were considered and a proposal presented that would meet and address their concerns and ideas. Through collaboration and respectful partnerships, it was agreed that an, 'eco-friendly fayre', created and hosted within our school community would ensure success! Great debating skills!



C for community: There has been a great sense of community, with children and adults taking '**community action**' and supporting others in need. We are a 'listening school' and our staff have modelled how taking time to talk over a cuppa and chat can help loneliness and taking time to listen. They raised funds for the Samaritans, simply by putting the kettle on, baking and sharing some cakes at break time. This simple act makes such a difference to someone in need. Over 1,324 people call Samaritans for vital support every single day.



D for donation: Our donation will help support this great cause. Following on from our support to 'Harp' at harvest time, when your donations help to provide food for the homeless we have considered the needs of the homeless, during the cold winter months.



Staff at Darlinghurst are donating coats, scarves, hats, and gloves to a charity to support members of the community that are 'homeless' this winter to give a gift of warmth. A few of our children have given a sense of warmth to other children too through donating toys and books that other children can enjoy again.





Children and staff have not just been giving gifts of warmth through objects but also through their actions and words. In year 2, the children have produced leaflets about a sense of belonging at Darlinghurst. The children shared top tips on how to show belonging, encouraging others to demonstrate kindness through their actions and words. Rocco, Poseidon class shared with me, how he gave his birthday money to help others. Last night he volunteered at the ONE LOVE soup kitchen. Rocco said, "I spent my birthday money on custard, underwear and warm gloves."

Children have been spreading kindness through giving compliments and smiles to others, knowing that a simple smile or kind comments can change someone's day. We have been encouraging children and staff to smile at someone, share, say something nice or leave a thank you note. I have been intent on giving extra compliments and little notes to staff and children this week and it is true, making others happy, makes you feel happy too. It lifts your mood and is contagious! We are happy to spread this epidemic! Watch out, for next week's news and views as I am sure, there will be lots of kind acts to celebrate!



E is for everyone:

When everyone helps a little bit, giving becomes a whole lot easier. With a little bit of kindness from a lot of people, we can make a big difference.



We achieve excellence together

As always, enjoy you family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

News

EYFS

In **Nursery** this week we are looking at the story *The Jungle Book*. The children have been busy learning about jungle animals and how they hide through camouflage. In ODL we explored the ice, how it is made and what happens to it when it melts. This led us back to conversations that we had last week about keeping our water clean by recycling. We thought it would be nice to share some of the toys that we have recycled through kind donations from parents. As always we welcome used toys and at the moment are looking for any plastic babies (for play outside), Barbie dolls and clothes, unusual things for our writing table e.g. rubbers, sparkly pens, envelopes, cards etc., kitchen utensils i.e. large metal spoons, pots and pans etc. As always thank you for all of your support! **Nursery Team**



The **Reception** team would like to thank Mrs Powell and some of her Eco team for the informative talk they gave to Reception last week about the importance of recycling. They modelled what items should be placed into different bins giving a reason why. All of the children in Reception have been amazing this week thinking carefully about which bin to dispose of their rubbish throughout the day. Hopefully they are extending their knowledge at home!

If you have any toys or appropriate items, such as kitchen items, child friendly tools or items for den making that you are disposing of, please consider passing them to us to use in Reception. Recently we have had donations such as soft toy animals for our Vets Surgery, a wheelbarrow for collecting leaves in our Sensory Garden and a parrot puppet who we have called Pedro and he speaks Spanish to us. **The Reception Team**



KS1

In **Year 1** we have been learning about the night sky. This week the children used their fabulous homemade telescopes and binoculars to look at and identify different star constellations. They then painted their favourite constellation to create a starry night sky. We have been learning about different painting techniques used by famous artists. On Thursday, the children were introduced to Jackson Pollock and splatter paintings. They covered themselves up and had fantastic fun creating their own paintings by splattering, flicking and dribbling different coloured paints on their canvas. Take a look at their wonderful creations. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**



KS2

It's been very busy this week in **Year 3**. We have been making Mayan musical instruments, which the children have enjoyed. Next week we are going to decorate them and try them out to hear their wonderful sounds. In Spanish the children have been learning how to introduce their family in Spanish. Eg Esta es mi madre. Esta es mi tia. Do you know what this means? Log on to Linguascope with your child and practise discussing the family at home. Ask your child's class teacher for the log in and password information. **Mrs Levy, Seashell class**

Last Friday we were fortunate in **Year 4** to have a visit from a parent who works in marketing and advertising. Fern Miller spoke to us about the process of developing a chocolate brand and creating adverts to help sell the product. Fern discussed how to create a brand, what you need to think about when advertising your product and how to create advertising posters. After showing the children some of her work, she gave them their brief which was to create posters for a new chocolate brand 'Fulfil' (look out for it in the shops soon). The children worked hard to create slogans and eye catching posters and the results were excellent. Fern took the work back to her agency and showed her staff who were very complimentary about the children's work. In particular, Florian in Reef Shark was singled out for praise for his "Delicious, nutritious but definitely not suspicious" slogan. **Mr Sykes, White Shark class**



This week, Year 5 were surprised to find a letter from a man named Mr J Ollie. Mr J Ollie wishes to set up a fairground in our school. Naturally, as we are experts on fairgrounds now, we only thought it right that Year 5 come up with the arguments for and against such a proposal. The children set to work writing their speeches for a debate we held, with the vast majority (you'll be pleased to know) voting against the idea.

Mrs Powell, Poseidon class

Last Friday, Mr Blewett took our **Y3-4 Boys football team** to the SPSSA annual football tournament at the Len-Forge Football Centre. As always, our squad approached the day confident and respectful of their opposition. After two draws and one lose against very strong opposition, our team finally managed to get a win against Eastwood. Unfortunately, this was not enough to see our team progress to the next phase of the competition (sometimes the oppositions crossbar can be an extra defender!). The afternoon however was a different story with our boys winning numerous games against the likes of Chalkwell Hall and Leigh North Street. We are very proud of how our boys played, always looking for the pass, supporting each other and showing great determination to improve. The whole day was a great experience for our team and one that I am sure will stay in their memories for a long time.

Well done. Mr Felton PE Subject Lead

On Wednesday, 62 Darlinghurst pupils travelled to the **o2 arena** in London and, alongside thousands of other school children, performed as part of the largest school choir in the world! It was a really long day, with a full afternoon of rehearsals before the concert in the evening, arriving back at Pavillion Drive at gone 11pm! I was



so proud of you all; not only was your behaviour excellent, but the joy you took in performing the songs and dances was clear to see. What a privilege to take part in such an amazing event with such amazing children. Thank you to Mrs Churchman, Mr Felton, Mr Blewett and Miss McCartney, as well the adult volunteers who came on the trip, for making the event possible and helping it run so smoothly.

Miss Riley

ODL This Week

The whole school have participating in the big Bird watch.

Anyone can get involved by finding more information on rspb.org.uk/birdwatch.

We found that our frequent visitors are Wood Pidgeon, Crows, Seagulls and Magpies. With Robins and Blue tits also in attendance. Year 3 have been practising Mayan weaving. They have been making dream catchers to hang around the outdoor learning area. These are to bring good luck. **Miss Arnold**



Tue 05 Feb
Years 5/6 Hockey (*Warners Bridge*)

Tue 05 Feb
Safer Internet Day

Tue 05 Feb
Poseidon class Pully Experiment Visitor

Thu 07 Feb
Triton class Pully Experiment Visitor

Fri 08 Feb
Neptune class Pully Experiment Visitor

Wed 13 Feb
Year 5 Parents fairground experience 3:15pm
Come to your child's class to experience their fairground games

[read more >](#)

Fri 15 Feb
ACADEMY Closes for Half Term Holidays

Mon 25 Feb
Academy opens for Spring 2 Term

Mon 25 Feb
Celebrating World Thinking Day

Thu 28 Feb
Year 5 Highway Man Visit (*School Hall*)

Thu 07 Mar
World Book Day
Children may come to school dressed as their favourite book character

[read more >](#)

Fri 15 Mar
Red Nose Day - School uniform with Red Nose accessories

Mon 18 Mar
Eco Week - Great Big School Clean

Fri 29 Mar
PTA Mother's Day Sale

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

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PTA EGM 14th February 2. 30 pm

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lisa, Mike and Jen for their hard work and dedication to the PTA. As they step down from the committee, it is an opportunity to remind ourselves of the impact they have had on all of our children. There have been some amazing events and, through fundraising, excellent resources and experiences provided for classes.

Please do attend our AGM as we have lots of exciting things planned for the coming year and it would be fantastic to hear what you think! Refreshments will be provided and we will meet you in reception at 2.30pm. We look forward to seeing you.

**DARLINGHURST
ACADEMY PTA**

Mother's Day Sale

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Buy a special gift for a
special person

Gifts £1.00 each
Children to bring a
maximum of £2.00

Darlinghurst ACADEMY PTA

This term our school children will be creating a self portrait tea towel.

A great gift and keepsake for years to come...

More details to follow soon
Tea towels will be on sale
for £4.00 each

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	96.0
STARFISH	96.3
PELICAN	96.5
PUFFIN	95.0
SEAGULL	94.0
LOBSTER	96.0
OYSTER	95.1
SHRIMP	97.2
DUNE	96.9
PEBBLE	95.7
ROCK POOL	96.0
SEASHELL	97.8
PORT JACKSON	97.4
REEF SHARK	96.8
SAND TIGER	96.5
WHITE SHARK	95.9
NEPTUNE	95.1
POSEIDON	96.8
TRITON	95.5
BEMBRIDGE	94.8
WILTON	97.5
MAYFLOWER	92.7
ENDEAVOUR	95.1
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.

Come in to win

Celebrating Excellence

Hi Grace in Oyster class wanted to share her Max Whitlock mastery Bronze medal award she achieved last week. She attends gymnastics once a week and the past year has worked on POWER - BALANCE - STRENGTH - CO-ORDINATION - FLEXIBILITY -

Now she is determined working towards her silver medal!