



Message from the Rapid Improvement Board

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Emma Nicholls has been appointed permanent Principal of Darlinghurst Academy.

You will be aware that Mrs Nicholls has been Acting Principal since January 2018, overseeing the academy's journey to improve the quality of education for all our children.

The Rapid Improvement Board, which approved the appointment, is confident that Mrs Nicholls will continue to lead and guide the academy onto continued success with the same dedication, commitment and energy that she has displayed over the past ten months.

We are proud of the outstanding work of Mrs Nicholls and her staff since January. Our successful SATs results in the summer illustrate the excellent work going on throughout the school.

We are sure you will join us in wishing Mrs Nicholls the very best wishes as our new Principal. We'd also take this opportunity to thank our staff and parents for their continued support.

Mr Chris Hatton Chair of RIB and Mrs Bev Williams CEO of Legra Academy Trust

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

As I stood at the gate welcoming everyone back, it was like nature had rolled out a golden carpet. With the change of season please remember to wrap up warm and name your extra clothing to keep it safe.

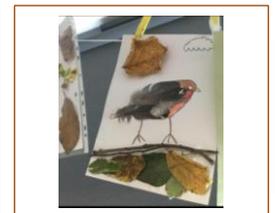
With safety in mind, thank you to everyone for your support with gate closure to ensure that our children and staff are secure inside the grounds whilst our after school clubs are running.

Our school value for this half term is achievement. All members of the community are focused on this value, celebrating achievements within school and at home. Please share achievements from outside of school so we can celebrate these with you.

I feel thrilled and privileged to be selected by the board as permanent Principal of our amazing Academy. Over the last year I have had the professional satisfaction of seeing our vision come to life through the commitment and hard work of our dedicated team and members of our community. I have watched staff and children stretch their thinking and expectations, working together to ensure success. Our children are at the heart of all that we do and for me this reflects the ethos of the school past, present and future. I look forward to supporting our children in their learning journeys for many years to come. One goal I have is to regularly share our story. I plan to continue to highlight the amazing learning that takes place each week in news and views, along with welcoming you to come and share experiences with us. It is my hope that it will make everyone feel connected and able to have valued input in continuing to help Darlinghurst Academy to grow.

As always, enjoy your weekend with your family

Mrs Nicholls





News

Thank you for your cooperation this week during the end of day arrangements. To ensure the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff here at Darlinghurst Academy, we have decided to make this important change. Our priority is safety at all times including during extra-curricular hours; for safe participation in clubs and safety of staff working across our large site and within the grounds. In addition to this, we aim to keep our equipment safe and avoiding accidental damage to property which unfortunately has occurred after school hours this past term.

In response to the week's trial and feedback from parents and staff, we are refining our new procedures:

- All clubs will finish at 4:30pm – to reduce waiting time for parents and carers collecting siblings from different clubs
- All clubs will exit via the main double gate (to the right hand side of the main office on approach) – in order to access bikes and scooters, along with providing a larger waiting area
- Please make yourselves known to the club leader – in order for them to release your child safely into your care
- Music tuition children will enter and exit via the main Reception door – where they will be escorted by an adult
- Parents and carers collection of children from Acorns will continue via the side gate (to the left hand side of the main office on approach)
- Acorn children who have bikes and scooters will have these ready in the Acorns area
- Breakfast club children who have bikes and scooters will be able to leave these in the breakfast club area, which will later be moved and secured in the bike shed

School opening times

- Our school day is 8.40am to 3.30pm.
- The main school gate opens at 8.20am and is locked again at 8:50am.
- The brook gate opens at 8:20am to allow access for Nursery parents and carers and is locked again at 8:50am.
- The classrooms are open from 8.40am. The register must be closed by 8.50am. If your child comes in after this time, they will be marked in as being late.
- The school day ends at 3.30pm. It is important to collect your child promptly.
- At the end of the school day the gates are opened again at 3.20pm and are locked at 3.50pm.
- The brook gate opens at 3.10pm to allow access for Nursery parents and carers and is locked again at 3.50pm.



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** our topic has been 'Winnie The Witch In Winter' and the children have enjoyed dressing up and playing in our winter/summer role play area. In outdoor learning, we carved pumpkins and the children are now enjoying playing with the contents, trying to pick out the seeds with tweezers. We have spoken about the seasons and what happens to the trees and have made maths pictures to show what we've learnt. We have started to learn our Christmas songs for our mini concert and are impressed with how much the children have learnt in a week. We have welcomed new children into Nursery this week and look forward to getting to know them better. **Miss Gue**

This week in **Reception**, we have started our new topic for 'Room On The Broom'. The children are enjoying creating potions and writing spells. The children are sharing their autumn walk homework which has been really interesting to see and hear about. Thank you for your continued support in listening to your child read and practising their phonics. **Mrs Dennis & Miss Slade, Starfish class**

I'd like to fly on a broom because it would be fun. Imogen, Starfish class

KS1

In **Seagull class** the children have been exploring fairy tales. On Tuesday they came in with their favourite fairy tale book and dressing up outfits. The morning was spent making and drawing different settings, sharing books and role playing different stories and characters. We explored the features of fairytales including the characters, settings and dilemmas. **Mrs Adams, Seagull class**

I liked writing my fairy about Rapunzel, it started with 'A long long time ago'. Rudi, Seagull class

This week I have really enjoyed learning about timetable's and arrays. I loved learning about 'The Day of the Dead'; a Mexican festival celebrated this time of year. We also learned about e-safety and how important it is to be safe. I did lots of running in PE when we played tag-rugby. William, Oyster Class

KS2

In **Dune class** this week I have really enjoyed launching our new topic on the ancient Egyptians. The children have already begun to research independently at home. I look forward to seeing their knowledge grow. **Mr Dunne, Dune class**

In Dune class this week Mr Dunne has been getting us to write non-chronological reports about the ancient Egyptians. I have really enjoyed learning about some of the different gods and goddesses in our whole class reading sessions. Emily F, Dune class

In the previous Number Crunch we have been doing all sorts of fun things, we learned good strategies to help us calculate numbers. Sometimes we play fun learning games which really help us. In reading we are looking at the book Beowulf, it is a really interesting book. In English we are working on our letters to our Junior Governors about improvement for our school that will continue to make is a better place to learn. In maths we have been trying to spot patterns to help us with our times tables. Mr Cauchi sometimes dances for us to help us. We are starting our topic on Anglo Saxons, Vikings and Romans. We had an archeology dig where we found artefacts from the past it was great fun! We are looking forward to Christmas as we prepare our class songs for the performance. Year 4



News

KS2 Continued

In English we have been learning to write for suspense and we have been writing about a scary two minute video. It's about a man on a carriage where the weather is thunder and lightning. I have used similes, metaphors, cliff hangers and personification. I like it because I can do a free write. **Stanley, Neptune class**

In Year 6 we have been learning about what childhood was like in Sparta and Athens (Ancient Greek cities). Everybody has also written a report about which city they would rather live in. I would prefer to live in Sparta as I can leave the house then, even if I am female. We have had a great first week back and are enjoying our new topics. This term we are focusing on history and when the best period of history to live in would have been. In English the children are creating some fantastic poems based on the theme of Remembrance Day. **Year 6**

We would like to introduce our parent representatives who will meet with Mrs Nicholls, Mrs Williams and Mr Hatton half termly:

- Naomi Scott
- Cara Friday
- Nisha Jacob
- Catie Back
- Diane Poyser
- Jenny Beck

We are very excited about this collaboration.

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	92.0
JELLYFISH	93.6
SEAHORSE	96.2
STARFISH	98.6
ALBATROSS	93.3
PELICAN	98.8
PUFFIN	97.3
SEAGULL	96.8
CRAB	98.5
LOBSTER	97.0
OYSTER	94.6
SHRIMP	91.9
DUNE	99.1
PEBBLE	97.8
ROCK POOL	96.9
SEASHELL	98.6
PORT JACKSON	96.2
REEF SHARK	96.0
SAND TIGER	97.4
WHITE SHARK	89.1
NEPTUNE	95.9
POSEIDON	97.0
SUSANOO	94.4
TRITON	94.3
BEMBRIDGE	93.7
MAYFLOWER	97.9
WILTON	97.8

Fri 03 Nov
Years 5/6 Boys Football Match (Darlinghurst)

Mon 06 Nov
Individual Photos

Tue 07 Nov
Reception 2018 School Tours
Please contact Miss Walton on 01702719746 or
pupilservices@darlinghurst.co.uk

Wed 08 Nov
Coffee and Cake with the Principal (Training Room)

Thu 09 Nov
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Mon 13 Nov
Reception 2018 School Tours
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