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Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

I would like to thank all the staff and children for a fantastic Spring Term. There has been a breadth of experiences across the academy, with learning in and outside the classroom, trips and visitors bringing learning alive. We have seen visits from the Highwayman for year 5 through to a dragon's egg being found by year 4 and our year 2 children enjoyed their visit to Duxford Imperial War Museum. Trips and visits are a key element within our curriculum and we look forward to our children visiting Wat Tyler Park and the Tower of London.

We have enjoyed sharing 'learning together', especially during our maths sessions focusing on the number crunch part of the maths lesson. Let's keep generating a love of mathematics to help build our children's fluency and speed in number and multiplication. Our children have celebrated their rockstar scores and have been wearing their multiplication badges with pride. Please continue to practice facts over the Easter break, maybe even through some creative egg related fun. Remember that Rockstars, 'battle of the bands', will be on so please encourage your children to participate and contribute to their class score. We have continued to promote a love of reading, with regular story time and world book day as a special memory within the spring term. We begin and end the academy day with reading, recognising the importance of reading independently, with a partner or hearing stories read aloud. Stories stimulate our children's imaginations and expand their knowledge and understanding of the world around them, as well as developing their language and understanding of the written word. During the break, encourage your children to lift great vocabulary off the page, ready to apply to their writing, alternatively talk about the meaning of words and word choices, building a bank of language rich vocabulary. Don't forget, we love receiving photographs of children and families reading in unusual places. Holiday time is the perfect time to find somewhere new to read.

We have been encouraging staff and children to share their views on what Darlinghurst means to them. Year 6 have been producing writing about our Academy, whilst children and staff members have been sharing how our Academy values are seen in action and what they mean to them. Short films on belonging and confidence are being produced and we look forward to sharing them in the future.

Over the spring term our assemblies have echoed the importance of our Academy values, with a particular focus on belonging and confidence over the Spring term. We have followed examples of successful people

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.1
STARFISH	95.2
PELICAN	96
PUFFIN	95.6
SEAGULL	93.4
LOBSTER	95.5
OYSTER	96
SHRIMP	96.5
DUNE	96.7
PEBBLE	94.8
ROCK POOL	95.6
SEASHELL	97.4
PORT JACKSON	97.3
REEF SHARK	96.9
SAND TIGER	96.2
WHITE SHARK	95.8
NEPTUNE	94.9
POSEIDON	96.6
TRITON	95.4
BEMBRIDGE	94.9
WILTON	97.5
MAYFLOWER	92.9
ENDEAVOUR	94.9
Totals	95.7



who inspire us. Some have been real life examples, whilst others have been fictional. Our last set of confidence characters were from Disney.

"You're braver than you believe, and stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think." - Winnie the Pooh (*Pooh's Most Grand Adventure*)

"Today is a good day to try." - Quasimodo (*The Hunchback of Notre Dame*)

You control your destiny - you don't need magic to do it. There are no magical shortcuts to solving your problems." - Merida (*Brave*)

"Venture outside your comfort zone. The rewards are worth it." - Rapunzel (*Tangled*)



"A true hero isn't measured by the size of his strength, but by the strength of his heart." - Zeus (*Hercules*)

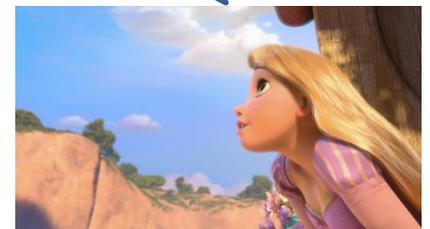
Achievement • Belonging • Confidence • Determination • Excellence



Officer Hopps proves that you can be anything you want to be, needless of size, gender and background; all you need is spirit.

Tiana believes in herself and knows that if she takes action, her hard work will lead to accomplishing her goals.

Rapunzel ventured outside her comfort zone, taking risks to explore the world and follow her dreams.



Principal's challenge

Create a quote/poster from an inspirational character or person for an Academy value. You could use any medium – pen, paper, paints, computer based programme, video - the choice is yours. Be as creative as you wish!

I look forward to seeing them after the Easter break.

Mrs Nicholls

This term we say goodbye to Mrs Berry as she moves on to new experiences. We all wish her well and the best of luck. Thank you for all your contributions to Darlinghurst.

If you have any queries regarding Reception and Year 3 intake for September 2019, please contact the Southend Admissions Team on 01702 212934 or via email to admissions@southend.gov.uk.



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have embraced Easter! The children have made chocolate crispy cake birds nests, with eggs, to take home, and enjoyed mixing the ingredients together, and used their maths to count the eggs out. We have taken part in the event to find the phonemes on the Easter egg signs around school, the children did so well spotting the letters, and sounded them out as they found them. Please pay sponsorship money through Parent Pay. Have a wonderful Easter holiday everyone, see you refreshed in 2 weeks time! If there is any chocolate left, the nursery team are willing to make good use of it in nursery! **The Nursery Team**

What a wonderful spring term we have had in **Reception!** We have all enjoyed many new experiences, such as learning about creatures that emerge from eggs. Reception spend a lot of time outdoors but it is certainly favourable when the weather is warm and sunny, as it has been recently. This allows us to replicate our indoor learning outside, especially with our joy of writing. The Reception team hope that you all have a fantastic holiday during the next couple of weeks. Please take this opportunity to help your child to continue practising their reading, writing and maths skills during everyday events. For example, how many chocolate eggs did you receive? Happy Holidays from **the Reception Team**

KS2

On Tuesday in **Out Door Learning**, we were making our own Pizza to cook in Hagrids Hut. What a nice end to a Tuesday. Miss Arnold



In **Year 5**, we had a visit from the Highwayman last week. The children were surprised by a man named John Nevison who gate crashed our assembly. He was looking for his friend Mrs Bermon to help him hide from the constables. The children were then treated to some of his stories about his life as a Highwayman and the lies people had told. They had to change the wanted poster so it didn't look like him and the story and song so he sounded like the lovely gentleman he was! Some children even had the opportunity to test out his pistol and rapier. It was a lovely finish to our Topic and Writing, which has been focused on Highwaymen and life in Georgian times.



Sports Update

It has been a very busy Spring term with our children competing in football, netball, hockey, cross country and tag rugby events to name a few. In every one of these events, our children show all of our school values whilst proudly wearing the school emblem on their shirts. Each term the children are showing a genuine desire to compete in sport and are fast becoming a force to be reckoned with. This is due to their DETERMINATION to improve, growing CONFIDENCE and a desire to ACHIEVE their best. Well done to all who have taken part and also all of those children who are trying hard to find their way into the teams. It is lovely for our Academy to have so many talented children to choose from. **Together We Can Achieve Excellence.**



After the Easter break we will be embarking on a new extra-curricular sports club timetable which will be including summer favourites such as Cricket and Rounders. Be sure to check the website and sign your children up for their favourite clubs. Have a lovely break.

Mr Felton PE Subject Lead





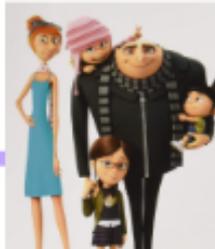
Darlinghurst ACADEMY
Parent Teacher Association



INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR
**KS2 CLUB
FILM NIGHT**

ILLUMINATION PRESENTS
**DESPICABLE
ME 3**

FRIDAY 17TH MAY
3:40PM - 5:30PM
£3.00 PER CHILD



ALL CHILDREN WILL
RECEIVE POPCORN AND A
SOFT DRINK

PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE VIA YOUR CHILD'S
PARENTPAY
SNACKS PROVIDED WILL BE GLUTEN FREE &
VEGAN FRIENDLY



 **easyfundraising**
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Thank you to those who have signed up to our Easyfundraising page! We now have 120 supporters. If you have a couple of spare minutes to sign up, please go to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/darlinghurstpta/> - it doesn't take long and every donation, however big or small, goes towards resources for our school 😊. Thank you very much!

PTA Easter Colouring Competition

Congratulations to our lucky winners! Well done to everyone who participated. The standard was very high and we were really impressed by the quality of the artwork! The children raised £55- a big thank you to them all!

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we aim for excellence in
everything we do

Tue 23 Apr
Academy opens for Summer Term
Wed 24 Apr

Year 4 Girls WHSG taster session

Thu 25 Apr 6:00pm

Year 5 PGL 2020 Meeting (School Hall) Children Welcome

Fri 26 Apr

Class Photos

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

Please can we remind parents that pack lunches should not contain any nut related products we do have children with nut allergies at the Academy. Thank you

We have received a number of reports involving children being sent inappropriate communications from an unnamed individual through Instagram. As an Academy, we urge parents and carers to monitor all social media activity their children engage in, and adhere to advice issued by the police and Instagram. Official advice is that Instagram is not an appropriate platform for users under the age of 13. Therefore, we advise that parents remove the Instagram app from their child's phone until they reach the required age. We would again like to encourage the children to use DB Primary for social networking whilst they attend Darlinghurst, the site cannot be accessed by anyone who does not attend the school and all content can be easily tracked.

Adventure Island

Get ready for Easter

with these MASSIVE savings!

Buy now on Parent Pay or through Facebook
during holidays

Blue bands

Our price **£16** (online price £22.50) **Saving £6.50!**

Green Bands

Our price **£13** (online price £18.75) **Saving £5.75!**

Red Bands

Our Price **£13** (online price £15) **Saving £2!**

Adventure Golf

Our Price **£5** (online price £7.50) **Saving £2.50 per person!**

Sealife Adventure

Our Price **£8** **Saving £9.50 on adult ticket!**

£4.50 on child ticket!

£18 on a family of 4 ticket!



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Battle of the Classes.

Over the half term there will be another Battle of the Bands. The battles begin from 4pm on the 5/4/19 till 20/04/19 5pm. Except year 5 as there are only three classes. Check the starting dates and times and lets have FUN learning our Times Tables - ROCK ON!!!!!!

Year 3

Rockpool and Pebble
Dune and Seashell

Year 4

White Shark and Sand Tiger
Reef Shark and Port Jackson

Year 5

5/4/19 till 12/4/19 5pm Poseidon and Neptune
14/4/19 till 20/4/19 5pm Triton and Neptune

Year 6

Bembridge and Wilton
Endeavour and Mayflower



Hi, it's Emily from Neptune class. I was wondering whether anyone has any stamps as I am needing stamps for the visually improvement team. Once they have been donated the stamps, they will change them into stamps for the blind. Please show your support. A stamp box will be put in the office.

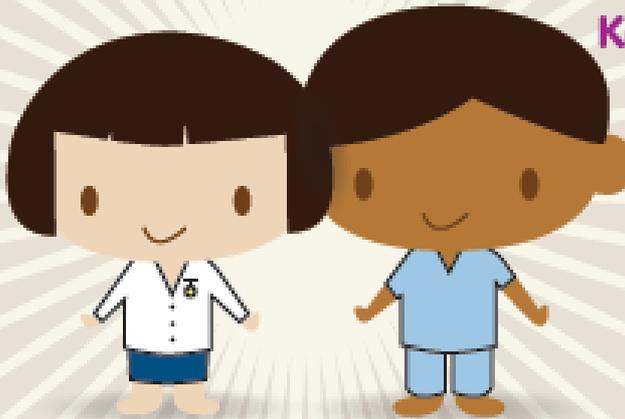
*Thanks **Emily***



Your School Nursing Service

Someone you know and can trust...

Your School Nursing Service can work both in and out of School to help provide or find you support about:



Keeping Healthy

Immunisations

Emotional Health

Weight Management

Sexual Health

Drugs and Alcohol

Smoking

We can also help make sure that young people with disabilities, long term illness, or other needs can receive extra support when they need it. If we can't provide the help ourselves, we will connect you with someone who can.

Confidential

We provide a confidential service. This means that you can discuss personal information in confidence. We will not discuss your personal information with anyone else without your permission. This includes parents and teachers. We would only pass on your information in order to protect you or someone else from serious harm. Whenever possible we would discuss this with you first.

Qualified

School Nurses or Specialist Community Public Health Nurses are qualified nurses or midwives with specific graduate level education, and work with a team to support you.

Non Judgemental

We are here to help, not to judge.

When and Where can I Access my School Nursing Service?

My name is Sally Farrugia

I am the School Nurse.

Parent contact sessions will be held on:

Wednesday 1st May 2019

Wednesday 3rd July 2019

From 9am onwards

In PPA room

Further dates will be sent out in September 2019