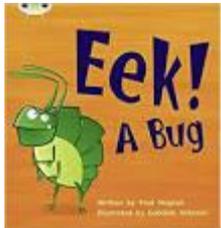




Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, carers and children

It's been a productive week in and outside the classroom. I have particularly enjoyed participating in phonic and writing lessons this week, working alongside children whilst producing their writing. In year 4 we wrote letters to Mr Gove, using persuasive language and emotive facts related to 'plastics' and in particular the risks it can bring to our ocean creatures.



In phonics we enjoyed sharing the story of Eek, It's a bug! We held the sentence in our heads and wrote it down, applying our phonic knowledge. Children were able to share their work with me and talk about the sound of the day and what type of special friends they are.

I was entertained in a PE lesson, where children showed me dance and movement routines that included aspects of dance. Children modelled and explained movements such as: canon (one after the other) unison (together) action (what is the movement) dynamics (how it is performed) and space (where it is performed in the area). I gave the cross country team a pep talk before heading out to their event this week. It was great to hear of their success and attitude.

There has been a hive of activities taking place at lunch times, with children, staff and play leaders participating in the different play zones, offered during lunchtime provision.



In assembly this week, the children and I explored the amount of sugar in food. We were surprised by some of sugar content in snacks and drinks. We discussed the importance of our 5 a day too.

Top tips for a healthy Lunchbox

Aim for 5 a day
Aim for fruit or veg snack to be about the size of your hand



Thank you to all those parents who joined us for Parents Evening this week. It was lovely to see so many parents engaging with our Academy and lots of smiling faces, sharing settling news of their children at the start of this academic year. We value two-way dialogue and an early parent consultation in October, helped in exchange of information and questions. We look forward to continuing working in partnership with you. Looking ahead we have numerous opportunities to work together to ensure all our children have the best education at Darlinghurst, such as; Black History Month, 11+ Grammar School Parents Information Evening, Year 6 SATs Information Evening. Please see the school website calendar for further details of upcoming events.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



News

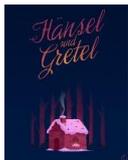
EYFS

On Thursday the **Nursery** and **Reception** classes joined together to celebrate Harvest Festival. We talked about the food we had brought in and, although we would have liked to eat it ourselves, agreed that we would be kind and helpful to give it to other people who did not have as much food as we did. We thought about how hard the farmers worked to pick or dig up the fruit and vegetables from trees, bushes and from the soil. We watched a video of a combine harvester working side by side with a tractor and trailer to harvest wheat from a large field and take the grain to the store. The wheat stubble that remained in the field we saw was collected by another machine to be used as straw for farm animals to keep them warm. We watched the farmers working late into the night with bright lights on their big machines to finish the harvest. At the end of our celebration, children from Tiddlers in Nursery plus Starfish and Jellyfish in Reception took our food to put it with the gifts from older children in the school. **Mrs Dutton EYFS Lead**



Reception have explored healthy food this week discussing different types of fruit and vegetables and where our food sources come from. We discussed our tasty school dinners, which are healthy balanced meals. All of the children enjoyed the opportunity to create faces made of food, based on the artist Giuseppe Arcimboldo. On Thursday our Nursery children came to visit Reception to partake in a Harvest Festival celebration together. We thoroughly enjoyed our time together and look forward to more joint events throughout the academic year. Next week we will be focusing on Elmer the Elephant stories linking to learning about size, colour, pattern and feelings. **The Reception Team**

KS1



My favourite part this week was when the witch from Hansel and Gretel came into our classroom. She asked us to put our fingers out to see if our fingers were fat enough to eat us.
Charlie, Lobster class

KS2

We have been electrifying in **year 3** as we continue to work through our Electricity topic. A big thank you to Mr Green who is an electrician and gave a superb and engaging workshop to the children. They felt electrified by the end. The hands on activities gave them a great insight into the world of electricity. Many thanks! Getting our brains thinking, we have been looking at rounding and the importance of rounding numbers so that it relates to the context we are talking about. Crunching those numbers, the children are getting involved in Rock Star Times Tables. Remember, if your child can't access the programme at home then please remind them they can access it at lunchtime in the library. Let's ROCK ON with this and be the leading parent to help your child be successful!

Working out why the wolf thought he could eat Little Red Writing Hood with his tricks, the children have been writing frantically and adding some of their own additions. Thanks to the parents for meeting with us this week. We look forward to working together to ensure that the tips given will allow your child to be successful. We must continue to ensure that their learning is important as this will give them every chance for the future.

Mr Cauchi, Rockpool class and Year 3 Lead

What superstars we are! **Reef Shark** have been thinking about what support they can give those with a hearing impairment and trying to understand how they face everyday challenges. The children have explored a variety of faiths and considered special places and making special journeys. I think the Reef Shark enjoyed composing their own musical tunes especially when I started to dance around the classroom!

Mrs Lee, Reef shark class



LOtC – Outdoor Learning this week



KS2 Cross Country

In the first sporting event of the new term, our PE team took a squad of 45 KS2 children to the Southend Primary Schools Sports Association Cross Country event. After a very short but excited coach journey, year group by year group our athletes warmed up and took their place on the start line. Year 3 and 4 ran a 1000m race with year 5 and 6 running a longer race of 1600m with approximately 120 other children from various schools. Each and every one of our children showed amazing determination to finish their race with some of them pushing themselves to the limit. Standing on the finish line, I found myself feeling an incredible amount of pride in our squad as they crossed the line. There can be no doubt that all of them came away from this great experience knowing that they could have tried no harder. Special congratulations go to Gracie-Lee and Lewis for qualifying for the Essex finals later on in the year. **Mr Felton**



Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	54.2
JELLYFISH	98.6
STARFISH	99.3
PELICAN	94.1
PUFFIN	89
SEAGULL	96
LOBSTER	94.4
OYSTER	88.6
SHRIMP	98.7
DUNE	99.2
PEBBLE	92.9
ROCK POOL	99.3
SEASHELL	98.8
PORT JACKSON	99.3
REEF SHARK	100
SAND TIGER	95.2
WHITE SHARK	95.6
NEPTUNE	96.7
POSEIDON	98.7
TRITON	95.8
BEMBRIDGE	99.3
WILTON	97
MAYFLOWER	90.7
ENDEAVOUR	95.7
Totals	94.3

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

If you read just **one** book a day to your child, they will have been read **1825** books by their 5th birthday.

Every Day Counts.

Every Book Counts.



Notices

Is your child due to start school in 2019/20?



Darlinghurst
ACADEMY

OPEN EVENING

Thursday 18th October 2018

4.00pm-8.00pm

- Take a tour of our classrooms and extensive grounds
- Participate in curricular activities with our teaching team
- Sample food from our catering staff
- Visit the Q&A hub

Don't miss the Principal's speech at 6:00pm plus much more



Is your child due to start school in 2019/20?

Prospective parent tours

October 16th – 10:00am-11:00am and 1:30pm-2:30pm
 November 6th – 10:00am-11:00am and 1:30pm-2:30pm
 November 12th – 10:00am-11:00am and 1:30pm-2:30pm
 December 11th – 1:30pm-2:30pm
 December 12th – 1:30pm-2:30pm
 January 8th 2019 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
 January 9th 2019 – 1:30pm-2:30pm
 Tours can be booked via the school office or by emailing generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk

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Secondary School Admissions

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to apply for a secondary school place, you will not receive any letters from Southend-on-Sea Borough Council.

Parents and carers must apply for 2019/20 before 31st October 2018.

Further information can be found on the Southend-on-Sea Borough Council website

https://www.southend.gov.uk/info/200176/school_admissions/47/secondary_school_admissions

Mon 08 Oct
Rugby World Cup Celebrations
Until: 12th October
Mon 08 Oct
Year 4 & Year 5 11+ Grammar School Parents Information Evening
Tue 09 Oct
Individual Photos
Wed 10 Oct
Year 5/6 Tag Rugby (SRFC)
Tue 16 Oct
Prospective Parent Tours
Please contact Mrs Lowe to book
Wed 17 Oct
Year 5 Mad Science Workshop
Thu 18 Oct
ACADEMY Early Closure 1:45pm
Thu 18 Oct
Years 5/6 Girls Football (Len Forge Centre)
Thu 18 Oct
Open Evening For Prospective Parents (Darlinghurst ACADEMY)
Mon 22 Oct
Holiday
Until: 2nd November

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

Thank you to the PTA who raised **£91.04** for Macmillan

