



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

Transition and induction

We are in the final stages of this academic year, staff, children and parents are beginning to prepare for the next academic year. At this time of the year we are dedicated in supporting children in their transition and induction. Today we have had the first of our transition sessions, with children and teaching staff meeting, having their introductory sessions in preparation for the new year. There was a buzz of excitement around the school and happy smiles in the classrooms. It was wonderful to welcome our youngest with their parents to Early Years. Many of our eldest children attended their secondary schools too, experiencing a taster of KS3. We are proud of the confidence and sense of belonging that everyone has shown to transition. We would like to extend a warm welcome to parents and carers, involving you in the transition process and providing you with a chance to meet your child's new teacher. We are hosting a 'meet, greet and read' session on 18th July at 8:40am in your child's new classroom. Information will be provided in more detail on this.

At a time of transition we do not only say goodbye to our year six children, but also to some staff members who are embarking upon new adventures and chapters in their lives taking them to the city, different counties and countries.

Mr Eglinton is travelling furthest afield, heading to New Zealand. We wish him safe travels.

Miss Hodges is relocating and moving to a new county to join her partner. We wish her future happiness.

Miss Andrews is off to the big city of London to start a new career in HR. We wish her every success.

Mr Hatton is starting a new teaching post. We hope he enjoys his new school.

As you may have noticed, two of our teachers are looking forward to new arrivals and will be having some time away from our Darlinghurst family to start a family of their own. We wish Miss Plummer and Miss Fenwick love and look forward to hearing their baby news.

Whilst we welcome new children and families to our school, we also welcome new staff and returning staff.

We are excited to welcome a few new teachers; Mrs Scott, Mrs Lee and Miss McCory. We also welcome back Mrs Peoples returning from maternity leave and Mrs Zaher is joining the teaching team again. It's lovely to have them both back.

Community Engagement

I would like to say thank you to our PTA for a fantastic inflatable fun day. Thank you for their support and dedication to our children and families. Children told me how it is fun and you get to roam free, choosing inflatables to play on with friends. They liked being able to buy candy floss, hot dogs and slush puppies. Children smiled, laughed and bounced all afternoon, the teachers too. I enjoyed being on the wrecking ball with the children and had to move fast a few times to dodge or steer the ball, especially when Mr Turner joined us.

Miss Faddy modelled the Darlinghurst hat, staying safe in the sun. If you would like to purchase one please contact the uniform shop. Don't forget the book bags for September too. They are great for transporting books and homework, and also fit tidily in classroom trays, desks and lockers.

Next week we have more opportunities to share end of year experiences with sports days for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. Again, please make sure the children are sun safe and have plenty of water to drink so they can enjoy the fun and games. Remember to bring in a t-shirt that match house colours. Please refer to our letter on the homepage of our website.

As always enjoy your family time together

Mrs Nicholls



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been learning about cars and trains. The children have been enjoying the lovely weather with lots of construction and water play. In P.E the children enjoyed a game of Duck, Duck, Goose and an exercise routine with Miss Morris. Outdoor Learning involved forces, looking at rolling down, but can you roll up? Also pushing cars on different surfaces and if the surface makes a difference. To celebrate the NHS 70th anniversary children had the opportunity to dress up as doctors, nurses, patients, lab assistants etc and really enjoyed using the doctors' kits and making each other better. For those parents that haven't checked yet which colour your child is for sports day please ask on Monday in readiness for sports day on Tuesday. Happy weekend Tiddlers. **Team Nursery**



Reception are still enjoying their Pirates topic. We began the week by reading and writing recipes for 'Pirate Punch', and then making our own following the recipes, adding orange juice and pineapple juice and mixing them together. The children purchased their juice in the afternoon using their knowledge and understanding of money. Alongside the pirate fun, we have also celebrated the 70th birthday of the NHS. The children enjoyed dressing up and role playing doctors and nurses towards the end of the week. We discussed the important role of the NHS, and the role that we play in looking after our minds and bodies, as well as the role that professionals such as doctors and nurses play. **Miss Riley and Mrs Farnell, Seahorse class**

*We made pirate punch. We bought it with toy money. It cost 2p for a cup. **Sophia, Seahorse class***



KS1

This week **Year 1** have been learning how to write in past tense using the suffix -ed. We have got into the role of Barnaby Bear and travelled to London to see the sites. **Miss Adams and Mrs Farrer, Seagull class**

*I hopped in a shiny black taxi to the enormous London Eye close to the River Thames.
Rodi, Seagull class*

KS2

This week **Year 4** have been learning all about the human body in Science and writing about it in English. The children have really enjoyed the gruesome aspects of how the body works! **Mrs Powell, Port Jackson class**

*This week we have been learning about the digestive system. We are writing explanation texts like how to have a balanced diet and what happens once you chewed your food. Also in maths we have been doing fractions of amounts. **Harry S, Port Jackson class***



KS2 cont.

This week, the **Year 6** have been very busy counting money that they have raised from enterprise day. The total profit was £908.25. The money will be used to buy a memorable gift for the school. These are the totals from each class: Bembridge - £334.60 Wilton - £181.36 Mayflower - £392.29. **Kolsum, Bembridge class**

Transition

Your child will come home with a sheet today explaining who they have met during transition today. See the guidance below for class location.

Year 1	Are in last year's reception block. From the main gate, walk past the Year 3 and 2 classrooms on your left, across the KS1 playground and through the Reception outdoor area towards the field.
Year 2	From the main gate, pass the two Year 3 classrooms on your left. The next room is Year 2. Turn left at the end of this building into the courtyard area to reach the other Year 2 classrooms on your left.
Year 3	The first two classes on your left after you enter the main gate are Year 3s. The other two classes are the other side of the main building, nearest the car park gate (please remember the car park gate is no longer opened so walk round, keeping the main building on your left).
Year 4	Upstairs in the main building. Access is by the double doors at the foot of the stairs. From the main gate, turn left at the KS1 playground into the courtyard and the doors at the far end.
Year 5	From the main gate, walk past the Year 3 and 2 classrooms, turn left at the KS1 playground and into the courtyard. The first classroom is the last room on your left. To reach the other two classes from here, walk to the KS2 playground under the passageway and follow the building round to the left. The first class is opposite the newly astroturfed area outside the library. The second is next door.
Year 6	Are upstairs above Reception. From the main gate, walk past the Year 3 and 2 classes on your left, then turn left at the KS1 playground into the courtyard. The door to the stairwell is at the end of the courtyard on the right, under the passageway that leads to the KS2 playground.



After the success of Borough Sports, 22 of our athletes competed in the Super Sports event. This is a competition for all children that placed 1st or 2nd in their event from all four divisions. To have so many children representing our school in this competition is amazing with many of them coming away on the day with more medals. Their determination to improve and be the best they can makes me incredibly proud of them all. Go Darlinghurst.

Some of our year 5 girls attended a cricket festival this week, run by Chance To Shine. As always our girls represented the school perfectly, playing with fairness and respect for the game throughout the day. Their last game was very exciting with the girls fielding brilliantly followed by some excellent batting. Winning the game 246 runs to 218 against St Helens. Well done girls you are a credit to our school.

Mr Felton





We are pleased to announce that we have managed to achieve the bronze award for the Eco-schools project. It's been months of hard work, determination and commitment from all the staff and pupils at Darlinghurst which have led to this point. Thank you for your continued support and we are now working towards our next challenge, the Silver Award. **Mrs Powell**

The Eco-schools team would like to share the work they have done to achieve the Bronze Award: *To achieve our bronze award, we had to set up our team and create an action plan. We made posters to get parents involved in the team and have our own notice board. Also we have given assemblies and made power points to show what we have been doing to the school. We have been focusing on waste, water and energy as our topics. We have lots to do to get our silver.*

From the Eco-school team: Megan, Madison, Jetson, Reanna, Miles, Anthony, Daisy and William



Celebrating Excellence

On Saturday morning, Theo, Poseidon class and his Godfather Len, set off at 10:15am on a tandem bike ride from his home in Westcliff, all the way to Brantham, which is on the complete other side of the county. 56 miles were pedalled, 4 estuaries were crossed, they passed Colchester Zoo, they crossed on the passenger ferry at Wallasea to Burnham, they had a puncture at Birch, lunch at Maldon, an ice cream at Tiptree and were rewarded with a pizza and a movie finally at 7:30pm at Brantham, Essex. The sun was hot (their knees are very brown) and they had to battle a continual, strong Easterly headwind the whole way, making their journey more of a challenge.

Theo grinned from ear to ear when his parents collected him and Len at Southend Victoria on Sunday, because he was so chuffed with his adventure with his intrepid explorer Godfather.

What a massive achievement for any 10 year old and we join his family celebrating his perseverance and determination.



Jamie, Dune class performed her silks routine 4 times during the last two weekends when she represented Little Stars Circus School in the Chelmsford Arts Festival.





This week the children enjoyed a Pick & Mix Meal Boxes from Eats.



The children enjoyed a choice of rolls, pizza slices, fruit, vegetables, jelly, flap-jacks, popcorn and yoghurts.

Really nice, good choice. **Tina, Wilton class**

Fantasic. **Charlie, Seagull class**

Yummy scrummy. **Jeffrey, Albatross class**

Awesome. **Michael, Puffin class**

Really good, **Dexter, Pelican class**

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	87.6
JELLYFISH	99.0
SEAHORSE	93.1
STARFISH	98.2
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	94.6
PUFFIN	97.5
SEAGULL	96.7
CRAB	97.5
LOBSTER	88.0
OYSTER	97.5
SHRIMP	86.6
DUNE	97.0
PEBBLE	98.1
ROCK POOL	92.0
SEASHELL	96.0
PORT JACKSON	98.4
REEF SHARK	93.8
SAND TIGER	94.6
WHITE SHARK	98.3
NEPTUNE	94.6
POSEIDON	99.1
SUSANOO	83.8
TRITON	98.1
BEMBRIDGE	97.0
MAYFLOWER	99.1
WILTON	98.2

- Highest attendance in each key stage
- Highest attendance in each year group

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

Mon 09 Jul
KS2 Sports Day
Tue 10 Jul
EYFS Sports Day
Wed 11 Jul
KS1 Sports Day
Fri 13 Jul
Year 6 Leavers Disco
Wed 18 Jul
Whole School Transition
Fri 20 Jul
Year 6 Leavers Assembly

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