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Message from the Principal

Across the academy, we have been thinking about **keeping safe and happy**. In assembly, we have discussed the importance of talking to adults about our worries, remembering **we are a listening school**. The children understood they could talk to any adult but **Mrs Grant and Mrs Dutton had special jobs for safeguarding** and Mrs Wheeler is in school to help solve problems, keeping us happy too. Children and teachers have been spreading kindness around the school, giving each other compliments, knowing that **simply kind words and actions can change someone's entire day**. Year three and four, watched a short film, demonstrating that one **act of kindness** is like a boomerang and can pass on and on, until it can come back to you – a positive interpretation of the idiom, 'What goes around, comes around'. Thank you children and staff for spreading kindness and happiness around the school. Our **happiness and safety are both important for our well-being**.

This week has included **safer internet day**. We know that the internet is an amazing place where children play, learn, create and connect – opening up the world of exciting opportunities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can we make sure your child is staying safe? This week we shared tools and advice with our children to keep us safe, participating in activities and assemblies about **on-line safety**. Please continue to support on line safety at home, by working together as a **TEAM**:

Talking about staying safe on line

Explore their online world together

Agree rules about what's ok and what's not

Manage your family's settings and controls

Make it part of your everyday life - Let's keep children safe on-line.

My year four morning reading group have continued to think about **road safety**, please take a look at their reviews of the text, 'The Hodgeheg', by Dick King Smith and remember to **cross the road with the help of our crossing patrol officer**. Considering **safety within and around school**, could I please remind parents and carers to respect our neighbours and follow the markings on the road, parking in appropriate places at the start and end of the day. It is a busy street at these times, with limited spaces, however we must ensure that safety is paramount. Also, please remind children to dismount scooters and bikes, whilst on the grounds. Please use the bike and scooter shelters, keeping them safe and in one place during the school day.



Continuing the theme of safety, my year six reading group have been considering the importance of **fire safety**, using their detective skills to retrieve information from newspaper articles about Forest Fires. Emma M, Wilton class explained how you use the skill of underlining key information and discussed how forest fires can affect you in real life. Living so close to woodland and enjoying trips to Belfairs Woods it's important to understand the dangers.

As always, enjoy you family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** our topic has been Aladdin and the children have enjoyed riding the magic carpet in the role play area with their friends. In show and tell lots of children showed us their treasures and soft monkey toys, please send in show and tell if you don't already! We have been busy making our own magic carpets, weaving paper and following instructions. We celebrated Chinese New Year with the children enjoying prawn crackers and hoisin dipping sauce and we began an experiment in ODL to see which materials decompose and which do not, linking in with our recycling theme. **Nursery Team**

This week in **Reception**, we have thoroughly enjoyed immersing ourselves into learning about Chinese New Year. In maths we have thought about ordinal numbers linked to the story about the twelve animals that had to race to gain their position in the Chinese zodiac. We have used our phonics knowledge to write sentences linked to our learning, as well as creating some art, such as willow pattern plate designs and dragon puppets. During Outdoor Learning on Friday we went on a bird spotting walk and made bird feeders to help the birds in this cold weather. The week was rounded off with Mrs Dutton teaching parts of the body in Mandarin, as well as some beautiful Chinese dancing with scarves and a dragon dance. Wow! What a busy week! Thank you to the kind donations that we have received to increase our resources after last week's request. Our Home Corner now has a Hoover and our outdoor kitchen has a few more plastics spoons and mixing bowls. Have a lovely weekend! **The Reception Team**

KS1

This week **Shrimp class** have enjoyed learning about Chinese New Year. The children have listened to a variety of Chinese stories and enjoyed dancing like Chinese dragons. **Miss Carey, Shrimp class**

I liked it when we went around the classroom as a Chinese dragon. Nathaniel, Shrimp class

KS2

In **Year 5**, we have been lucky enough to be visited by Mr Bird who showed us how pulleys can help heavy things be moved. **Neptune class** enjoyed trying to move each other in teams by pulling on a rope and saw how a pulley can make it easier to move objects. Mrs Stevens even managed to beat the whole class when they tried to pull her! Nice try Neptune! **Mrs Stevens, Neptune class**

It was fun to see the pulleys in action rather than just talking about it. Evie, Neptune class



In **Mayflower** we have been writing around the theme of 'horror'. The children felt that the exemplification used was not scary enough and rose to the challenge of creating more of a Fear Factor within their own pieces this week, next week we will share extracts of their finished work. In topic we have been designing and carrying out investigations whilst ensuring they are fair tests. We have also been learning about the evolution of man, from **Australopithecus** through to homosapiens. **Mr Turner and Mrs Hahn, Mayflower class**

On Tuesday, I had the privilege of taking our year 6 hockey team to the annual SPSSA hockey festival. The children were picked to represent our school due to their natural talent for the sport shown within PE lessons. Kitted up and hockey sticks at the ready we travelled over to Warners Bridge for the festival. It was not long before they were playing their very first game of competitive hockey against Hamstel School. The game turned out to be a very tight one with both teams defending well and having few chances to get into the oppositions D. At full time, and with smiles on their faces, the Darlinghurst team came away from the game with a draw. As the morning progressed, our team improved, showing some great stick skills and teamwork. At the end of the festival we realised we had only conceded one goal in four games! I am always incredibly proud when I take our children to events, they are well behaved, respectful to others and above all, determined to improve and learn in each and every game. Well done **Mr Felton PE Subject Lead**



In **art** this week we have been creating self portraits, as well as teachers and LSAs portraits to be printed onto tea towels which are being produced by the PTA. Nursery also joined in with their unique hand prints. **Miss Buckley, Art Subject Lead**



Wed 13 Feb
Year 5 Parents fairground experience 3:15pm
[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)
Wed 06 Mar

Year 5 & 6 maths learning together 2:45pm
Thu 07 Mar

World Book Day - [read more >](#)
Fri 08 Mar

Year 1 & 2 maths learning together 9:00am
Year 3 & 4 maths learning together 2:45pm

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 - [read more >](#)

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

PTA AGM Thursday 14th February at 2.30pm

You are all invited to our AGM and it would be wonderful to see new faces! Come and find out what we have planned. Refreshments will be provided. Please meet us in reception. We look forward to seeing you!

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Maths learning together sessions

Join us for a maths learning together session.

Year 5 & 6 maths learning together 2:45pm
Year 1 & 2 maths learning together 9:00am
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Group	% Attend
PELICAN	96.3
PUFFIN	95.0
SEAGULL	94.0
LOBSTER	95.8
OYSTER	95.3
SHRIMP	97.3
DUNE	96.7
PEBBLE	95.7
ROCK POOL	96.2
SEASHELL	97.8
PORT JACKSON	97.4
REEF SHARK	96.6
SAND TIGER	96.4
WHITE SHARK	96.0
NEPTUNE	94.5
POSEIDON	96.8
TRITON	95.4
BEMBRIDGE	95.0
WILTON	97.4
MAYFLOWER	92.7
ENDEAVOUR	95.0
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

**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

Celebrating Excellence

Isabella, Bembridge class has been commended this week by Mrs Nicholls for her story 'A Brief Introduction of my Current Occupation'. Isabelle certainly is a budding author. Isabella beamed with pride when Mrs Nicholls said it was one of the best pieces of writing she had seen during her career. She explained that from a young age she has read classics such as Oliver Twist influencing her language and style.



A safety message from the year 4 morning reading group

'The Hodgehog' by Dick King-Smith shows us the **safe place to cross the road**.

Remember to cross the road safely on your way to school. **Use our lollipop lady.**



'Under the protection of great, powerful human' with her 'magic wand'

'Raising her magic wand on high, the powerful human strode into the middle of the street and at the sight of her the traffic meekly halted'

'All the small humans went across and the powerful human stood there until the very last one reached the other side safely. And all the time everything stood absolutely still. Buses, lorries, cars and motorbikes, not one of them dared move'

Book Review

By Reece Cooper

I recommend the Hodgehog and give it a **** because it has a lot of speech and it helps with road safety it also is about loss and loneliness because they make friends and some copped it and it's an educational book. Themes it's about: muddle, safety, family and friendship. Why not read this book in the library!

By Scarlett Walker

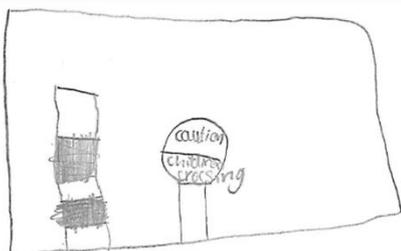
I recommend the Hodgehog and I give it **** because it's funny and learning about loneliness. why not read this book at story time! Themes it's about: friendship, loss, muddle words, read aloud, loneliness, people who help us, friendly.

By Josh Davis

I recommend this book to read by Dick King-Smith and give it **** because it's exciting and about friendship even looking after people that were lonely and lost, they have been kind and I think it's an educational book to read, why not read this book in the library.

By Amy Field

I recommend the Hodgehog by Dick King-Smith **** because it helps road safety and friendship to and max muddling his words. It is about: safety, family, friendship and community. Why not read this at home!





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