



Message from the Principal

Welcome back everyone I hope you all had a good week and are rested and ready to learn. It is lovely to see you all and the sunshine.

With International week approaching, myself, Miss Faddy and Mrs Hahn thought we would share some of our stories;

I was born in Helensburgh, Scotland into a Royal naval family, not far from the bonnie bonnie banks of Loch Lomond. My dad was based at the HM Naval Base Clyde – known throughout the Navy as Faslane. It is the home to the core of the submarine Service, including the nation's nuclear deterrent. I lived in the Royal Navy marriage quarters in Churchill estate. We spent a lot of time with other Navy children and mothers, whilst our fathers were at sea. Often we would be apart from our dad, for months at a time whilst he was on board the submarine or diving deep into the ocean. Being part of a naval family I would have Christmas dinner inside a submarine with my family and extended family. We have some great photographs of sledging during the winter months. I could walk off the doorstep and literally disappear into the deep snow.

I have spent the majority of my life living in the South East of England, spending time with my family. My parents moved away from England ten years ago and currently live in south West France, nestled amongst the grapevines and sunflowers. Their village is not far from Bordeaux and the beaches of the South West. Over the last ten years they have learned the language and culture of the country, participating in festivals and traditions with their French neighbours. I have spent school holidays with them, experiencing different customs and holidays over the changing seasons, such as Christmas and enjoyed finding the toy inside the 'Galette des Rosi' - a flat almond cake. 'Joyeux Noel'

I plan to join them this summer and enjoy the sunshine, visiting brocantes and fetes, alongside relaxing in the garden and watching our pet ducks waddle around the garden. 'Bon Vacances'

I am looking forward to international week where we are bringing the world into our children's classrooms, promoting cultural exchange. We believe that understanding one another's languages and cultures is paramount to the success of a young person in the 21st century and support and develop our children on their way to becoming truly international citizens – both inside and outside the classroom. During international week we aim to add an international twist to all lessons and experiences, which will inspire our children, boost their motivation and make learning relevant to this themed week.

I would like to encourage engagement from parents, carers, family and friends within the wider community during this week. Please talk to the class teachers if you would like to be involved or share any information with Miss Debbie Bernard, Mrs Powell or Mrs Levey who are leading on this event.

Please email generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk marked for the teachers' attention and we will happily pass you messages onto them.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Message from the Senior Vice Principal

I was born in Sydney, Australia - where my parents and sister still live. I completed my entire education in Australia, except for a brief period of time when I lived in the USA due to my father's work. I attended elementary school (the US equivalent to primary school) just outside of Nashville, Tennessee and found it strange to not have to wear a uniform to school! I loved the opportunity to experience a different culture at such a young age: the country music, the spicy chilli, the bright yellow school buses, a TV with 40 channels (Australia only had 5 stations at that time!) and I even returned to Australia with a very strong Southern American accent! Once I completed high school (or secondary school as we call it here) I pursued my love of



dancing and became a professional dancer with a traditional Mexican group. I learnt about the history and context of the Mexican dances we performed, and even picked up a little Spanish -Hablo muy poco español! I performed at events, on TV and even travelled to China to dance with a group of mariachis –musicians. When I was completing my Masters of Teaching, I took one unit abroad, which meant I was given the opportunity to



teach in a Muslim girls school in Malaysia. It was such an amazing experience, the girls there would stand every time a teacher would walk into the room and once they knew me, they would touch my hand to their forehead following each lesson as a sign of gratitude and respect. I've always enjoyed travelling to different countries; one of my favourite trips was through South America where I hiked Machu Picchu, visited the salt flats of Bolivia and saw the wonder of Iguazu falls on the border of Argentina and Brazil. I moved to the UK 9 years ago for the opportunity to see

Europe and it very quickly became my home. Earlier this year, I was overjoyed to become a British citizen, and I am now officially an Aussie/Brit! I'm looking forward to International Week so that we can share even more about the diversity of the Darlinghurst community and celebrate the experiences which make us all unique. I can't wait to sing some international songs in singing assembly and I might even put on my dancing shoes to demonstrate some traditional Mexican dancing with Year 3!

Miss Faddy

Message from the Vice Principal

I am really looking forward to celebrating International Week at Darlinghurst. Born and raised in South Africa, I grew up in a multicultural society. I was exposed to a range of cultures in school, throughout my tertiary education and when I started teaching. I met people from all walks of life and found interacting with people who were so diverse, fascinating. In South Africa, we have a diverse nation who speak different languages, eat different traditional foods and wear a wide range of cultural dress when celebrating key events. Growing up in such a diverse environment has shaped me into the person I am today. I enjoy living and working in Britain, peacefully living side by side, with people from all over the world is such a privilege. I am thankful that we are able to celebrate such rich culture and diversity here in Leigh On Sea.

Mrs Hahn

News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been celebrating the Queen's birthday which falls on the 9th June. The children have showed their amazing writing skills and have made invites to their friends, to the party, decorating them with pictures that they coloured in and cut out. In P.E the children are practicing hard for their sports day on the 10th July, which we are all looking forward too. There was a RTA (road traffic accident) in drama this week and the children all delighted in dressing up as a member of the fire crew, police, doctors or nurses to help with the incident, thank goodness there were no serious injuries, just a couple of broken arms (which had happened over the last couple of weeks to two of our Tiddlers!!!). Today in ODL we have looked at what causes the biggest explosion when we apply Mentos to different bottles of fizzy pop. We named our bottles the Queen (as it's her birthday), Meghan Markle, Prince William and Prince Harry, the children were very excited, the winner was the Queen. We can't believe the first exciting week of this term is over already!!! **Team Nursery**





EYFS Continued

It has been lovely welcoming the children back for our last half term in **Reception**. As usual, they are working with enthusiasm in all areas of learning. This week we have read *Whatever Next* about a bear that travels to space for a picnic. We are excited as we are starting our topic to learn more about space and the planets. The children have enjoyed sharing and discussing the amazing rockets that they made for homework. Thank you to parents & carers that have posted photographs and comments onto their child's online diary through tapestry. Have a lovely weekend. **Mrs Dennis & Miss Slade, Starfish class**

KS1

This week lobster, Shrimp, Puffin and Pelican were introduced to Drama and WOW! What a start these classes made. Their focus and commitment in creating individual still images and then adding another drama technique *thoughts out loud* was outstanding. We then went on to create a role play scenario and performed on the stage. Well done to you all a fantastic start to your Drama lessons. **Mrs Hume, Performing Arts**

KS2

*At school, which is brilliant, we have lots of lessons in **year 4**, I am going to share SRE, English and maths. SRE is discussing our feelings. When there's somebody hurting or worrying you. This week we were doing personal space, it's like a bubble around you and if someone breaks it you would be very uncomfortable. In English we are looking at Captain James Cook, he was the first European person to find Australia and we came up with lots of WOW words. During maths, we have been looking at 3D shapes. We had to design different shaped homes for owls and the challenge was to find a perimeter below 10cm.*

Kateleigh M, White Shark class

*This week, **year 6** have been learning about science. On Monday we learnt about the human body and the organs inside and what they do. In English, we have been writing about the Tower of London and all its main features. During maths this week, we have been creating our own zoo and looking into how much we have to pay staff, also the cost of the animals.*

Matthew, Mayflower class



The week beginning the 18th June is International Week at Darlinghurst Academy. The children will be exploring and gathering facts about different countries and cultures around the world and comparing them with our own.

We are keen to have parents, carers and relatives of the children involved as we see this as a community event. On the Wednesday and Thursday of that week, we are inviting you to come and share your own knowledge and experiences of other countries with the children. This could include, dance, food tasting, traditional stories, costumes or objects etc.



Celebrating Excellence

Alfie A, Crab class has passed his Learn to Dive level 1

Phoebe T, Mayflower class performed in the musical *I Wish*

Toby E, Pebble class raised £280.00 for cancer research UK swimming 1000 meters in 35 minutes



The Early Bird catches...



Congratulations to last week's attendance winners



Since our recent drive on improving attendance staff and children have been eager to win the attendance bear and silver and gold awards. We have shared with you our expectations for attendance, publishing articles, figures and facts in news and views, alongside sharing our steps to success. We firmly believe that every day counts and we can achieve good attendance together. Holidays have a negative impact on our attendance figures, and our decrease in figures over the last couple of weeks is due to this. Please refrain from taking holiday in school term time. We have an extended October break, in the next academic year, which provides a week outside of prior term dates. We look forward to seeing improved attendance figures next week and over the forthcoming weeks in our final summer term. Let's work together to ensure our overall attendance figures as high as possible.

Have a lovely weekend. See you all Monday. Mrs O'Connor

Parent View - Share your feedback

Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to share your views on the school

Reminder

Please ensure you are not sending your child to school with any nut products, we have many children with allergies in the school.

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	89.3
JELLYFISH	93.8
SEAHORSE	94.1
STARFISH	90.0
ALBATROSS	93.8
PELICAN	98.7
PUFFIN	97.1
SEAGULL	95.2
CRAB	91.2
LOBSTER	96.0
OYSTER	97.6
SHRIMP	96.3
DUNE	93.2
PEBBLE	94.6
ROCK POOL	92.8
SEASHELL	96.4
PORT JACKSON	96.5
REEF SHARK	94.2
SAND TIGER	96.5
WHITE SHARK	94.5
NEPTUNE	94.6
POSEIDON	91.4
SUSANOO	97.8
TRITON	96.4
BEMBRIDGE	91.8
MAYFLOWER	92.5
WILTON	94.6

- 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 11 Jun - 13 Jun

Year 6 Residential

Mon 18 Jun - 22 Jun

International Week

Fri 22 Jun

Alice In Wonderland School Production (*Belfairs Academy*)

Wed 27 Jun

Reception Intake Evening

Thu 28 Jun

Year 1 Intake Parents Meeting

Wed 04 Jul

INSET - Non Pupil Day

Fri 06 Jul

Whole School Transition

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

Wed 18 Jul

Parents Teachers Transition Meeting

Fri 20 Jul

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Last day of the Summer term



I  reading

We are looking to share our love of reading across the wider school community as such we would love to receive book recommendations and reviews from children to publish and share in News and Views. If you would like to share your love of reading with the wider world please email a brief description of why you loved a particular book and perhaps tell us something exciting that happened in the book. Send us this information along with picture of you holding the book to mrsmith@darlinghurst.co.uk

Happy reading!

Breakfast & Acorns after school club

We currently have a limited number of vacancies for both clubs on Mondays and Fridays. For more information please ask at the office



Mrs Hume's **Performers of the week**

Oliver C, Shrimp class

Tye H and Ben A, Lobster class

Zaki S, White Shark

Evie M, Reef Shark

Uniform Reminder

All children need to wear plain black school shoes (no trainers or boots). All hair accessories must be small in size and in school colours (royal blue or black).