



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

Welcome back and thank you for sharing your snow related experiences with us. I personally enjoyed completing one of the snow challenges with my children. Here are a collection of photos for us to share.



Since returning to school we have had a continued focus on safety, ensuring that our children are knowledgeable on how to stay safe, where to seek help online and 'in person' both at school and at home. The NSPCC attended the school this week, delivering workshops and assemblies to our children, please ask your children to show you how they would contact the NSPCC for help. They showed me a fabulous way of remembering the phone number using hand actions. For your reference please find attached additional information on E-Safety.

Although the snow prevented us from holding World Book Day as planned, we were keen to continue with the well-loved event this week. What a wonderful sight to see an array of characters throughout the school. The costumes worn by children and adults were spectacular. Children readily shared their chosen books and the reasons why they were dressed as their character. The senior leadership team embraced the event, as always.



Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Eco school and Mrs Powell for their hard work and commitment to making Darlinghurst more Eco friendly. I'm looking forward to sharing the results with you in next week's addition.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



## News EYFS

This week in **Tiddlers** our topic has been *How to train your dragon!* We have been discussing how to look after pets and what pets need from us. We have also been getting prepared for Mother's Day on Sunday so that the children have a card and gift for their mums. On Wednesday we celebrated World Book Day, having fun doing lots of activities dressed as our favourite book characters. We would like to wish all of our mums a Happy Mother's Day, and we hope that you get to spend Sunday with your loved ones. **Team Nursery!**

It was lovely to see everyone back in school this week in **Reception** with lots of exciting stories about their adventures in the snow. We started out learning on lifecycles this week and there was a very popular story that links amazingly, *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. We have acted out the story, written about the caterpillar and practised adding 1 more to numbers up to 10. Watch this space as we may have our very own caterpillars arriving soon, so we can watch them build a cocoon and emerge into butterflies! **Miss Wise, Miss Whitehouse and Miss Graham, Jellyfish class**

## KS1

In **Puffin** class this week we have started a new topic in maths that we have really enjoyed. We have been measuring with standard and non-standard units. We have learned that we can measure with our hands, feet, cubes, paper clips and lolly sticks. But our results will not be the same because they are different sizes. Today we learned how to use a metre stick to measure. We estimated and measured the lengths and heights of items inside and outside the classroom using the metre stick. We found things longer/shorter, about a metre and half a metre. Our results were the same because all of the metre sticks are the same size. We had lots of fun. We also enjoyed dressing up as our favourite book characters for World Book Day. **Miss Bernard, Puffin class**

**Year 2** visited Duxford Imperial War Museum this week.



Excellent, my favourite thing was the tiger helicopter. **Jefferson, Crab class**

I thought it was fantastic and I liked everything because I thought it was really interesting.  
**Dylan, Shrimp class**

I loved going on the Concorde! **Eva R, Shrimp class**



## KS2

In **Pebble** class this week, we have been learning about data. We created tally charts in the playground to record how much rubbish we could find as well as stones, feathers and bark. We found 49 pieces of rubbish! We used sticks as tallies. **Miss Andrews, Pebble class**



In **Year 4, Sand Tiger class** have been learning decimals in maths and in English we have been writing a Roman's journey to Britain. For World Book Day, we designed a new book cover for our favourite book. It was so much fun to dress up! **Willow & Scarla, Sand Tiger class**

It was great to see all of the children back in school on Monday. The highlight of the week was seeing all of the children dressed in their brilliant costumes for World Book Day. **Mr Hatton, Sand Tiger class**



*We all enjoyed the days off because of the snow and the warm drinks, feet up and TV on. Unfortunately we missed our previous World Book Day because of the snow, but it was replaced this week. Everybody is in their amazing costumes. It has been a joy seeing everybody participating. World book day is a day where everybody joins in and it gives us a sense of school belonging.*

**Ruby B & Jessica N, Bembridge class**

**Year 6** have been working to their potential this week, pushing themselves by writing a monologue in the voice of *The Lady of Shalott*. In maths we are learning about measures, please encourage your children to estimate and check the length, capacity and weight of everyday items. **Year 6** have also read to the younger children this week as part of World Book day. They chose their own books to read and devised questions for comprehension. **Mrs Dunne, Bembridge class**




**Eco-Schools** Today we have celebrated The Great Big School Clean, a national initiative to help make our schools and local areas litter free and raise awareness. Our Eco-schools team have decided to make it a competition for the cleanest classroom. Each class will record how much litter they pick up in their classrooms and inside around school. Next week we will share who the winning classes are.

**Celebrating Excellence**  
 Evie M, Reef Shark class - Performed at the Towngate Theatre for five nights in the dance show *Don't Stop Me Now*.  
 Phoebe T, Mayflower class - Was awarded a Distinction for her mark of 86% for her Grade 3 Singing exam.  
 Thomas W, Pebble class - had his Cub Scout Investiture and his 2 year attendance badge.




Following the inclement weather, the book fair will be in the school hall from 3:30pm - 4:15pm Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March. Please drop in and support our school.

Mon 12 Mar	Infant Music Festival
Tue 13 Mar	Year 5 Highway Man Visit
Fri 16 Mar	Year 4 trip to Southend Pier and Lifeboat Station
Mon 19 Mar	Book Fayre
Tue 20 Mar	Book Fayre
Wed 28 Mar	Reception Sea Life Centre Trip
Fri 30 Mar	Easter Holidays

Please visit [www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar](http://www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar) for more

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	92.3
JELLYFISH	97.1
SEAHORSE	94.6
STARFISH	94.0
ALBATROSS	97.6
PELICAN	98.9
PUFFIN	94.3
SEAGULL	91.8
CRAB	99.5
LOBSTER	96.0
OYSTER	92.5
SHRIMP	99.1
DUNE	95.0
PEBBLE	99.0
ROCK POOL	92.0
SEASHELL	98.3
PORT JACKSON	99.5
REEF SHARK	100.0
SAND TIGER	100.0
WHITE SHARK	99.4
NEPTUNE	88.8
POSEIDON	93.8
SUSANOO	97.1
TRITON	96.4
BEMBRIDGE	97.3
MAYFLOWER	98.3
WILTON	92.6

For your information, the new Pupil Services telephone number is 01702 509205