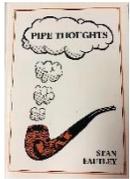




## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, carers and children

This week our children and staff have shown a strong sense of community, working and learning together to reflect upon a 100 years since World War One. Across the academy, children have focused on 'reasons to say thank you' within their writing, producing emotive pieces. I have had the pleasure of listening to numerous poems from across the year groups, showing empathy, respect and an understanding of British values. The amazing artwork and displays around the building echo these messages, truly a breath-taking sight. Our youngest and oldest children, engaged in shared experiences with our local residents from Admirals Court. It was wonderful to see our nursery children making and sharing poppy biscuits and our year six children having afternoon Tea and conversation. They also shared some of their poems with our visitors, who in exchange shared war stories and personal accounts. Respectfully, I shared with the children poetry and prose written by my grandfather, Stanley Fautley from his book; 'Pipe thoughts'. The book describes his experiences and reflections of World War 2 as a member of the RAF and a prisoner of war.



"thoughts of England, home and loved ones;  
Pity for them when they learn  
He is one of many missing,  
Wond'ring if he will return". (Extract from Failed to return, by Stanley Fautley)

In addition to our focus on British Values and remembrance, we have also focused on our value of belonging, with children engaging in assemblies and lessons centred around; what makes a good friend? Inclusion and playground rules.

Children in KS1 joined me in assembly to look at the friendships between 'Woody and Buzz' from Toy story. We created our own special handshakes.

Are Buzz and Woody good friends?

• What makes a good friend?



• Are you a good friend?

Hands that show we belong

• Make a special handshake • Try to do your handshake to the music



Remember that belonging is sharing.  
Whenever someone is happy or sad,  
share your handshake with them so  
they know that they belong.

Unfortunately, we have recently received a complaint about behaviour and language in a local park. Please be aware that when children are wearing the Darlinghurst uniform they represent our school within our local community. Our reputation, within the broader community is important and valued.

With a sense of belonging in mind, I cannot believe the amount of cakes that were provided, exemplifying the support of parents. Thank you for purchasing the cakes in support of our year six fundraising events.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



## EYFS

This week the children in **Nursery** welcomed some of the residents from Admiral Court so that we could decorate biscuits. We made up red icing and brought in some black royal icing and then decorated biscuits making them look like poppies. The children and the residents thoroughly enjoyed themselves, and the biscuits were eaten before we left the hall. We had a tremendous sing along and everyone joined in! We also made poppies in art, made firework pictures and became fireworks in drama. The children had an introduction to Diwali and coloured in some pictures. We are now in deep discussions about our Christmas performance, if anyone can make costumes, please come in and talk to us! **Team Nursery**



The children in **Reception** have returned from their holiday eager to learn and to share their news and Autumn walk homework with each other. We have discussed Remembrance Day and why it's important. The children enjoyed making their own poppies in their Art lesson and have written about them as well. Next week we are looking at the story 'Room on a Broom'. The Reception staff are very excited about this! **The Reception Team**

## KS2

This week **year 3** have been writing poems to celebrate the WW1 centenary. We have also been discussing that as a democratic society, we can choose what job we want. In History, we were looking at being an archaeologist. We were pretending that we were tiny people and digging for small Egyptian artefacts. **Mr Cauchi, Rockpool class**



In **Pebble class** we wrote Haikus about World War One. We used the famous poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae for inspiration. We loved learning all about World War One and we understand why it is so important to have Remembrance Sunday. **Mrs Berry, Pebble class**

*Poppies grow in peace  
All soldiers are remembered  
Our men died with hope - By Vesela, Pebble Class*

*Poppies are growing  
Soldiers fight for peace for all  
Hope on Flanders fields - By Olivia-Mae, Pebble Class*

The children in **Reef Shark** have shown real enthusiasm and interest in learning about World War One. They have examined women's role during the war effort as well as the great role animals played in helping our soldiers. The children used role play to try and understand how life may have been for women when their husbands were away at war as well as the life of soldiers in the trenches. Keep bringing in those fantastic facts! **Mrs Lee, Reef Shark class**

This week in **Year 5** we have created our own 'Weeping Wall' of poppies while thinking about the meaning behind the poppy as a symbol of remembrance. Our topic this half term is based on WWI and we would welcome any relevant family photos, which we could copy and use to complete our display. We will be studying what led to WWI as well as the enormous changes that took place in society during this time. All of the Year 5 children are looking forward to our visit to the Central Museum in Southend to learn how it affected the people of our town. We will also visit the Cenotaph to see the poppy wreaths on display after Remembrance Day and pay our respect to the Fallen. **Mrs Bermon, Triton class**





Before half term, Mr Blewett and Miss Morris took our **Y5-6 Girls football** team to the first competition of the new term. Excitement filled the air as the girls put on the school kit and got themselves ready for what turned out to be a very long and exhausting day. Our girls played an amazing 14 games throughout the day, improving and growing in confidence in every game. At the end of the day, they had an impressive tally of 7 wins, 4 draws and only 3 games lost, placing them 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. There was no shortage of goals either with 20 being scored on the day, 9 from Gracie-Lee and the goal of the day coming from Nancy with an amazing header. During the tournament, the girls played with respect and fair play towards their opponents and officials. Well done girls, as always, you are a credit to our school. **Mr Felton, PE Department Coordinator and specialist teacher**

Mon 12 Nov  
Anti-Bullying Week  
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Prospective Parent Tours  
Thu 17 Nov  
Reading Together R-6  
Fri 16 Nov  
Children in Need  
Tue 20 Nov  
Flu Vaccine Reception & KS1  
Thu 22 Nov  
Flu Vaccine KS2  
Wed 28 Nov  
Dodgeball Competition (*Garons*)  
Fri 30 Nov  
Year 2 Rainbow Theatre Visit  
Wed 5 Dec  
Boccia Competition (*Garons*)  
Fri 7 Dec  
Mr Cauchi Maths Workshop

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

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

### Prospective parent tours

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

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94
STARFISH	98
PELICAN	94
PUFFIN	99
SEAGULL	91
LOBSTER	98
OYSTER	94
SHRIMP	97
DUNE	97
PEBBLE	95
ROCK POOL	98
SEASHELL	99
PORT JACKSON	98
REEF SHARK	98
SAND TIGER	95
WHITE SHARK	100
NEPTUNE	95.8
POSEIDON	98
TRITON	97
BEMBRIDGE	94
WILTON	95
MAYFLOWER	95
ENDEAVOUR	93
Totals	96.6

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*

## Do you tweet?



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ACADEMY

ARE PLEASED TO  
SUPPORT



FRIDAY 16TH  
NOVEMBER

WEAR YOUR SPOTS  
NON UNIFORM DAY  
DONATIONS WELCOMED

This year we will be having regular learning together sessions that provide you an opportunity to come into school and work alongside your child to learn together.

**Join us for a reading lesson**  
**Thursday 15th November**  
2:30pm-3:30pm in your child's classroom

**Would you like to see reading in action?**

This learning together session will give you the opportunity to join your child in a reading lesson and see how reading is taught at Darlinghurst. It will also show you activities and strategies for helping your child at home.

*Free Entry*  
Darlinghurst Academy Parent Teacher Association welcomes you to our

**Christmas Fayre**

THURSDAY, 29th NOVEMBER  
3:45-6:15PM

*Santa's Grotto Fun games*  
*Christmas Gifts*  
*Fabulous raffle Delicious food*  
*Festive music and lots more!!*

PAVILION DRIVE, LEIGH-ON-SEA

## Christmas Fayre 29th November

Come and join us for our amazing new look Christmas Extravaganza!

### Christmas Market in the Hall -3.45pm

Snap up some unusual gifts at bargain prices in our Christmas Market. There are plenty of craft activities to keep the kids busy too! While you're here, don't forget to buy your raffle tickets-there are some amazing prizes.

### Santa's Grotto -3.15pm

Come and visit Santa in Hagrid's Hut.

### Food Court in the Playground-3.30pm

With food to suit everyone, both savoury and sweet, you won't be going away hungry!

### Playground Attractions- 3.30pm

Can you win the Football Crazy prize? Maybe come and test your strength. If you prefer, just relax on the Teacup ride!

### Games with the teachers- 3.45pm

Come and find all your favourite teachers and splat the turkey, bowl a snowman over and so much more...

We can't wait to see you there!



Next week we will celebrate National School Meals Week and all of the healthy options our kitchen prepares for us





## Christmas at Darlinghurst ACADEMY

- Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December **Nursery** Letter Box Visit
- Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December **Reception** Nativity 2:15pm-3:15pm \*
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December **KS1** Nativity 9:15am-10:15am \*
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Jumper Day \*\*
  - Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Lunch
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December **Years 3 & 4** Christmas Concert 2:00pm \*
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December **Years 5 & 6** Christmas Concert 2:45pm \*
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December **Years 3 & 4** Christmas Concert 9:15am \*
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December **Years 5 & 6** Christmas Concert 10:00am \*
  - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December **KS1** Nativity 2:15pm-3:15pm \*
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December **Nursery** Christmas Performance 10:00am-11:30am \*
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December ACADEMY closes at 1:45pm

\* Ticket details to follow      \*\* Donations welcome



