



Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

I have enjoyed spending my lunchtime with children this week and hearing their excitement and thoughts on the sporting clubs. We have been lucky again this term to have sporting clubs from our great team alongside external providers coming into Darlinghurst.

Isaac in Triton class told me all about his PE lesson and I was impressed by his determined attitude to tricep dips. He said how much he *'likes to be exhausted'* and feels a sense of **achievement** after pushing his body to the limit and thinking *'you can do it'*.

Letitia, also in Triton class, was pleased to be going to the netball club, especially after her sister Louisa encouraged her to join. They are really enjoying it.

Emma in Dune class shared her passion for gymnastics club, swimming and she also dives. Wow!! This takes a lot of **confidence**.

Megan in Port Jackson class is very busy outside of school, attending tennis, gymnastics and swimming. She is proud to be moving up to the big pool. Megan showed **determination** to reach her goal.

Shani in Shrimp class loves getting up early on a Friday morning to attend running club so she can exercise. During our conversation Shani put our current value into action: she kindly poured me a drink as she spoke about friendship within the classroom and when playing outside. What a sense of **Belonging!** Taiyla in Shrimp class praised Shani for her friendly nature to others. Taiyla is excited about the year two's topic, Mrs Armitage and what great fun it was seeing her ride her bike around our playground.

What a lovely way to spend my lunchtime with children hearing their views. I hope this has made you all want to get exercising for 2018, or spend time with your friends.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	93.9
JELLYFISH	96.4
SEAHORSE	89.7
STARFISH	96.4
ALBATROSS	94.6
PELICAN	99.4
PUFFIN	95.5
SEAGULL	98.4
CRAB	98.9
LOBSTER	96.8
OYSTER	96.7
SHRIMP	98.9
DUNE	95.1
PEBBLE	97.1
ROCK POOL	90.9
SEASHELL	94.6
PORT JACKSON	94.6
REEF SHARK	94.6
SAND TIGER	98.1
WHITE SHARK	97.1
NEPTUNE	93.4
POSEIDON	92.7
SUSANOO	96.7
TRITON	98.5
BEMBRIDGE	94.3
MAYFLOWER	92.3
WILTON	90.8

Watch out early bird is coming soon!



If your child was born between **1st September 2013 and 31st August 2014** they are due to start school in September 2018. Applications for a primary place should be made on-line at www.southend.gov.uk/admissions - Primary Admissions by **15th January 2018**.

If you have any questions or problems completing, registering or subsequently submitting your application please contact Admissions Team at the Southend Borough Council on 01702 212934 or admissions@southend.gov.uk Thank you Miss Walton.



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EYFS

A huge welcome back to all of the children in **Reception**. We were welcomed with smiley faces and the children all came back with a positive attitude to learning. We have been thinking about New Year's Resolutions and promises we could make to ourselves to be even better at something. We have celebrated Epiphany with the traditional game of the Galette. **Miss Wise, Miss Whitehouse and Miss Graham, Jellyfish class**

KS1

In **Albatross** class this week, we have been learning about owls. We have learnt about their appearance, diet, habitat and different species. All the information we have gathered about owls has been used in our writing. We are very excited about meeting some real life owls in a couple of weeks when they come to visit Darlinghurst!

*I have enjoyed learning about owls. For my homework I found out that owls can turn their heads around further than we can. **Henry, Albatross class***

KS2

*This week we have been learning about writing a request to Mrs Nicholls in our writing books. Some children asked for pencil cases, school days on a Saturday and Sunday, but I asked for Mrs Nicholls to start Friendship Friday. **Avni, Pebble class***

We are learning about the history of the Aztecs and the Mayans in **Year 4**, and how they created and used chocolate. The class were amazed to find out that chocolate comes from the cocoa beans and that white chocolate is not technically chocolate (but this won't stop them eating it!). **Mrs Roff, Reef Shark class**

*In **Year 5**, in maths we have been learning about line graphs and figuring out different times and comparing. In English we have been learning about fairgrounds and writing about a film called 'BIG', about someone going to the fair and asking Zaltar to be big. In science we are learning about balanced and unbalanced forces. Like a swimmer is moving forwards whilst the water is trying to push you back, that is a force against you. We have learnt how to say the days of the week in Spanish, Monday is Lunes. We have been reading the book Goodnight Mister Tom, it's about a boy called Willie, he gets beaten by a belt by his Mother and she sends him to Tom's house to live there. **Owen, Triton class***

*In **Year 6**, in maths we have been drawing line graphs. In writing we have been writing narratives based upon a movie called 'Avatar'. In topic we have been learning all about adaptation and in life skills we have been learning about fixed mind set and how to change this. We learnt how asking questions is not a bad thing. How to be ready to learn and how we can learn from our mistakes. **Macy, Wilton class***

The side gate will remain closed until further notice.



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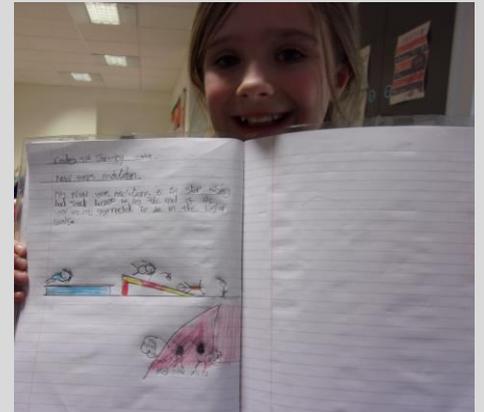
New Year Resolutions



Mrs Nicholls and a group of our Year 6 children have been discovering a fascinating story in our new library



Mrs Hahn has been enjoying nature



Year 3 have been writing New Year's resolutions

Wed 17 Jan Girls 3/4 Football Tournament (Len Forge Centre)
Thu 18 Jan Winnie the Pooh Day To celebrate the birthday of A. A. Milne, children are invited to enjoy a special Winnie the Pooh inspired lunch
Mon 22 Jan INSET - Non Pupil Day
Wed 31 Jan Young Voices (O2)

World Book Day 1st March 2018

