



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

Today we shared our home school agreement with parents during the start and end of day routines, allowing us to share and build our shared culture. We also are sending this home with children whose parents were unable to attend to ensure each child and parent can talk about the roles they play. We are keen to continue to work in partnership this year to give your child the very best education and experiences, here at Darlinghurst. Please continue to work with us and attend forthcoming events.

I am looking forward to our shaping the future day on Monday, welcoming new children and staff to Darlinghurst. We have planned an amazing day for our house teams, engaging in activities together linked to an 'ocean' theme this year.

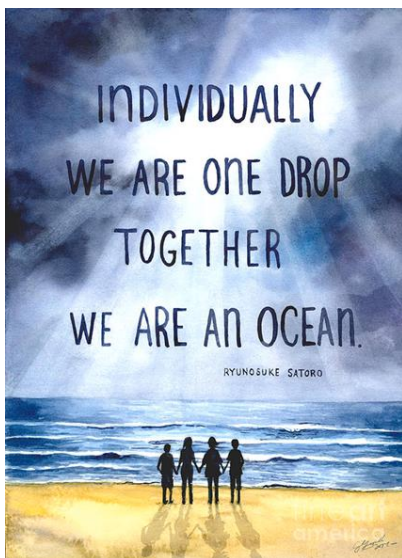
I had the pleasure to visit Belfairs academy for their Shaping the Future ceremony and watched familiar, proud faces of our past year six pupils take to the stage and were welcomed to Belfairs. We have a few comments from our past year six children in news and views this week. We are pleased they are having a positive transition.

*It's fun, even maths. **Jake E***

*I miss my teachers at Darlinghurst, but I love Belfairs. My favourite part is lunch. **Jake S***

*It seems a really big building at first but I didn't get lost and I made some new friends. **Jessie B***

*At first it's scary, but it's all fine once you make friends. **Martha C***



Our PTA are hosting a coffee morning on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> September at 8.50am, it would be great to see as many of you come along, to show support and to catch up at the start of the year. We also have a healthy lunch box workshop coming up, for some top tips and a healthy, free lunch for the children.

This week the children had a special assembly linked to anti bullying and revised our child friendly policy of STOP. Ask your child what stop means.



What is bullying:

At our school we believe that every child and adult has the right to be respected, valued and nurtured and therefore bullying is unacceptable. Children who feel bullied have the right to be supported

Start telling other people  
Several times on purpose

Mrs Grant our designated safeguarding leader has shared key messages and child friendly posters with the children, reminding them how to keep safe at school and at home. Please take a look at our posters around the academy for information and discuss this with your child.

If you have any concerns please read our safeguarding policy on our website  
<http://www.darlinghurst.uk/Home/our-school-policies>

Stay safe and as always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Hi all! Can you believe it is September already? It's so lovely to see everyone back at Darlinghurst after their holidays. I always enjoy the start of the school year and seeing the children move into their new year groups. Although it is confusing... Is that Year 1 or 2? Where are the Year 3 and 4 classrooms? And why are Year 5 wearing those stylish ties? Wait! The children seem to be settling in a bit faster than me! I'm really looking forward to the coming term and working together to make sure everyone reaches their full potential. I hope everyone continues to challenge themselves and make a difference not just here at Darlinghurst, but also in the wider community. Welcome back everyone!

**Miss Faddy, Senior Vice Principal**

After an amazing summer break, I am thrilled to be back at school. The weather here in the UK has made me feel right at home (reminding me of my South African roots). The children looked rested and ready for school – the staff too - all springing into their school step. I am looking forward to my second year here at Darlinghurst; I've started the new year feeling settled and knowing the children. I am ready to roll up my sleeves and get to work. My aim this year is to encourage all children to be the very best they can be – being kind to others, respecting each other and working hard each day. Here's to a fantastic 2018-19 academic year. **Mrs Hahn, Vice Principal**

## News

### EYFS

This week we have lots of new children starting in **nursery**, we are sure that the existing children and their families will give them a warm welcome, and help to guide them with our routines! **Team Nursery**

**Reception** have had an amazing week and have welcomed lots of new children. The children and staff are thoroughly enjoying getting to know each other, which has been aided by the children



sharing their 'All About Me' bags, containing two or three favourite items of each child. Most of the children have chosen to eat our school dinners each day and are clearly enjoying the food, judging by the large smiles on their faces and empty trays. Next week, the remaining children will join our classes and we are all looking forward to welcoming them to our lovely classes. **The Reception Team**

## KS1

**Shrimp** pupils are enjoying settling into their new class in Year 2. We have been studying partitioning of tens and ones in maths, created a recipe for jam tarts in English, studying natural and manmade objects in science and have been taking photographs of fruit in ICT. **Miss Carey**

*I do like writing about the jam tarts, it's because I like jam and enjoy writing.*  
**Ziva O, Shrimp class**

## Notices

We are pleased to welcome our Parent Representatives for this academic year; the first meeting will be held Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 2:15pm. We shall share the Parent Representatives details shortly.

### Sports News

#### Sports Clubs

Sports club letters have now been delivered to the children to sign up for clubs. Please pay particular attention to the year group for each club. To keep waiting lists to a minimum only sign children up for a maximum of two clubs. Return slips must be back by Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. All sports clubs will commence on the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup>.

#### FREE Karate Lesson

Westwood Karate club are offering a FREE taster session in the hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> 3.30 – 4.30pm. If you wish for your child to attend, please sign the sheet in the office so we know who will be coming. Collection of the children will be from the office doors at 4.30pm

#### Y5/6 Football Squad Trials

We will be holding football trials for Y5/6 Girls on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September and Y5/6 Boys on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3.30 – 4.30pm. Children will need to wear sportswear or their PE kit as well as sturdy trainers/football boots. Collection of the children will be from the main front school gate at 4.30pm. We are looking to field A,B and C teams this year so please encourage your children to attend and show us their skills.

We have spaces available for some music lessons; please contact Mrs Holmes in the office if you would like your child to have lessons.

## Celebrating Excellence

Sanaa J, Poseidon class achieved her purple stripe belt with Westwood Karate  
George E, White shark class achieved his orange belt with Westwood Karate  
Evie M, Poseidon class passed her dance exams in Ballet (with Distinction), Tap (with Distinction),  
Disco, Modern and Musical Theatre



## Expectations for Excellence

Regular attendance at school is very important for children to achieve the best they can as well as develop and maintain their personal social relationships.

### Reporting an absence

If your child is away from school you **MUST** telephone **Mrs O'Connor** in the school office on **01702509205**, on the first day, **before 9.15 am**, to give an explanation of the absence, and any subsequent days thereafter. If you fail to do this the absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

### Holidays during Term Time

From September 2013 School Attendance Legislation has stated that a request from a parent to take their child, of compulsory school age, out of school during term time can only be granted in exceptional circumstances and will not normally be authorised. Any parent requesting holiday during term time will be asked to attend a face to face meeting with Mrs Nicholls to discuss the request.

Darlinghurst School uniform is compulsory from Reception to Year 6.

Nursery children must wear a sky blue t-shirt (with or without logo), royal blue sweatshirt (with logo), black plain jogging bottoms (with or without logo).

Reception to year 5 girls must wear a sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo), royal blue v-neck jumper/cardigan (with logo), black plain tailored trousers/box pleat skirt/plain black pinafore

Reception to year 5 boys must wear a sky blue polo shirt (with or without logo), royal blue v-neck jumper (with logo), black plain tailored trousers/shorts

Year 6 children must wear a sky blue shirt with collar, royal blue V-neck jumper/cardigan (with logo), Academy tie, plain black trouser/shorts/box pleat skirt

All children need to wear plain black school shoes (no trainers or boots allowed), plain black or white socks, hair accessories must be small and in the school colours.

School uniform can be purchased through school uniform direct

<http://www.schooluniformdirect.org.uk/schools/product-category/schools-and-clubs/darlinghurst/>

Alternatively, The School Wear Centre, Hamlet Court Road holds some stock of Darlinghurst uniform.





Assemblies were delivered this week to all pupils about bullying, why it sometimes happens, what they can do as pupils and what we are doing as a school.

At Darlinghurst we emphasise that bullying is identified as Several Times On Purpose (STOP) and the only way to stop bullying is to acknowledge that it happens and to encourage the person who is being bullied to speak out.

Bullying behaviour can be: physical pushing, poking, kicking and hitting.

Verbal bullying via name calling, sarcasm, spreading rumours, threats and teasing. As a school we challenge all forms of offensive or discriminatory language, homophobic and transphobic comments, sexist and sexual language, racist and faith targeted words.

Emotional bullying via isolation of others, tormenting, hiding things, threatening gestures, humiliation and excluding from games.

Online/cyber bullying is identified as posting on social media, sharing photos and sending nasty text messages.

We would like to emphasise to all children if they are a boy or a girl, old or young, big or small – bullying can make them feel rubbish and it is okay for them to be upset about it. The important thing is that they tell someone about it.

If you are worried about something  small  BIG or

**Don't keep it inside**  
  
**Talk to us**

You can talk to any adult in school and we will help you as much as we can. 

Speak to us, your Safeguarding Team.  
We are here to listen

 Mrs Grant  Mrs Dutton

Mon 17 Sep  
Shaping The Future Day  
Wed 26 Sep  
PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (Side Hall)  
Thu 27 Sep  
Reception Drop In (Reception Classes)  
Fri 28 Sep  
EYFS Penguin Waddle  
Fri 28 Sep  
Healthy Lunchbox Workshop (Side Hall)

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