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Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

Help us reach and keep our target.

Attendance counts and we have fallen slightly below 96% as an Academy attendance figure. Our persistent absence figure is rising, showing us that continued absence is too high. Regular absence from school is difficult for all involved and we want to help.

Let's keep talking about absence!

Our supportive team are always willing to listen and give support where they can. We are working together as a team and a class teacher, senior leader or myself may talk to you about absence or persistent absence. Alternatively, you may be asked to attend a meeting.

We are all here to help and to work in partnership making sure that we are all aware of the circumstances surrounding absence.

Let's achieve improved attendance - together.

We all know the impact that absence from school can have on our children, socially and academically. By working together, we can reduce absence and the impact it has on our children.

Miss Davis, our attendance officer is available every day. You will see her every morning at the front entrance, working with families to reduce lateness.

Minutes late per day during the school year Equals days' worth of teaching lost in a year

5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Let's make every day count and come to school in good time, in readiness to learn.

• The 3Ps

- plan
- prioritise
- prepare



Achievement - Belonging - Confidence - Determination - Excellence

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94
STARFISH	95.1
PELICAN	96.1
PUFFIN	94.4
SEAGULL	94
LOBSTER	95.3
OYSTER	96
SHRIMP	96.8
DUNE	96.6
PEBBLE	95.2
ROCK POOL	95.5
SEASHELL	97.4
PORT JACKSON	97.3
REEF SHARK	96
SAND TIGER	96.2
WHITE SHARK	95.8
NEPTUNE	94.9
POSEIDON	96.5
TRITON	95
BEMBRIDGE	95.2
WILTON	96.9
MAYFLOWER	92.7
ENDEAVOUR	95
Totals	95.6



Our children demonstrate our academy values and everyday make me feel proud. This week Emily in Neptune class, along with her class teacher, Mrs Stevens have exemplified all of our values, learning Braille together. What an accomplishment and an example of achieving excellence together. Please take a moment to read Emily's extract below. I am very proud of you Emily - and Mrs Stevens too.

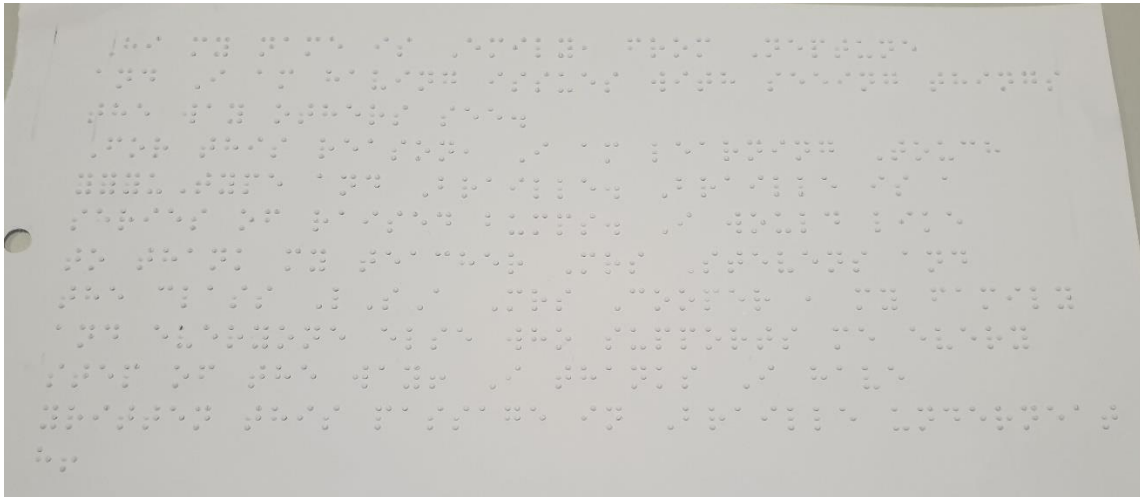
As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



Hi my name is Emily, from Neptune class and I am having issues with seeing things the way others see. For this reason, I am learning Touch Type and Braille. Braille is a series of raised bumps. I would like to thank my teacher Mrs Stevens, the class LSA Mrs Cooper, my family and everyone else who supports me every step of the way! In thanks, I have written this whole passage in Braille underneath!

Emily, Neptune class



News

EYFS

This week **Reception** have enjoyed learning about the life cycle of a frog which has been fun, especially as we also practised moving like frogs. On Thursday morning we welcomed many family members to join us for a Learning Together session about Physical Development. The P.E team showed Jellyfish Class how to use the apparatus to move around a fitness circuit. This develops their understanding and knowledge of how exercise benefits our bodies. In Starfish Class the families explored and used activities together that help strengthen the children's fingers, which helps their fine motor skills. Many of these activities also help improve hand to eye co-ordination.

Our ICT team took the opportunity to talk about how powerful using Tapestry is to share children's learning between home and school. Thank you to the adults that were able to attend. We hope that you enjoyed the session as much as the children and staff did. **Reception Team**



KS2

A big thank you to parents who have supported our creative homework in **year 3**. Some great work has been achieved. It's not too late to create something. Choose one activity and have fun with your child. You are free to bring in up to the end of the term. Also, a big thank you to all parents who were able to attend the Maths



learning together where we were able to share how the children learn Maths everyday. Some key messages that we gave parents about supporting your child at home - encourage daily practise of number facts through 'Hit the Button', 'Times Tables Rock Star' and use DB Primary to practise Maths skills. Also, we looked at everyday skills in Maths that could be focused on at home such as reading the analogue clock, cooking, tracking dates on a calendar, building something that uses measuring with a ruler, calculating shopping totals and anything else that fits into your daily routine. We also ended on the importance of playing fun games like Uno, Numikub, Dominos, board games that allow children to add numbers together and many more games that we have in the cupboards. Together we can help build the children's Maths ability. In English we have been looking at writing reports about the different toys that we have and in Maths we have been practising telling the time and calculating Fun Fractions. Our Topic has been exciting, as we have been playing the many games from the past and today. We have also been exploring pets in Spanish. I'd like to finish with another thank you to all the year 3 parents for supporting their children on World Book Day. All children had a focused character on a book they knew or had read. It really did make the day one to remember as we had many discussions and laughs about the many books we had encountered.

Mr Cauchi, Rockpool class

Reminder, **year 4** parents are to wait for their children on the KS2 playground to avoid congestion at the doorway. All **year 4** class teachers will walk their classes to the playground and will hand over children into the care of parents from this area.

Year 6 have had their final round of mock sats this week. We have been so proud of your children's commitment and determination to do their best and it has been wonderful to see so many buzzing with excitement as they have found out the progress they have made since September. Well done everyone! **Mr Turner, Assistant Principal**



On Red Nose Day, children have been looking at Amphibians in Outdoor Learning. Can Amphibians breath underwater? **Miss Arnold, Outdoor Learning**



I am sure you will join us in a warm welcome back to **Miss Bernard**. You will see her around the Academy in the mornings. We hope that she will make a full return after the Easter break.

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Mon 18 Mar
Eco Week - Great Big School Clean
Wed 20 Mar
Infant Music Festival
Thu 28 Mar
Year 5 Highway Man Visit (School Hall)
Fri 29 Mar
PTA Mother's Day Sale - read more >
Wed 03 Apr
School Uniform Pop Up Shop 3:00pm-4:00pm (Sports Demountable)
Fri 05 Apr
ACADEMY Closes for Easter Holidays
Tue 23 Apr
Academy opens for Summer Term
Wed 24 Apr
Year 4 Girls WHSG taster session
Thu 25 Apr 6:00pm
Year 5 PGL 2020 Meeting (School Hall) Children Welcome
Fri 26 Apr
Class Photos

Please visit www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/ for future dates

Instagram

It has been brought to our attention that a new update to the app allows users to contact other users via messaging, phone calls and FaceTime. Please remind your children that communication should only take place between them and people that they know personally; they should never accept a contact request from unknown people.

PTA Village Green 2019 Raffle

We are delighted to announce that the winner of the two tickets to Village Green was Eden in Pelican Class. Congratulations!!



Mother's Day Sale Friday 29th March

Our stock of goodies has now arrived and we know the children are going to be so excited to buy those special ladies in their life some presents from our pop-up shop!
 Gifts cost £1 each (Max of 2 gifts per child)
 Don't forget to send their money in a purse or named envelope and await your surprises!

**DARLINGHURST
ACADEMY PTA**

Mother's Day Sale

FRIDAY 29TH MARCH

Buy a special gift for a special person

Gifts £1.00 each
 Children to bring a maximum of £2.00

PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended a very productive meeting yesterday. We have lots planned including a Film Night, Disco and Inflatables Day, all for next term. Dates will be announced soon so watch this space!



PTA Tea Towel Fundraiser

We have raised a staggering **£700** on the sale of the Year Group Tea Towels. A massive thank you to everyone who participated. The money raised will buy an additional playground marking when work begins after the Easter break.





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