



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

It's been a great week with positive feedback about some of our enrichment events from parents, children and staff. Our shared values are shining bright!

### Alice

Saturday a group of teachers and children met at Belfairs Academy to rehearse for our Alice production. Their continued commitment has been shown through their attendance to weekly rehearsal and a planned return to Belfairs Academy this Saturday. I look forward to seeing them there and having another little preview.

### Junior music festival

A group of our KS2 children represented our school at the Junior Music Festival, at the Cliffs Pavilion Monday evening. The theatre stage was full of children from schools across the borough, singing beautifully together, accompanied by young musicians. Our children sang with confidence and enjoyment throughout the experience, as did our staff who couldn't help but sing and sway along with the children. The audience participated in a shared song in good voice and spirit, ensuring that it was a shared experience for all. I loved it. I loved the joy that it brought and the memories of my own choir experiences that came flooding back. Singing and music is a universal language and a powerful tool. The songs and key messages were inspiring, reminding us all that children are our future, teach them well and let them lead the way. Here are some songs that you may know:

We are the world  
World in union  
Count on me  
Don't worry be happy  
I have a dream



I particularly liked the song, 'Nothing's going to stop us', reminding me of my cinema trip, with my sister, to 'Mannequin' in 1987.

### Year six

Year six have shown a great sense of belonging this week, participating in shared events and experiences locally or at the residential at PGL.

The children at PGL made us feel very proud, they behaved impeccably, challenged themselves and showed gritted determination and confidence whilst conquering their fears and supporting each other. Achievements included going to great heights and plunging, working as a team to build successful rafts, navigate the woods and ensured each other's success on low ropes. We also have some promising Archers in our midst. Managers of PGL sought out our staff to comment on their excellent participation and behaviour.

Year 6, who remained in school this week have been an absolute credit to their families. Their behaviour was impeccable. The children enjoyed a morning at Belfairs Woodland Centre where they enjoyed the outdoors whilst learning to work as a team carrying out a range of activities from orienteering to walking on suspended ropes! (Not too high though!) The group enjoyed planning and making a silent film in different locations around the school, either filming, directing or acting. Hagrid's hut was a highlight for our BBQ where children got to cook their own sausages on the fire. In addition, year 6 learned how to use First Aid to help a friend, if needed; we focused on the recovery position, how to stop someone choking and basic wound dressing. Our final session included creative skills where children learnt new skills to paint on a canvas using cotton buds and



hand-drill a hole into a disc of wood. We are proud of all our year 6 children who have challenged themselves and worked collaboratively to show determination and belonging within our school.

## **Cricket**

Continuing with physical challenge. A team of children participated in cricket this week at Garons Cricket Centre. With our year 6 children away on a residential trip or other activities the honour of representing our school fell to our amazing year 5 children. They certainly rose to the challenge winning their opening game against West Leigh by just 2 runs. As the day went on our team came up against some very experienced year 6 teams and still managed to keep on accumulating runs, making some fantastic catches and bowling out many of the opposition. The day was a true test of physical challenge and determination for all involved. Well done, as always our children who behaved impeccably and were a credit to us.

## **Mindfulness**

In contrast, year 4 have focused on mindfulness and meditation by learning about how the brain needs time to relax and our bodies feeling more flexible. The children have been learning how Yoga helps them to achieve this. By looking after our brain, we can look forward to an optimistic future in everything we do.

## **Science museum**

Year 4 ended the week with a trip to the Science museum. The children demonstrated patience and curtesy due to a delayed start after experiencing complications with the coach company. The children set off arrived safely. The museum was very accommodating in ensuring all our children enjoyed the experiences they were due to attend and participated in their workshops.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

## **News**

### **EYFS**

This week in **Nursery** we have been looking at planes and boats. Where might you go on a plane? Have you ever been on a boat trip? We have looked at floating and sinking in the courtyard, and we have been experimenting with balloon planes and boats this week in Outdoor Learning. Which will go faster the planes or the boats? We also charged the children with a very special task this week, making cards for very special people. If Dads pick up from school today can they all please keep their eyes closed, until Sunday at least?

### **Team Nursery**

**Reception** are loving learning about Space – we have been busy this week making passports ready for a trip to the moon that we took today! The children have readily explored the topic and are building up a wealth of knowledge and understanding. Maybe your child can share their favourite fact about one of the planets with you? What else have they enjoyed learning and doing as part of this topic?

We are excited for International Week next week: each of the Reception classes will be learning about a different Spanish-speaking country, so get practising your Spanish over the weekend! If any parents or carers would like to come in on Wednesday or Thursday to share any international links they have, we would love to have you – just speak to your child's class teacher to arrange this.

### **Miss Riley and Mrs Farnell, Seahorse class**

### **KS1**

**Year 1** are learning about using and recognizing plurals in our reading and writing. Seagull class went on a plural hunt around the school and wrote sentences about what they found. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**

*I saw four benchess in the playground. **Shontae O, Seagull class***

In **year 2** this week we have been looking at the similarities and differences between humans. We tried to trick our friends by sorting our class into different groups and they had to try and work out how we sorted ourselves.



**Aiden** was amazing and noticed the groups had different eye colours. **Jeff** saw the gappy smiles and knew how we had been grouped. **Mrs Richards, Crab class**

## KS2

In **year 4** we have been learning about the human body. On Wednesday we learnt about the pulse and how the blood flows around our body. We did yoga with Ms White which relaxed us all and calmed us down. In English we are writing our own amazing adventure stories and we are all striving for our gold stars and pen licenses. **Evie M & Freddie M, Reef Shark class**

This week, most of the **year 6** children went to PGL. The rest of us still had fun and an enjoyable three days. On Monday, at school, we went to Belfairs Woods and did fun activities like camouflage games, den building with sticks and rope games. Then in the afternoon we planned a silent movie. On Tuesday morning we made the silent movie, then did a marble run challenge. In the afternoon we had a barbeque. On Wednesday morning we had the wonderful opportunity to play sports activities and have a fruit kebab with marshmallows. Throughout the day we did team building games, artwork and lifesaving skills.

**David O, Bembridge class**

On Monday the **year 6** children arrived at school to go to PGL. We got on a coach around the corner and all waved goodbye to our parents. When we got there we all split up into five groups. My group went and did raft building and sailed it on the lake (we all fell in). After that we had a shower and went to tea (the meals were brilliant). On Tuesday we woke up and our group got ready for the giant swing, most of us screamed our heads off, it was so much fun! Then we headed off to quad biking which was quite challenging for some of us. We had a splendid surprise for our LSAs to come and see us. After that we had our lunch and got back to our next activity, the zip wire. We got into our harnesses and climbed to the top of the tower, then jumped off of it. Next we went to Archery and we played a fun game there. On Wednesday we set off to orienteering which was fun and then we did the low rope, which I enjoyed. We were all sad that we had to leave, we had our lunch and said goodbye to PGL.

**Jessica N, Bembridge class**

## International Week

Next week is international week. Please see the letter in relation to this. We wish to celebrate the diversity of the different cultures represented within our school. In addition, if your child would like to bring in objects related to a particular culture to share that day, they are more than welcome to do so. At the end of the day, from 3.00-3.30pm, you will be able to view what the week has been about in your child's classroom.

**Miss Bernard, Mrs Powell and Mrs Levy**

## PTA News

Thank you to the fabulous parents who helped out at the Film Night and also the Father's Day sale. We really appreciate it and without your support these events would not be possible.

Please could you let us know via email whether you feel that another film night would be a good idea for next term and whether you would be able to volunteer. Our email address is [darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com](mailto:darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com)

For International week next week the PTA have been asked to help support and join in with this event. We are looking for one or two volunteers from each class to help the children out on the day. We shall be required to help set up from 2pm then stay and assist where necessary. Please speak to your class teacher if you would like to help in this way. Alternatively we have also been asked if we can bring in some food related to that classes chosen country for people to try, making staff aware of ingredients to cater for all allergens. We hope you are able to support the children and help make their day a huge success.

Many thanks, Lisa, Jen, Mike, Sarah and Sally.



Arthur, Katie, Sammy and Evie shared their exciting homework with Mrs Nicholls.



### Parent View - Share your feedback

Please visit <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/> to share your views on the school

### Reminder

Please ensure you are not sending your child to school with any nut products, we have many children with allergies in the school.

### A love of reading



Review of a book called The Wild Robot by **Isaac B**

The Wild Robot is a beautifully forged book. A myriad of beautiful encounters when her past overtake her as she learns to make friends and bring up her adopted son Bright Bill. Simply amazing. The amount of characters is just right, the story, about how a sad and alone robot gets friends and over time discovers herself is reflective and thoughtful.

## Celebrating Excellence

Scarlett S, Poseidon class passed her karate grading with credit and was awarded with an orange belt.



Leo M, Bembridge class showed excellent sportsmanship last week at the rounders tournament when an opposition team was short of players. Leo volunteered to play on their team to make it a fair contest. He played as well for them as he would have for us and even got three of our players out. Thankfully we still managed to win the game 7-5!!

Stanley Q, Neptune class played for Leighwood United in The Europa Cup, Lisbon.





## The Early Bird catches...



Congratulations to last week's winners of the attendance bears

Mon 18 Jun - 22 Jun

International Week

Fri 22 Jun

Alice In Wonderland School Production (*Belfairs Academy*)

Wed 27 Jun

Reception Intake Evening

Thu 28 Jun

Year 1 Intake Parents Meeting

Wed 04 Jul

INSET - Non Pupil Day

Fri 06 Jul

Whole School Transition

Mon 09 Jul

KS2 Sports Day

Tue 10 Jul

EYFS Sports Day

Wed 11 Jul

KS1 Sports Day

Fri 13 Jul

Year 6 Leavers Disco

Wed 18 Jul

Whole School Transition

Fri 20 Jul

Year 6 Leavers Assembly

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	91.6
JELLYFISH	92.3
SEAHORSE	92.6
STARFISH	96.1
ALBATROSS	93.8
PELICAN	96.1
PUFFIN	98.6
SEAGULL	94.8
CRAB	97.7
LOBSTER	91.2
OYSTER	94.8
SHRIMP	99.3
DUNE	98.4
PEBBLE	93.8
ROCK POOL	90.8
SEASHELL	93.2
PORT JACKSON	96.5
REEF SHARK	95.8
SAND TIGER	96.5
WHITE SHARK	95.5
NEPTUNE	96.4
POSEIDON	92.1
SUSANOO	95.9
TRITON	95.6
BEMBRIDGE	96.4
MAYFLOWER	96.1
WILTON	95.7

- Highest attendance in each key stage
- Highest attendance in each year group

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

### Alice Production

There are still tickets available for the Alice Production at Belfairs Academy.

Tickets are available for all parents and carers. Please purchase your ticket via your child's parent pay account.

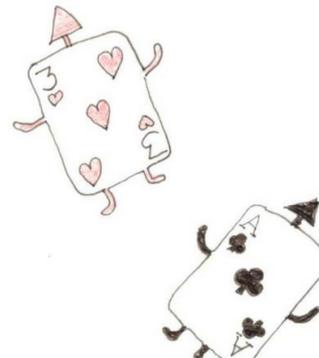


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# DARLINGHURST ACADEMY PRESENTS

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# ALICE THE MUSICAL



*Drawn by Lily B Wilton Class*

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Friday 22nd June | 6pm -7pm  
At Belfairs Academy

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 Darlinghurst ACADEMY <small>Achieving Excellence Together</small>	<h2><u>LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL</u></h2> <p>What you lose by being late!!</p>	 Darlinghurst ACADEMY <small>Achieving Excellence Together</small>
Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals day 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	
<p>Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost.</p> <p>School begins at 8:40am for registration at 8:45am</p> <p>Please be punctual.</p>		

### Help with attendance

Call the absence line **01702 509205**



**Let's raise attendance together**

Parents + children + staff + support teams = **achieving excellence together**