



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents, carers and children

This week we have shown a great sense of **Belonging**, remembering to be happy and help to make our school a caring, welcoming place. In addition to thinking about happiness of others, locally and nationally through acts of kindness and respect.

At Darlinghurst we believe that every child and adult has the right to be respected, valued and nurtured and therefore bullying is unacceptable. We strive to create a learning environment that nurtures, cares and supports all children. Our aim is to create a safe and respectful learning environment.

Children who feel bullied have the right to be supported.

### Our children remember our approach to support them using the word; STOP.

Please spend some time with your child/ren and ask them what STOP means.

#### S.T.O.P helps them to identify bullying:

**Several Times On Purpose**

**S.T.O.P helps them to know our responsibilities:**

**Start Telling Other People**

It is our responsibility to prevent bullying, promote and support anti-bullying across the academy. This week is one of the academy wide approaches to educate our children, reminding them that bullying is unacceptable and that through supporting each other or asking for help we can ensure that everyone feels that they belong. In addition to anti-bullying week we have regular assemblies and learning related to friendships and relationships within our curriculum and weekly provision.

Our policies (adult and children's versions) outline the aims and action steps taken, if bullying occurs. These can be found on our website <http://www.darlinghurst.uk/Home/our-school-policies>

For further information, take a look at the anti-bullying alliance and the 'This morning TV programme's campaign – 'be kind'



### Anti-bullying week

During anti-bullying week we have focused on the theme, 'choose respect, exemplifying British values of 'Mutual respect and Tolerance', in addition to including a focus on cyberbullying.



### Raising awareness and fundraising

We encouraged children to not only wear 'spots' but also, 'odd socks' today as an opportunity for children to express themselves and celebrate individuality, whilst considering the needs of others for 'Children in Need'.



The academy has been awash with colour and spots. Thank you for supporting us in raising funds and awareness to support children.



This half-term the atmosphere around the academy has been one of reflection, consideration and support. There has been a high level of engagement and investment, showing empathy and understanding of the world around us nationally and locally, both past and present.

## Learning together

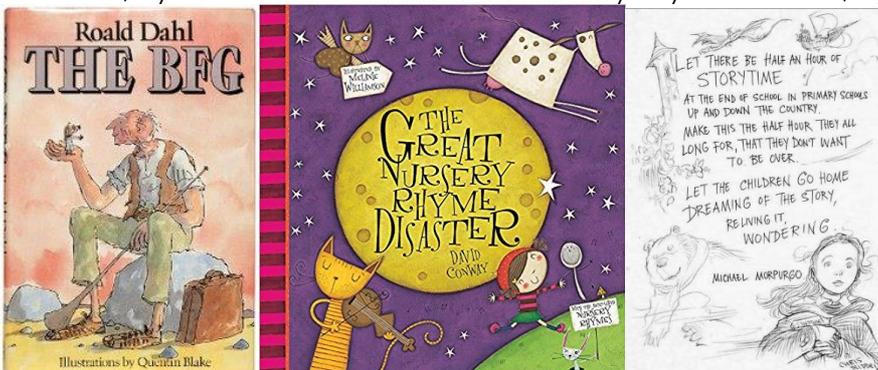
There was also a great energy around the academy on Thursday afternoon with children excited to share their learning and love of reading with parents and carers. Having the opportunity to experience and share learning first hand is beneficial to all involved and the feedback from staff, children and parents has echoed this. Thank you to everyone for their participation and involvement in bringing our first 'learning together' session alive. We look forward to sharing further sessions with you. Please encourage your children to read every day and enjoy sharing texts with them.

## Telling stories

We value story time at Darlinghurst. Across the Academy the lights dim, the fairy lights are turned on and stories begin at 3pm.

This week I have had the pleasure of reading to Pelican class and Poseidon class during story time, sharing stories of friendly giants and Nursery Rhyme chaos.

'The BFG', by Roald Dahl and 'The Great Nursery Rhyme Disaster', by David Conway.



As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



## EYFS

This week we have begun preparing, in earnest, for our school Christmas play. The children are very excited, as are we, so please look out for small slips of paper coming home to you with details of costumes and dates and slips for you to sign permissions for walks to the postbox. Children may come home singing songs 'like let it snow', 'the jolly snowman', 'we wish you a merry Christmas' and 'feliz navidad', please encourage them as much as we do, and join the children in singing them (you'll get the chance to join in on the day!). **Team Nursery**

Reception have thoroughly enjoyed our focus book this week, 'Room on the Broom'. The children have had fun writing their own potions in our 'writing shed' outside and lots of them made their own potions. We have practised recognising and writing numbers up to six, thinking carefully about one more and one less using the numbers and various objects. This week, linked to Anti-Bullying week we read 'Something Else' as it helped us to discuss how we are all different but need to be kind to everybody. We finished the week with Children in Need on our Outdoor Learning Day. The days events will be posted onto the children's Tapestry Learning Journal online.

The Reception Team are very grateful to the families that were able to attend our reading lesson on Thursday afternoon. We hope that this gave you a good understand of how reading it taught and how you can best help your child at home. **The Reception Team**

## KS1

**Year One** have enjoyed writing about Rapunzel this week. We became detectives to investigate a dilemma: who has stolen the baby Rapunzel? We interviewed people from the story and wrote character descriptions for our investigation. We enjoyed some learning outdoors on Wednesday, going on a sound hunt around the school and recording what we heard. We have also enjoyed learning about Children in Need, anti-bullying and Diwali (as we were on our trip last Wednesday when Diwali was celebrated.) What a busy week! Thank you very much to all of the year 1 parents who attended our Learning Together sessions. It was lovely to have you in the classrooms and share how we teach reading at school with you.

**Miss Riley and Mrs Dupuy, Puffin class**

*I liked having mummy come to do phonics with us, and listening to Mrs Nicholls read us a story.*

**Layla, Puffin Class**

## KS2

**Year Three** have been enjoying learning Spanish. This week we have learnt to say hello, how are you (Hola, Que tal) What's your name? (¿Como te llamas?) My name is.. (Me llamo ...). Try and practise speaking Spanish at home with the children! **Mrs. Levy, Seashell class**

**Year Four** have been learning about The Romans and how their invasion of Britain still influences our lives today. The children have shown real enthusiasm during the lessons and are keen to learn more this term. The **Year 4** teachers would like to thank all the adults that attended the reading session. It was great to see the adults engaged with their children as well as the children teaching their adults. **Mrs Richards, Port Jackson class**

We have been busy in Year 5 this week. We have thought about Anti-Bullying Week and talked about ways to help others and promoted positive friendships but making bracelets for a class mate. In English, we have imagined we are a soldier in WWI heading off to war. We have used modal verbs to add detail to our writing and have enjoyed imagining how we would be feeling. We also enjoyed having the opportunity to share our Reading lessons with parents and were pleased to have so many of you joining us. Thank you! **Miss Stevens, Neptune class**



Once a fortnight all of the children from Nursery to Year 6 will be practising learning a few words in Spanish as well as their Spanish lessons.

This week the new words are Hola(Hello) Adios (Good bye) Hasta luego (See you later) Look for the signs around the school! **Mrs. Levy**



There will be lots of exciting things happening at the Christmas fayre. One of the stalls will be the *Jar Stall*. We need the children's help! Please can they find a clean jar, fill it up with old toys, such as stickers, lego cards, stationary, small figures. Put the lid on and decorate it with a small piece of material.

For each jar that is brought into school, the children will be given two house points. The children will be able to win the jars at the Christmas Fayre. **Mrs Levy**



We at Darlinghurst are committed to helping make our school community litter and waste free. Our Eco-team have drawn up a list of rules that we would like all members of our school community to follow. Please see below:

### Eco-Code

- Everyone must follow the code
- Clean up after yourself
- Once you've used something, turn it off
- Children and adults should recycle all the time
- Our school must stay litter free
- Don't throw rubbish on the floor
- Eat your food and put it in the right bin

### **Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

As a reminder to parents, any litter should be placed in the red bins. We also have labelled dark green bins for fruit waste and labelled light green bins for paper, cardboard and plastic for recycling. Please ensure you place any litter in the correct bin. We are asking all children to do this and know that you will also be good role models to them. **Mrs Powell**

Last week our Year 5-6 Tag Rugby were in action at Southend Rugby Club. We are very lucky to have a number of our team playing in various rugby clubs outside of school so knew we had a good chance of being successful. The afternoon started with a match against Hinguar School. It is always important to get off to a good start and that is exactly what our team did, winning 7 – 0. This was followed by another two wins against Porter Grange 3 – 0 and Fairways Juniors 5 – 1. Our last game against Prince Avenue was to decide the winners of the group as they had also won their first three games. Within just a few moments, we found ourselves two points down and struggling to take hold of the game. Just before the half time whistle and with some excellent link up play between brothers Sonny and Harry, we managed to get back into the game with a try. This try inspired our team and what followed was a fantastic show of determination and teamwork from all of our team. Final score.....Darlinghurst 4 Prince Avenue 2. This great result took us to the top of the group! Well done team, you ACHIEVED EXCELLENCE TOGETHER. **Mr Felton, PE Department Coordinator and specialist teacher**



Tue 20 Nov  
Flu Vaccine Reception & KS1  
Thu 22 Nov  
Flu Vaccine KS2  
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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  
Mon 10 Dec  
Reception Nativity 2:15pm-3:15pm  
Thu 13 Dec  
Christmas lunch  
Thu 13 Dec  
Christmas Jumper Day

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

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)

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Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.3
STARFISH	96.3
PELICAN	96.2
PUFFIN	96.7
SEAGULL	95.6
LOBSTER	97.1
OYSTER	95.2
SHRIMP	98.3
DUNE	98.4
PEBBLE	97.5
ROCK POOL	96.3
SEASHELL	98.5
PORT JACKSON	95.7
REEF SHARK	99.3
SAND TIGER	99.2
WHITE SHARK	98.5
NEPTUNE	96.7
POSEIDON	95.5
TRITON	98.1
BEMBRIDGE	94.6
WILTON	92.6
MAYFLOWER	91.9
ENDEAVOUR	86.4
Totals	96.0

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*

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Come to our maths workshop for parents who have children in Reception through to Year 6.

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Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018 - AM session 9:00am-10:00am Or PM session 2:00pm-3:00pm

Please book using our online system <https://darlinghurst.parenteveningsystem.co.uk>

Should you experience any difficulties please contact Mrs Smith by email [mrssmith@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:mrssmith@darlinghurst.co.uk)



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

## Christmas Fayre

THURSDAY, 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup> November

All welcome from our wider community. 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!



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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Whole school non uniform  
Wear your Christmas jumper