



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week the children have focused on developing their independence in learning. Mr Turner focused upon our 5B's during an assembly and ways to find out information or seek help within the classroom:

**Brain  
Buddy  
Board  
Book  
Boss**

Within the curriculum we focus on 'learning and life skills'. This half term the theme is 'Becoming a Better Learner'. We have seen some great examples of review and editing in lessons independently and with a partner. Children have confidently explained how they edit their work or use 'book on book' to up-level their writing, explaining their targets within the process.

It is always great to hear that children feel engaged and challenged. Florian and Simeon in Dune Class approached me to tell me that every day is fun. In particular, they talked about their maths lessons, explaining how they relish a challenge and how it really makes them think. What **confidence!** Well done boys for challenging yourselves every day, keep asking questions and discovering. Watch out for the postman!!

I enjoyed having the special Winnie the Pooh lunch on Thursday in celebration of A. A. Milnes' birthday. Over the course of lunch some children and I chatted about our favourite Winnie the Pooh stories and characters, along with our favourite films. I shared how much I like the 'Heffalump movie' especially the part where Kanga sings to Roo. In response, Keyaan said, "My mum says that to me 'Don't try and grow up too fast'".

*Lyrics from "Pooh's Heffalump Movie"  
Composed by Carly Simon*

Little Mister Roo  
Reaching for the moon  
So many things you've got to do  
And no time for dreaming

## Attendance

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	93.8
SEAHORSE	89.3
STARFISH	95.7
ALBATROSS	99.0
PELICAN	94.2
PUFFIN	92.3
SEAGULL	90.9
CRAB	96.2
LOBSTER	95.6
OYSTER	98.1
SHRIMP	96.7
DUNE	96.7
PEBBLE	96.7
ROCK POOL	94.2
SEASHELL	96.6
PORT JACKSON	98.7
REEF SHARK	92.5
SAND TIGER	93.9
WHITE SHARK	89.9
NEPTUNE	95.6
POSEIDON	96.4
SUSANOO	89.7
TRITON	96.4
BEMBRIDGE	97.9
MAYFLOWER	92.9
WILTON	95.0

Due to an administrative issue we are unable to share Tiddlers attendance. We hope to be able to share their achievement soon. Miss Walton.

**Watch out early bird is coming soon!**





Little Mister Roo  
Let the stars shine over you  
Don't grow up too fast too soon  
Save some time for dreaming  
Settle in, settle down  
Let me see that sleepy yawn on your face  
Close your eyes  
I will love you completely  
And always

Little Mister Roo  
The moon shines silver over you  
No one knows you like I do  
And little Mister Roo  
Reaching for the moon  
Don't grow up too fast  
Too soon



So children, enjoy being young, exploring and having fun and parents let us continue to enjoy our young ones.  
Perhaps tell them a story or character that you like or share a 'Winnie the Pooh' moment with a story, film or playing pooh sticks in the park.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Mon 22 Jan INSET - Non Pupil Day
Fri 26 Jan Summer Production Auditions for Disney's Alice in Wonderland
Wed 31 Jan Young Voices (O2)
Wed 31 Jan Year 1 Owl Visit
Mon 12 Feb - Fri 16 Feb February Half Term
Thu 01 Mar World Book Day Dress as your favourite character from a book
Mon 12 Mar Infant Music Festival



## News

### EYFS

This week and last we have welcomed new children into **Nursery**, for our existing parents, please remember how your child's first few days were, and be patient with our new arrivals! We have been looking at the story of the Fox and the Hound and the friendships that they have formed. During outdoor learning we looked at habitats and dens, we also discussed where different animals live i.e. in the jungle (a link to last week's topic) and animals that live on the farm. Next week's topic is Bug's Life so have a look around the garden over the weekend and see what insects you can find! **Miss Gue, Tiddlers**

**Reception** are learning about animals this term. Last week we read Noah's Ark, and this week our focus story is 'Rumble in the Jungle'. The children have shared their prior knowledge about all sorts of animals and formulated some exciting questions which we can't wait to investigate over the coming weeks. Can your child discuss with you what they would like to find out this term? **Miss Riley, Seahorse class**

### KS1

**Puffin** are really enjoying what they have learned about nocturnal animals this week. We are focusing on foxes and they have found out that they live in burrows called dens and that sometimes they sleep out in the open air with their bushy tails curled around them. They thought it was really funny that they like a jam sandwich or two. They are really excited about our star gazing afternoon where we will be cuddling our toys, looking at our night sky and exploring different light sources. **Miss Bernard, Puffin class**

### KS2

*This week we were writing a report all about Mexico. We learnt how chocolate is made. The first hot chocolate was called the drink of the gods. Cocoa beans taste like sour apples when they come straight from a pod which means they are raw. Cocoa pods grow from the trunk of its tree. They are red, purple, orange or yellow when they are ripe. The cocoa trees will not grow if they are planted in the wrong climate. They are very fussy trees. **Sanaa, Sand Tiger class***

The children are really enjoying their new topic based on chocolate. We have looked further into how it is made but also the impact of industry on the environment, this led to lots of emotive discussions. **Mr Hatton, Sand Tiger class**

*Whilst in year 6, in English, we have been writing our own narrative based on the story of Avatar. We started planning in Monday to prepare for our 'My Write'. We all worked very hard on our stories to be the best we can be! In the middle of the day, which is topic, our class have been learning about cyber bullying: a type of bullying which appears online. You have to be very careful on Social Media, once you have sent a text on site; you have no control over it. **Ash C, Mayflower class***

**The side gate will remain closed until further notice.**

**Please do not allow your child to bring toys and stationary from home.**



## News

### Eco-schools Update

Our Eco-schools team have been incredibly busy over the past few weeks, drawing up an action plan on how to make the school more Eco-friendly and investigating what already goes on. The team enjoyed a visit to the boiler room to see how our school heating is powered by wood pellets! Last week, they launched their idea of Eco-monitors in every classroom in assembly time, showing the school how we can recycle and save water and energy in class. Your child may be one of the chosen few whose responsibility it is to ensure eco-friendly choices are being made in class by children and teachers. Look out for more developments as the year goes on!



### Prefects Update

We would like to welcome our new prefects for the term; Jacob S, Hollie A, Evie P, Macy S, Jessie B, Jessica N and Olii



### Y3-4 Girls Football

This week the PE department took our Y3-4 Girls' Football team to their very first tournament. Not only was this their first tournament but the very first time they had played a competitive game together. Excitement was high in the mini-bus on the short journey to the Len Forge Centre in Eastwood. 15 other schools were in attendance and excitement quickly turned to nerves. Our girls first game was against Bournemouth Park Primary School. Within a couple of minutes the girls gained control of their nerves and started putting pressure on their opposition. In the third minute of the second half, Darlinghurst were awarded a penalty, Gracie-Lee stepped up but unfortunately struck the post with her right foot shot. That goalpost then seemed to take on a defensive role for our opposition with our girls hitting it a further 3 times! At full time, although defeated 1-0 our team came off the pitch with big smiles on their faces. At the end of the day the girls had managed to win 4, lose 2 and draw 1, and improved with every game played. As always I am incredibly proud of our teams at Darlinghurst, they never give up and always play with fairness and respect for the game. With a little more training and a few more games under their belts I'm sure these girls will be a very hard to team to beat in the future. Well done girls. Go Darlinghurst.

**Mr Felton**





**DARLINGHURST ACADEMY SUMMER  
PRODUCTION AUDITIONS FOR DISNEY'S  
ALICE IN WONDERLAND  
FRIDAY 26TH JANUARY IN THE MUSIC ROOM,  
BETWEEN 1.30PM -3.15PM.**

With recalls and follow-ups on Friday 2nd February

If you wish to register your child's interest in  
auditioning please email

[mrshavis@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:mrshavis@darlinghurst.co.uk) stating your child's  
name and year group.

Please note that audition spaces will be on a first  
come first served basis and therefore you should  
register your child's interest ASAP.

The auditions will be slightly different this year in  
that they will be held as a workshop.

Round 1 on 26th January will be movement and  
singing, with Round 2 being a drama based  
audition.

We are looking for energetic, characterful,  
enthusiastic performers with a range of skills  
including gymnastics, dance, acting, and singing.  
We will be looking to cast individual roles along  
with an ensemble which will be involved in the  
large dance/singing routines.

