



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week has included World Thinking Day. We love thinking and questioning and this week we had the chance to do a little more of it!

For example, this week I witnessed curiosity and exploration in Starfish Class as children made predictions of what could be inside different eggs. Their ideas were delightful and full of imagination or fact.

Our school hens and ducks have been busy laying eggs and these eggs were used during the lessons and for making pancakes. Children and staff love to visit our animals here at Darlinghurst.

I also heard cheers of excitement as children created volcanic eruptions, discovering whether their hypothesis was true. From the sounds of their reactions, the outcomes were explosive!

I also found out an interesting fact from a Brownie, Eva-Grace, from Mayflower class. Did you know that Brownies were originally called something else?

Once, quite a long time ago, there was a young girl named Anne. She had an older sister named Joan, who belonged to a very special girls group called the GIRL GUIDES. Joan and her GIRL GUIDE friends would go hiking and camping and learn all sorts of fun and exciting things. Anne and her friends wanted to join the GIRL GUIDES too, but they were too young. Well, that just wasn't fair so the younger girls all got together and formed the ROSEBUDS, a younger group of the GIRL GUIDES. They were able to go camping and hiking and learn their own special crafts and skills, which made them very happy.

But the ROSEBUDS didn't really like the name of their group. Maybe they thought that their name didn't say what their group was all about; maybe they didn't want to be seen as delicate little flowers; maybe they wanted a name that sounded cool like the older girls. Whatever the reason, LORD BADEN POWELL agreed to think of a new name for ROSEBUDS. He thought for a long, long time. The name had to be just right! It had to tell the world that the group of girls were helpful and happy and eager to learn new things. Then LORD BADEN POWELL remembered a fairy tale he had read when he was a young boy. In the story, there were magical people who were called BROWNIES who did many wonderful things for people. They would secretly do good deeds just for the joy of helping others! LORD BADEN POWELL knew he had the perfect name for the younger GIRL GUIDES. From then on, the ROSEBUDS would be called the BROWNIES! And that is how the Brownies got their name!



What would you like to call Brownies, Guides, Rainbows, Beavers, Cubs or Scouts if you could re-name them? Thank you to our Brownies and friends for wearing their uniforms with pride and supporting World thinking Day. I enjoyed spending time with you and finding out about your clubs, routines and games.

Let's keep thinking!



Why not choose a question from the list below and have a family discussion or debate:

What is something that makes your family special?

Where is your favourite place in the world?

At what age is a person an adult? Why do you think so?

If you could change one rule that your family has, what would you change?

Of all the things you are learning, what do you think will be the most useful when you are an adult?

If you could be invisible for a day, what would you do?

How would the world be different if animals could talk?

If you could invent something that what make life easier for people, what would you invent?

What is the hardest thing about being a child?

If you could give one gift to every single child in the world, what gift would you give?

If you could travel back in time to your younger self, what advice would you give yourself?

What five words do you think most describe you?

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend - Mrs Nicholls

## EYFS

The children in **Reception** have returned from their holiday with a continued desire and enthusiasm to learn. This week we have started to explore what hatches from an egg. We even used duck, chicken and quail eggs to support our maths by using the scales to weigh them. We discussed and estimated the potential outcome first. It was fun! On Wednesday we were very fortunate to have a visit from Mr Bird who talked to the children about first aid, health and safety. The teachers are excited to introduce the new topic of dinosaurs to the children on Monday. **Mrs Dennis and Miss Slade, Starfish class**

## KS2

This week **Year 3** have worked really hard on their Spring Term assessments, giving their all in the pursuit of making progress. In the afternoons, for topic we've been investigating the effects of fizzy drinks and mints, with some explosive results! **Mr Dunne, Dune class**

*I thought the science test was amazing! I don't like fizz, so it was fun to watch it explode! I learnt that it wasn't a chemical reaction but a physical one. It was excellent. **Simeon, Dune class***





**Year 4** had a mysterious surprise in the corridor Monday, there were bits of metal and strange footprints going up the wall! There had been an alien who crash landed in our building! This week the children have been writing play scripts about what happened. **Mrs Powell, Port Jackson class**

Just before the holiday, **Year 4** held a Chocolate Sale to raise money for the Fair Trade Charity. The children haggled the prices of the chocolates they designed and made. We're pleased to say we were able to make over **£149.00** which the charity happily received to help improve the lives of farmers in the developing world and support more environmentally friendly methods for growing crops. We'd like to thank all the parents for their support and the children for their enthusiasm.

*In **Year 4** we have been learning about play scripts. The first one that we wrote was the alien invasion and we found that an alien had moved a ceiling tile and left tracks on the wall. Also we found a danger sign, with some string and an alien aircraft. **Maisy Gardner, Post Jackson class***

*In the last couple of weeks, in **Year 6** we have been focusing on adaption and evolution in topic. We wrote a report on Charles Darwin and the different theories that he came up with. In Miss Rosso's maths set, we have been focusing on a lot of different things: Ratio, graphs and number sequences. In English we have been writing a letter to complain about something unsanitary that is found in restaurant food. In art, we have been working on Andy Goldsworthy. He makes sculptures from natural resources. In PE we have been doing health related fitness and dodgeball. At the moment, we are reading 'Sword in the Stone'. On Thursday we are learning about E-safety. **Phoebe T, Mayflower class***

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	91.5
JELLYFISH	97.7
SEAHORSE	95.0
STARFISH	95.4
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	98.3
PUFFIN	97.3
SEAGULL	92.2
CRAB	95.8
LOBSTER	96.0
OYSTER	92.8
SHRIMP	98.5
DUNE	98.4
PEBBLE	97.0
ROCK POOL	97.6
SEASHELL	96.6
PORT JACKSON	97.4
REEF SHARK	98.8
SAND TIGER	98.3
WHITE SHARK	93.8
NEPTUNE	96.5
POSEIDON	98.2
SUSANOO	96.7
TRITON	95.0
BEMBRIDGE	94.3
MAYFLOWER	97.9
WILTON	95.7

## Polite reminder

Dogs are not permitted on the school grounds and should not be tied up at the gates or surrounding walkways.

## Celebrating Excellence

Jamie E, Dunne class gained her 100 metre swimming badge.

Charlotte S, Port Jackson class received a Gymnast of the Year award.

## The Great Big School Clean

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March is the Great Big School Clean. In our bid to be more eco-friendly, we will be having a competition across the Academy to see who can be the tidiest class and pick up the most litter. Why not try and have a litter picking competition at home too?





Mon 26 Feb - Class Photos
Thu 01 Mar - World Book Day
Fri 02 Mar - The Great Big School Clean
Fri 02 Mar - PTA Music Quiz
Mon 05 Mar - NSPCC Assemblies & Workshops
Thu 08 Mar - Year 2 Duxford Trip
Fri 09 Mar - NSPCC Workshops
Mon 12 Mar - Infant Music Festival
Tue 13 Mar - Year 5 Highway Man Visit
Fri 16 Mar - Year 4 trip to Southend Pier and Lifeboat Station

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



## #WORLDBOOKDAY 2018 THURSDAY 1 MARCH

Dress up as a character  
from your favourite book



Complete the reach for the  
stars reading challenge

Share your child's photos with us -  
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