



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

Over the course of this week our children and staff have demonstrated the Academy values in abundance through activities and their actions.

Children have shared their personal **achievements** along with their personal goals during their assessments. Together with their teachers, they have prepared their mid-term reports to share their successes and next steps with you.



Children and staff have shown **mutual respect and tolerance of others** within their lessons and play, collaborative learning and shared assemblies. Our young children in Reception have played wonderfully alongside each other during their free-flow, sharing, talking and listening well to each other. During my visits this week they have happily welcomed me into their environment, including me in their learning and play. Thank you Nursery and Reception for showing '**belonging**' so very well.

The year 5/6 girls football team played together with **confidence** during their recent home game. I stood on the side lines and witnessed their great team work and **determination**. Well done girls for displaying our 'I can attitude' and giving it your all.

With continued **determination** we have made further steps in becoming more eco-friendly with reusable cups at lunch time. Thank you to our catering team, 'Eats' for supporting us. We will also have bio-degradable cups for use by our water fountains but I would like to encourage each and every child to bring in a water bottle for their use at school. We encourage children to keep hydrated and it is especially important during the warmer months - which now appear to be on the horizon - spring has sprung!

I also had the pleasure of listening to our Nursery children sing the months of the year song. They used actions and description to show how the flowers grow and named spring time animals and flowers. One child could not quite remember the name of bluebells and sweetly said that, 'Isabelle's' grow in the spring. Bluebells are one of my favourite flowers and from now on, I will smile and think of them as 'Isabelle's' If you could rename a flower what would it be?



Rudi in Seagull class shared her *My Write with me, The real story of the three little pigs*. **Excellent** work!

I particularly enjoyed the part;

'I knocked on the door. And guess what? The door just fell right in! I didn't want to walk into some old house so I called "Little pig, little pig, can I come in?" No one answered. Suddenly my nose began to itch!'

We shall share the full story on our website shortly. I am sure you will enjoy the line about the cheeseburger. I certainly did.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls





News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** our topic has been Inside Out, and we have looked at our feelings and how they affect the children and their friends. What makes you sad? "Hurting myself" Tobias W. What makes you happy? "When my mum gets me new toys" Leah L. The children looked at colours and what emotions the colours made them think of, "Black is a sad colour" Freddie V, "Yellow is a happy colour" Lucy S. We have been making the most of the sunshine this week and using our wonderful courtyard, the children have especially enjoyed chalking on the ground, which has made the children very dusty. Please remember that while your children are getting mucky, they are having lots and lots of fun! We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and that the sun continues to shine!
Team Nursery.

The **Reception** classes are thoroughly enjoying learning about sea creatures this week and we have received some fantastic facts about them and some lovely creative homework. We are all looking forward to our trip to the Sealife Centre next Wednesday, so that we can learn more. The Reception staff are very proud of all of the children as they are so enthusiastic to write independently. They are becoming confident to use their growing phonic knowledge to help them write new words as well as mastering how to write lots of tricky ones. **Mrs Dennis and Miss Slade, Starfish class**

KS2

The children really enjoyed a challenge we had this week - 30 minutes to create bridges using just paper, paperclips and sellotape. In addition the children also had an imaginary budget of £100.00 to buy materials so had to spend wisely. We got some great results and it bought out the best teamwork! **Mrs Powell, Port Jackson class**

*We have been writing recounts of our wonderful trip to the pier that we had last week. In maths we are learning about decimals, length and perimeter. In topic we are learning about railway carriages and how the trains in the past worked. **Hasnaat, Port Jackson***

Aa
Achievement

Congratulation to our Year 1 children Miriam, Freya, Nancy, Michael, Marilyn, Rose, Callum, Florence, Devon, Shontae, Scarlett, Rodi, Elsie, Alistair, Evie, Henry, Jeffrey, Nathaniel and Mia. They entered a riddles competition and won the opportunity to have their riddles published. What an **Achievement!**

Bb
Belonging

This week during singing assembly Mrs Rott helped to mark World Down Syndrome Day by sharing the video a group of Mums had created. It gave us all a real sense of **Belonging**. You can find the video online if you would like to share it with your children www.youtube.com/watch?v=11N8YeTG2k



Well done to all of our children this week sharing our value of **Confidence** during a week of Mock SATs, assessments and testing.



With the schools **determination** to achieving the Eco School bronze award, please ensure your child has a reusable water bottle in school at all times.



Good luck to Mrs Buckley and our **Excellent** art club children who have yet again been invited to enter the South East Essex Design Competition. Thank you to Mrs Buckley for providing this enrichment opportunity and to Dominic, Pebble class and Lily, Wilton class for representing the school.

Open viewing is available Saturday 24th March from 10:05am to 11:45am at Westwood School.



Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	81.4
JELLYFISH	92.3
SEAHORSE	92.9
STARFISH	79.3
ALBATROSS	97.6
PELICAN	90.0
PUFFIN	87.7
SEAGULL	87.0
CRAB	93.8
LOBSTER	98.3
OYSTER	96.4
SHRIMP	98.5
DUNE	97.7
PEBBLE	96.5
ROCK POOL	86.8
SEASHELL	91.4
PORT JACKSON	98.3
REEF SHARK	98.3
SAND TIGER	97.4
WHITE SHARK	94.5
NEPTUNE	86.6
POSEIDON	94.1
SUSANOO	96.3
TRITON	96.4
BEMBRIDGE	95.7
MAYFLOWER	97.9
WILTON	90.2

Reminder, for your information, the new **Admissions and Attendance** telephone number is **01702 509205**

Celebrating Excellence

Thomas E, Jellyfish class - Earnt his Stanley 4 swimming badge.
George E, Seashell class - Earnt his 50 metre swimming badge.

Reminder

There will be no Acorns after school club Thursday 29th March

Mon 26 Mar - Thu 29 Mar
3:40pm - 4:30pm
After School Sports Club Open Door
We invite you to come and see your children in their extra-curricular sports clubs.

Wed 28 Mar
Reception Sea Life Centre Trip

Fri 30 Mar
Easter Holidays

Please visit www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar for more important dates