



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome back everyone. I hope you have had an enjoyable half term break. Before half term I was approached by Martha in Leopard Class asking whether Darlinghurst would continue to take part in World Thinking Day. As an outcome, on Wednesday this week we celebrated World Thinking day. It was lovely to see so many Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows proudly wearing their uniforms. Some supporting Scouts took part too. During the day we celebrated with special assemblies and decorated the playground linked to the suggested theme 'Let it Grow'. The children demonstrated our school value, '**Respect**' perfectly throughout the day.

With our school values in mind. I would like to give a special mention to our choir who performed at the O2 on 6th February as part of the Young Voices choir. Mrs Havis and the team were extremely proud of the children's behaviour and performance. They performed with '**confidence** and **excellence**' and were an absolute credit to the school and we are immensely proud of them. Our Year 5/6 boys football, Year 3/4 football and Year 5/6 girls football teams were very active last half term with 5 wins, 2 losses and 1 draw between them – fantastic team work and determination.

The school value for this half term is, **Determination**.

"Determination is never giving up, no matter what! A determined person decides to do something and then does it!"

I know it is with continued determination that all members of the school community strive to do their very best in all they do and achieve.

With World Book Day approaching next week, how about sharing a book about **Determination** with your child. Here are a couple of book titles linked to determination you may like to read and share:

'The little engine that could' by Watty Piper – classic tale of perseverance and determination, showing that the right attitude and belief in yourself helps you accomplish your goals.

'The boy who invented TV' by Kathleen Krull – an inspiring story. Photo Farnsworth was just 14 when he thought of an idea. He then worked really hard to turn his dream into a reality.

Alternatively, with our love of outdoor learning why not encourage your children to get active and enjoy the outdoors with a 'never give up hike'.

Lastly, please remember our whole class photos are being taken on Monday 27th February and we look forward to seeing all the children wearing school uniform and their best smiles.

Mrs Nicholls

UPCOMING EVENTS

27.02.17 Class Photos

27.02.17 Albatross Class Outdoor Learning

28.02.17 Roots to Food Cooking Challenge

28.02.17 Squid Class Outdoor Learning

01.03.17 Orca Class Outdoor Learning

02.03.17 World Book Day

02.03.17 Penguin Class Outdoor Learning

02.03.17 Wolf and Owl Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)

03.03.17 Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)

07.03.17 KS1 Charlotte's Web Performance

08.03.17 KS1 Cross Country Tournament (Garons Park)

08.03.17 Scholastic Book Fair (In The Training Room)

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09.03.17 Wolf and Owl Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)

10.03.17 PTA KS1 & KS2 Discos

10.03.17 Hedgehog and Rabbit Classes Outdoor Learning (with the teacher)

ACHIEVEMENTS

Evie M - Alpaca Class - Passed her Tap Primary Grade and Ballet Primary Grade exam

Jamie E - Lion Class - Who took part in two variety shows to help raise money for charity.

WORD OF THE FORTNIGHT

Excited

Suggested by Ruby G in Orangutan Class
"a quality that causes feelings of eager enthusiasm"



NEWS

- We are collecting Active vouchers from Sainsbury's again giving us another chance to help pupils to get active with some new sports equipment. Any vouchers collected can be sent with your child into school and posted into the collection box in the office. Thousands of vouchers are needed to benefit from any sports equipment on offer so please start collecting today
- Can we please remind you that payment for both Breakfast Club and Acorns must be made in full in advance by parent pay or childcare vouchers. Failure to do so may result in your child's / children's place being withdrawn.
- Please ensure you are sending your KS1 and KS2 child to school with a healthy snack that they can enjoy outside at playtime.
- Well done to all of the pupils who have entered into the Radio 2 500 word story. We hope you enjoyed the experience of writing your story.
- Reminder, World Book Day 2nd March. Children can dress as a character from their favourite book. In addition the Junior Governors have organised a Read-a-thon.
- The Darlinghurst netball team headed off to Garons park on Wednesday to participate in the annual Year 5/6 netball tournament. The girls played really well considering the very windy conditions and managed to win most of their games. I am very proud of all the hard work and commitment the girls have put in building up to the tournament. They were a real example to other schools on the day with their behaviour and how smart they all looked. Well done girls you are all amazing. Miss Arnold
- On Thursday 23rd March, we are inviting parents in for coffee and cake to meet the Principal and have informal chat, more details to follow.
- Reminder, Monday 27th February is class photo day.

Cycle Southend have the following events at The Federation of Greenways School during the school Easter holidays.

Level 2 Bikeability

Suitable for 9 – 14 years of age. Can you ride a bike but want to develop your skills? This training is delivered on local roads giving you a real cycling experience that equips you with the skills to deal with traffic on short journeys such as cycling to school or for leisure.

Meeting point: The Federation of Greenways School

Course takes place over two afternoons: 10 & 11 April 2017, 12:30 – 15:30. Both days must be attended to complete course. £25

Level 3 Bikeability

Suitable for 10 – 14 years of age. If you have completed Level 2 Bikeability and wish to learn the skills to travel on busier roads and plan routes for safe cycling to senior school or for leisure then this is the course for you!

Meeting point: The Federation of Greenways School

Courses on 10 April 2017 12:30 – 15:30 AND 11 April 2017 12:30 – 15:30. £20

To book a place on any of these course please go to www.cyclesouthend.co.uk or call 01702 215595.

ATTENDANCE

3rd February to 23rd February 2017

LADYBIRD	88.3%
BUTTERFLY	83.8%
RABBIT	96.5%
OWL	93%
HEDGEHOG	97.5%
WOLF	96%
PENGUIN	94.2%
ORCA	97%
ALBATROSS	95.8%
SQUID	94.7%
GIRAFFE	95%
LION	97%
ELEPHANT	95.3%
CHIMPANZEE	94.5%
MANATEE	97.1%
JAGUAR	95.1%
HUMMINGBIRD	93.8%
ALPACA	93.4%
PANDA	95.5%
KOMODO DRAGON	96.3%
LEOPARD	95.5%
ORANGUTAN	97.6%
MOOSE	95.5%
COYOTE	94.4%
FLAMINGO	94.7%
KANGAROO	97.8%
PUFFER FISH	93.9%
Totals	95.6%

CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

Ruby M - Panda Class
 Tallulah B - Komodo Dragon Class
 Ruby G - Orangutan Class
 Henry - Pufferfish Class
 Olly K - Penguin Class