



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has yet again been another enjoyable week at Darlinghurst, with a buzz around the school and within the classrooms as teachers and children actively engage in their learning.

I was thrilled to share Santa letters with the reception children Charles and Joshua this week. Their faces were pure delight as we talked about their wishes and excitement for Christmas. I look forward to hearing about the future trip to the post box for our young ones. They always report back on what a magical experience it is. Continuing the theme of Christmas preparation, there has been singing in the halls and the beginnings of rehearsals for coming events. We look forward to sharing our festive joy with you in the coming month.

I also went on a learning walk and enjoyed visiting Lobster class during a maths lesson. A group of children showed me how to divide using 'sharing'. We then created our own maths problem together.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls



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Mrs Nicholls has 25 stickers. She shares them between 5 lobsters. How many stickers do they get each?

= 5

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	90.6
JELLYFISH	92.1
SEAHORSE	93.3
STARFISH	91.0
ALBATROSS	98.1
PELICAN	91.7
PUFFIN	95.5
SEAGULL	97.3
CRAB	96.5
LOBSTER	96.3
OYSTER	98.5
SHRIMP	100.0
DUNE	96.1
PEBBLE	97.8
ROCK POOL	96.2
SEASHELL	92.1
PORT JACKSON	95.4
REEF SHARK	95.0
SAND TIGER	97.8
WHITE SHARK	97.3
NEPTUNE	90.0
POSEIDON	98.5
SUSANOO	95.6
TRITON	99.3
BEMBRIDGE	94.1
MAYFLOWER	93.9
WILTON	91.9

Shrimp class you have **Excellent Attendance**, well done.
Miss Walton



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This week in **Nursery**, our topic has been 'Ice Bear' a story about Polar Bears and how they live in the Arctic and how their bodies cope with the cold, we have included other arctic animals as well to broaden the children's awareness. While looking at the weather in the Arctic we have also been looking at the change of weather outside and what happens to the environment when the seasons change. We have been looking at winter clothing and have been doing lots of hand strengthening activities for pencil control and the use of scissors. We did attempt an ice experiment in outdoor learning this week, but unfortunately it didn't work, not all experiments do work the first time around, we are learning and will attempt it again at a later date. **Miss Gue, Tiddlers**

We know that everyone has a bit of a clear out at this time of year, so we are asking for a few supplies of the things you may be throwing away; diggers and related vehicles/figures for our outside area, Pots, pans and wooden spoons, Any space related items, rockets, figures, aliens etc., If any of your family or friends work in a scrap yard, steering wheels and airbags.

Reception are thoroughly enjoying their 'Post Office' theme. This week we have written our letters to Father Christmas asking him for things we may like to receive for Christmas. Next week we are going on our walk to the local post office to buy our stamps in order to post our letters. We are all looking forward to the trip. **Mrs Dennis and Miss Slade, Starfish class**

KS1

This week in **Shrimp class**, we have been very lucky to have a theatre company come in to perform. Children and staff got to dress up and play different roles in The Great Fire of London. **Miss Plummer, Shrimp class**

I got to act as a man that told the family they had to stay in their house as they had the dirty plague. Oliver painted a red cross on the door. I learnt lots about the fire and how it started.
Keyaan, Shrimp class

KS2

In **Dune class**, the children have been writing a set of instructions on how to get ready for school in the morning. So there are now no more excuses about ever being late! **Mr Dune, Dunne class**

I have really enjoyed writing in Egyptian hieroglyphics this week for topic. Did you know that they used different combinations of pictures to form words? We even had a go at cracking hieroglyphic codes and writing our own names. **Florian, Dunne class**

In **Port Jackson class**, we have been having an exciting Anglo-Saxon themed week. In writing we have been retelling the legend of Beowulf. In topic, we have been creating an Anglo-Saxon village using natural materials and things in the classroom. **Mrs Powell, Port Jackson class**



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KS2 Cont.

In maths we have been learning about common denominators and changing all of our denominators so they are the same, then multiplying them. In topic we have been learning about World War One and life in the trenches. We also made medals out of clay. We painted pieces of paper as well and made silhouettes about them. **Aoife, Triton class**

In the last week, **Wilton class** has been learning about childhood in Victorian times for poor children and rich children. In English we have been writing a debate about whether we should keep zoos or not. Finally, in maths we have been learning about volume, perimeter and area of shapes. This week has been amazing. **Emily G, Wilton class**

Sporting News

On Sunday 3rd December, Havens Hospice is holding their annual Santa Run at Wat Tyler Country Park in Basildon. Adults run a 5k or 2.5k course dressed as Santa (costume included in the entry fee) and the children will complete a 'Reindeer Run' of 2.5k (headgear included in the entry fee). Booking can be made online. I and a handful of staff members will be joining in the festivities and would love for you and your children to join us. It is a great way to kick off your Christmas celebrations whilst raising money for a fantastic charity. Don't let the running bit put you off, you can walk it too. Hope to see you there. **Mr Felton**



Get in the Christmas spirit and join us for our annual festive event raising funds for Little Havens Hospice.

- ◊ 2.5k Reindeer Run - 11:00am
- ◊ 5k Santa Run - 12:00pm
- ◊ Santa's Grotto
- ◊ Live music and choirs
- ◊ And much more!

For prices & more information or to book now, visit www.havenshospices.org.uk/santarun or ring Cathryn or Susie on 01702 220337 or email cjwood@havenshospices.org.uk



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Whole School Music News

Preparations are well underway in the music department for our various Christmas activities including Nativities, and Concerts. I am particularly elated at the fact that our school choir has been asked to perform alongside the Orpheus Singers and Southend Band at a Christmas Concert to be held at Westcliff High School for Boys. The KS1 (year 2) have just commenced rehearsals for the Infant Music Festival next year and they seem to be really enjoying themselves and are very enthusiastic which is a delight to see (and hear)! **Mrs Havis, Specialist Music Teacher**

Private Music Tuition

From January we have some availability with our highly popular specialist team of visiting 1:1 tutors. Some of these tutors teach at up to 7 other schools in the area and lessons with them are therefore in high demand. However, due to some timetable movements and changes there are some spaces in some of the following instruments.

- Drumming
- Cello
- Clarinet
- Flute
- Guitar (Acoustic/Electric)
- Piano/Keyboard
- Recorder Club
- Saxophone
- Singing
- Violin
- Trumpet/Cornet

Lessons take place during the school day with some lunchtime and after school availability in some subjects (depending on tutor timetables) and are taught from the Blue Beach Huts. Individual lessons are 20 minutes in length and group Guitar/Recorder lessons are 30 minutes in length. Lessons are payable in blocks of 10 (termly).

If you are interested in discussing availability with a view to signing your child up from January then please contact our lead Music Specialist Mrs Havis at mrshavis@darlinghurst.co.uk. The available spaces will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis'. Any pupils that we cannot accommodate straight away will be placed onto a waiting list until a time slot can be provided.

Staff News

We are pleased to welcome Mrs O'Connor and Mrs Lowe to Darlinghurst Academy who are both based in our school office. They are enjoying getting to know our children and families and are on hand for any future queries you may have.



28th November

Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

29th November

Nursery Letterbox Walk

2nd December

Darlinghurst PTA Christmas Fayre

6th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Reception Nativity (School Hall)

8th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Reception Nativity (School Hall)

11th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

KS1 Nativity: Crab, Oyster, Puffin and Albatross (School Hall)

11th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

KS1 Nativity: Lobster, Shrimp, Seagull and Pelican (School Hall)

12th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

KS1 Nativity: Lobster, Shrimp, Seagull and Pelican (School Hall)

12th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

KS1 Nativity: Crab, Oyster, Puffin and Albatross (School Hall)

14th December

Christmas Lunch

Please make payment via your child's parent pay

14th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

LKS2 Christmas Concert: Years 3 and 4 (School Hall)

14th December – 7:30pm – 7:00pm

UKS2 Christmas Concert: Years 5 and 6 (School Hall)

15th December

Inset Day

18th December

Christmas Jumper Day

20th December

Last day of term

20th December

Nursery Nativity (School Hall)

Achieving Excellence - Dexter H, Pelican Class got his red sash in Wing Chun Kung Fu following his grading on Monday! He is very proud of himself!