



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

As a parent/carer it is your responsibility to ensure that a child of compulsory school age attends school both regularly and punctually.

Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their education. We are committed to supporting our children to make the most of their education, improving their skills and their choices so that they grow and develop, prepared for their future.

We want them to move forward equipped for their future education and adult life.

Here at Darlinghurst we want to provide our children with the best possible start in life and support our children in their behaviours to learning and life skills.

Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of being part of our school community.

We are committed to supporting our children with their social skills, making and maintaining friendships, building their **confidence** and self-esteem.

We want them to feel happy and confident, sustaining their friendships.

Here at Darlinghurst we want to provide our children with a **happy, caring and welcoming place** where they feel they **belong**.

Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of their learning. We are committed to supporting and challenging our children within their learning so that they fulfil their potential.

We want them to keep up with their work and always **achieve their very best** and know that good attendance can lead to a better understanding of learning and progress.

Here at Darlinghurst we want to provide our children with a quality education where they too, **confidently challenge themselves every day**.

Regular school attendance and good punctuality means your child can make the most of opportunities. We are committed to celebrating efforts and achievements, providing children with chances to catch the 'Early bird' or win the 'attendance bear'.

We want them to enjoy the healthy competition and be **determined** to attend every day. Attendance, working in partnership with you so that we can encourage them together.

Here at Darlinghurst we monitor our children's attendance so we can celebrate coming to school, but also to support families if they have difficulties.

Please take a look at the attendance section on the last page of news and views to find out more.

With **determination** as the value for this half term – let's aim to raise our overall attendance.
If we believe that we can, we will.

We know that good attendance matters and together we will succeed!
I am looking forward to our great **achievement!**

Thank you for your commitment in **achieving excellence together** and as always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been looking at the story *Dear Zoo* by Rod Campbell to run alongside our theme this week of the zoo. The children have enjoyed matching the animals to their initial phonemes, tracing, counting animals and finding the matching number, as well as many other activities. We have enjoyed looking at all of the different animals and what they do and how they behave. Does the bird fly? Is the tiger fierce? Does the crocodile live on land or in water? Why do animals have patterns? Maybe you could ask your children about some of the things they have learnt this week? **Team Nursery**

It's been an exciting week in **Reception**, we are observing our caterpillars as they grow and change. They must have enjoyed the sunshine this weekend as they were much longer by Monday morning! Our topic this term is 'Ground, Air, Water'. Beginning with ground we have enriched our learning about mini beasts by reading *Super-worm* by Julia Donaldson and *The Bad Tempered Ladybird* by Eric Carle. Lots of the children are also enjoying writing and telling their own stories. Children, can any of you have a go at this at home? **Miss Riley and Mrs Farnell, Seahorse class**

I have been writing stories this week. We are learning about mini beasts. Worms dig underground. We have caterpillars and they are getting bigger. **Jacob, Seahorse class**

KS1

Puffin class were very excited to visit Hyde Hall on Monday. In connection with our topic *Why is water precious* we did a variety of interesting activities about plants. The children planted bean seeds, made a paper helicopter seed, investigated 'dead' things, created observational paintings of flowers, created environmental pictures made out of leaves, branches, twigs, petals etc based on the works of Andy Goldsworthy. We collected colours of nature to create collages and the special highlight of the day was my trip up the hill in a mobility scooter! **Mrs Bernard, Puffin class**

My favourite activity that we did was the art work because of the beautiful colours.
Marilyn R, Puffin class

KS2

*I have enjoyed learning about bees. In **year 3** we have written a nonfiction report on bees, which was exciting. Did you know that there are three types of bees in the bee hive? There's only one queen bee in the hive. I corrected my work in green pen with Evie B to make it even better.*
Thomas Y, Seashell class

It has been a great week in **year 4** looking at Europe and in particular studying the flag. The children were very interested in finding out about the EU. **Mr Hatton, Sand tiger class**

This week we have learnt about Europe and we also painted some European flags. We have been writing about descriptive settings in English. **Sonny, Sand tiger class**

Reminder

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school at all times



Three of our talented cross country runners qualified for the Essex Finals last Friday. These finals were held at Hadleigh Country Park, which is known to be a very difficult course, in the blistering heat and with approximately 150 of the best runners in Essex in each race. Our three stars shone brightly with all of them finishing the course in a very respectable time. Congratulations to Bailey, Lewis and Gracie-Lee for showing great determination and representing our school so perfectly.

Now that the summer term is here and inspired by the commonwealth games we are focusing on athletics within our PE lessons. The children will be trying a number of different activities including javelin, long jump, discus and plenty of running. With this in mind it is very important that the children are wearing the correct footwear and not school shoes. When running at speed, school shoes offer little support or grip on the running track. Also, a water bottle is essential during PE lessons especially as the weather starts to heat up. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter. **Mr Felton**



This week in **Year 5** we spoke about the decline of bumblebees and how important they are to our own survival. I explained to the children how to save a bumblebee if they see one that isn't moving or doesn't look well. At lunch time yesterday Chili then made his way to the staff room and found an adult who could give him some sugary water on a spoon. He went and gave it to the poorly bumblebee and came back later and told everyone it was a success.

I am very proud of his sense of **belonging**, his kind actions can make a difference and I am sure they are appreciated by all. **Miss Hodges**



Our year 6 children have shown **confidence** and **determination**. Asking for extra homework, giving up their lunchtime and coming to interventions both before and after school. They show us that if they believe they can they will.



Celebrating Excellence

Scarlet C, Pebble class has started raising money and awareness of homelessness. She wrote to the Prime Minister and her MP. She took part in the Harp sponsored walk and raised £80.00 so far - including donations from lots of Darlinghurst staff

Rudi, Seagull class got a bronze medal at her first Go Ride race at Hadleigh Mountain Bike Track at the weekend.





The Early Bird catches...



Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	96.0
JELLYFISH	98.5
SEAHORSE	84.6
STARFISH	97.9
ALBATROSS	95.7
PELICAN	94.8
PUFFIN	95.9
SEAGULL	99.1
CRAB	99.6
LOBSTER	91.6
OYSTER	93.2
SHRIMP	97.8
DUNE	96.0
PEBBLE	98.5
ROCK POOL	96.0
SEASHELL	95.5
PORT JACKSON	94.2
REEF SHARK	96.3
SAND TIGER	97.4
WHITE SHARK	98.2
NEPTUNE	93.8
POSEIDON	94.5
SUSANOO	97.8
TRITON	94.6
BEMBRIDGE	97.9
MAYFLOWER	95.2
WILTON	97.9

- Highest attendance in each key stage
- Highest attendance in each year group

Well done to the winners this week. Keep up the good attendance aiming to keep hold of the title, looking forward to the results next week.



Come in to win

- Wed 02 May**
Year 3-4 Rugby Tournament
- Mon 07 May**
Public Holiday
- Fri 11 May**
Healthy Lunchbox Parents Workshop 9:45-11:00
- Fri 11 May**
Year 6 Cake Sale 3:20-4:00
- Fri 18 May**
Boys 5-6 Football Tournament (*Southend United*)
- Tues 22 May**
Rockpool & Seashell Wat Tyler Trip
- Wed 23 May**
Bembridge Tower of London trip
- Thu 24 May**
Wilton & Mayflower Tower of London Trip
Dune & Pebble Wat Tyler Trip
Year 6 PGL Parents Evening 6:30-7:30
- Mon 28 May**
Public Holiday
- Tue 29 May - Sun 3 June**
Holiday
- Dates for your diary**
- Wed 04 Jul**
INSET - Non Pupil Day
- Mon 09 Jul**
KS2 Sports Day 9:45-11:30
- Tue 10 Jul**
EYFS Sports Day 9:45-11:00
- Wed 11 Jul**
KS1 Sports Day 9:45-11:30

Parent View - Share your feedback

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Darlinghurst Academy Attendance



Steps to success

Arrive on time 

Remember the  early bird catches the ... 



Take holiday during school holidays

Show  proof of absence

Come to school every day for  class success

Celebrate **100%** attendance 

How can we help

Call the absence line **01702 509205** 

Talk to the class teacher or any member of staff 

Seek support from the Pastoral support team



Let's raise attendance together

Parents + children + staff + support teams = achieving excellence together