



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

Spring is my favourite time of the year, with new life all around us and brighter days. The temperature begins to warm and the world begins to take on a fresh new look. Plus, I won't deny that the Cadbury's chocolate button Easter egg brings my taste-buds joy too.

Over the Spring term we have been focusing on our value, 'confidence' and developing, 'I can attitudes'. Through developing positive behaviours towards learning we are actively aiming to teach not just content in our lessons but we are striving to encourage positive mind-sets and characteristics that we associate with people that are successful in life: determination, curiosity, empathy, belonging, openness to experience and an 'even better if' approach to learning and life.

We place high value on the importance of growing children in their learning and life skills so that they are able to transfer these skills to different situations. We want them to be brave, bold and essentially well equipped to be successful in learning and life.

So whilst I think of Spring time – 'life' and 'growth', I would like to congratulate the children and staff for their growth mind-sets and their commitment to 'life skills'. They have given their efforts and attitudes a 'spring clean', taking time to look inside themselves to see if anything needs a 'polish'. Everyone has worked egg-ceptionally well to achieve egg-celence together.

I couldn't end my Spring time message without a few Easter puns. Therefore, enjoy your Easter break and remember it is an egg-cellent excuse to crack out some egg puns to amuse your family and friends.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

We thought we would put together a cracking list of the most egg-ceptional egg puns for you:

These egg puns are ideal for dropping into a conversation for a little egg-stra fun!

Egg-sactly
Egg-citing
Egg-static
Egg-stravagent
Egg-splosive
Egg-streme
Eggs-ercise
Egg-ceptional
Egg-streme
Eggs-aggerate

Slightly harder to work into conversation, but you'll get an egg-stra sense of achievement for everyone you can squeeze in.

Don't yolk with me
You're poaching my best yolks
Happy Fry-day!
Stay on the sunny side up
That's cracking
Let's hatch a plan
Omelettin' this slide
Shell shock
You're such a rotten egg
I'm scrambled
I might whisk it!
You're so hard boiled
Are you egg-noring me?
Don't you like my egg-cellent jokes?



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been looking at all things Spring, including Easter and the changes Spring brings to the world outside. We have spoken about babies being born and the names that babies of different animals have, a baby bunny rabbit made all of the children laugh as it is called a kitten! We sang some songs on Wednesday to try to clear the grey clouds and rain, 'Rain, Rain go away' and 'we're walking on Sunshine' to try to coax out the sun. Today we will be making nest cakes for the children to bring home, and of course no Easter would be complete without an Easter Egg hunt, which I'm sure will get the children in the mood for all of the chocolate they'll receive over the weekend. We wish you all a Happy Easter and a relaxing break, and look forward to seeing you all in the Summer term (let's hope we all need sunscreen by then!). **Team Nursery**

Wow, what a busy term this has been in **Reception**, all the children have worked so hard and it is evident that everyone is making progress. Well done for all your hard work and effort children, this has resulted in you ending the term all being superstars!!! To end the term on a high 76 children and 18 adults excitedly made their way to Sealife adventure to consolidate our learning on 'animals'. Everyone including the adults were a real credit to the school, displaying great manners, excellent sea creature knowledge and real courage and bravery when touching and handling Rockpool creatures. Well done Reception. We would like to wish all our families a Happy Easter, have fun, enjoy time with your families and friends and DO NOT eat too much chocolate. Happy Easter. **The Reception Team**

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In **year 3** the children have enjoyed adapting the story of Pandora's box using some fantastic descriptions. Have an Eggciting Easter break, you've earned it. **Mr Dunne, Dune class**

*In **Dune class** we have been learning about the column method doing subtraction and addition. We have also been using the method in word problems. **Wesley, Dune class***

In **year 4** we have been looking at perimeter. We had great fun exploring rectangles around the school, recording measurement to help the care takers with their record. **Mrs Roff, Reef Shark class**

*In maths we are learning about perimeter of the composite shapes and we have been having challenges to find out the missing side of the shapes, we had to add it all up to see what we got and add the decimal point. **Ivy, Reef Shark class***

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Reminder

Due to congestion dogs should not be tied up at any gates around the school perimeter, including the slope by the brook gate. Thank you for your cooperation.



Celebrating Excellence

Emma M, Dune class, has been selected to join the 'Entry Squad' at Southend Diving.

Kitty-Ann L, Crab class, took part in her gymnastics club in house competition.

Lila-Rose L, Bembridge class, came second in her in house gymnastics competition in the intermediate class.



Congratulations to our Art Club children who were awarded the Silver prize in the recent South East Essex Design Competition



Mrs Rott will be taking a Sabbatical leave of absence and will be leaving us at the end of this Term. Reef shark class will continue to be taught by Mrs Stevens and will be joined by Ms White, on her return from maternity leave. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms White back into our Darlinghurst family we know that the children will be pleased to see her. Please join us in wishing Mrs Rott and her family all the very best during her time away. Mrs Rott has asked us to express that she has felt privileged to be part of Reef Sharks learning journey and wishes them all the very best for the future.



Being back at Darlinghurst means that I get to see our amazing pupils again and what better way to do this but to be co-teaching Reef Shark class in year 4. I had the privilege of working with them last week, with Mrs Rott leading and Miss Roxburgh supporting, and I was met with a very warm welcome, lots of questions and determination to do their best with their learning. I look forward to teaching them after the Easter break and seeing this drive continue. Wishing all of our pupils a very happy and enjoyable break and I look forward to seeing you all on our return. Ms White



This week Seagull class showed **confidence** when looking at reversible and irreversible changes.



We are really proud of the egg-cellent attitude and **determination** of our Year 6 pupils, who completed their last round of mock sats last week. We have hatched a plan to help Year 6 polish their knowledge – the 10 for 10 challenge, short challenges for each day of the holiday. We are also egg-static that some children are joining us for our cracking Easter school days! We hope the sun shines and the children switch off the rest of the time and have a great deal of fun!