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## Message from the Principal

In this special edition of News and views, I would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the commitment and determination of our Darlinghurst Eco-Team. This group of children, along with Mrs Powell, actively take the lead in helping to educate our school community about environmental issues and sustainability. The team participates in a number of campaigns and projects and they regularly feed back to the community. The team aims to get everyone involved in these projects and ensure that everyone understands the importance of their actions.

So far, the team have introduced recycling bins across the school and in the playground and litter picking at break time and lunchtime. They are currently collecting crisp packaging and batteries as part of a Nationwide Battery Hunt. Let's continue to support them in their endeavors by bringing any batteries and used crisp packets in school to be recycled.

Many of our campaigns have centered on the theme of 'waste' and as a result of this work we are seeing an improvement in recycling, energy saving and less litter on the playground.

I know that I am better in turning off my office lights to save energy and think about what rubbish I put in my office bin.

Last week, the whole academy participated in Eco week, leading up to the big clean. It was an educational and exciting week. Read on to find out more!

At Darlinghurst, our Eco-Team is just one of our 'active citizen groups'. Our Junior Governors, Sports committee, play squad, prefects and new peer mediators are all pro-active in improving our environment, our daily experiences, health and happiness. I would like to thank them all for the roles they play and the difference that they make.

As always, enjoy your time with your family.

Mrs Nicholls



**Please continue to support us in keeping our children safe on our neighbouring roads. The community patrol officer is regularly in our area and our school crossing patrol officer is helping our children cross the road. We ask our parents to be mindful and follow the rules of the road. Temporary bollards are now in place to help. Parents are not permitted to stop at the crossing or zig-zag areas to drop their children off.**





## News

### Eco-Week

Last week we had an Eco-week across the school. Everybody learnt about the effects humans are having on the environment and how we can help. In Nursery, they conducted an experiment to see what types of rubbish decompose. The children were so excited to tell me all about recycling. In Reception, the children sorted different pieces of rubbish. In Year 4, children learnt about the effects of global warming and Year 5 learnt about litter and made videos educating people about the effects. They have been writing persuasive pieces of writing, encouraging other people to recycle. In Year 6, they have been writing to the Canadian Prime Minister about the negative effects of seal hunting. It's lovely to see how children across the school have been so empowered about making a difference to help our planet.

On Friday, we took part in the Great Big School Clean. Everybody pitched in, from Nursery to Year 6, tidying our classrooms, picking up litter and making sure we were recycling correctly. Poseidon Class managed to collect over 800 pieces of rubbish, both on the playground and in the classroom. The Eco-team spent the afternoon inspecting classrooms to choose the tidiest classroom. They looked at general tidiness and how much had been recycled. The winners were the following:

Key Stage 1: Shrimp

Lower Key Stage 2: Sandtiger

Upper Key Stage 2: Mayflower

Overall winners: **Nursery and Reception.**

Well done to our winners and all classes for their dedication on Friday – our school looks spotless!

Mrs Powell

*Lots of children from year 4 enjoyed tidying up the demountable. **Simeon, Sand Tiger class***

*We learnt about climate change. **Willow, Sand Tiger class***

*We've been writing about people hunting whales for their blubber and putting it in makeup.*

**Ellie, Mayflower class**

*We've been learning about landfills which are full of too much rubbish. We did a litter count at school.*

**Megan, Poseidon class**



### EYFS

This week in **Nursery** our topic has been spring. In ODL we took a spring walk, finding items to place in our labelled egg cartons like leaves and daisies, some children found things like nests, and blossom to tick off on a Spring checklist. We welcomed parents for the boys stay and play and they enjoyed seeing Hagrid's Hut in all its glory! The children have been looking at baby animals and how they are named differently to the adult animal. We all hope you have a fabulous weekend and especially to all of our mums on Mothering Sunday, let's hope you all get spoilt! **Nursery Team**

This week in **Reception**, we have continued our learning about mini beasts using the story of Superworm by Julia Donaldson to help us with our 'super learning'. For maths we have been using the spots of a ladybird to show how we can double and halve numbers. The children have really enjoyed making their mums a Mother's Day card and we would like to take this opportunity to wish all our mums a wonderful day on Sunday. If you are having a Spring clean in the holidays and you have any kitchen utensils and pans or old sheets that you no longer need, please could you bring them to Jellyfish or Starfish class as we are re stocking our den building and kitchen areas outside. Many thanks, **the Reception team.**



In art, children have been making Mother's Day cards using a range of materials.

## KS2

**Year 3** have been learning maths outside this week with Miss Roxburgh and Miss Arnold. They have been looking at 2 D shapes and right angles. The children really enjoyed themselves.

**Year 4** have been making Mother's day cards using the Darlinghurst Spring Flowers as inspiration. The children took and edited their own pictures to add to their Mother's day cards. Well done children. In addition, reminder **Earth day** is on Saturday. I look forward to all your stories and pictures. **Miss Arnold**



Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.1
STARFISH	95.2
PELICAN	96
PUFFIN	95.5
SEAGULL	93.4
LOBSTER	95.4
OYSTER	96
SHRIMP	96.6
DUNE	96.6
PEBBLE	94.8
ROCK POOL	95.6
SEASHELL	97.4
PORT JACKSON	97.3
REEF SHARK	96.9
SAND TIGER	96.2
WHITE SHARK	95.8
NEPTUNE	95
POSEIDON	96.7
TRITON	95.3
BEMBRIDGE	94.9
WILTON	97.5
MAYFLOWER	92.8
ENDEAVOUR	95
Totals	95.7

There will be no **Acorns After School club** on the last day of term, Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April.

Wed 03 Apr  
School Uniform Pop Up Shop 3:00pm-4:00pm  
Wed 03 Apr  
Year 4 Southend Pier & RNLI Trip  
Fri 05 Apr  
Year 6 Cake and Bric A Brac Sale  
Fri 05 Apr  
ACADEMY Closes for Easter Holidays  
Tue 23 Apr  
Academy opens for Summer Term  
Wed 24 Apr  
Year 4 Girls WHSG taster session  
Thu 25 Apr 6:00pm  
Year 5 PGL 2020 Meeting (School Hall) Children Welcome  
Fri 26 Apr  
Class Photos

Please visit [www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/](http://www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/) for future dates

## 🌸 🌸 🌸 Mother's Day Sale 🌸 🌸 🌸

The children had a fabulous time choosing their gifts at the Mother's Day Sale. We hope you enjoy your surprises!

The money raised will go towards our next outdoor learning fundraising project, for every child.

We wish you all a happy and relaxing Mother's Day.



Darlinghurst ACADEMY  
Parent Teacher Association

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR  
**KS2 CLUB  
FILM NIGHT**

**FRIDAY 17TH MAY**  
**3:40PM - 5:30PM**  
**£3.00 PER CHILD**

ALL CHILDREN WILL  
RECEIVE POPCORN AND A  
SOFT DRINK

PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE VIA YOUR CHILD'S  
PARENTPAY  
SNACKS PROVIDED WILL BE GLUTEN FREE &  
VEGAN FRIENDLY

**YEAR 6  
CAKE AND  
BRIC A  
BRAC SALE**

**FRIDAY  
5TH APRIL**

**3:15PM-4:00PM**

**IN THE KS1  
PLAYGROUND**

**PTA Easter Colouring Competition**

Wow! We have lots of amazing entries for this competition, with prizes of Easter goodies on offer. It is not too late to participate. If you do not have a form, simply collect one from the office and return by 3rd April.

Darlinghurst ACADEMY PTA  
To help raise funds for the PTA enter our Easter Egg Design Competition  
Simply, use the template below to design your Easter egg and return it to your class teacher by Wednesday 3rd April with your 50p donation affixed for your chance to win Easter goodies

1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes in each EYFS, KS1, LKS2 and UKS2

50p

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Class \_\_\_\_\_

**PTA Wet Play Activity Boxes**

We want to make wet play more fun for the children. They were given the opportunity to produce a shopping list for us. Before we start purchasing, we thought we'd ask you if you have any of the following, good condition games/toys, you might consider donating:

- \*Lego (or Lego compatible) bricks
- \* Connect 4
- \*Guess Who
- \* Snakes & Ladders
- \* Dobble
- \* Hedbandz
- \* Cards Games: pairs, snap etc
- \* Top Trumps
- \* Wooden Construction
- \* puppets
- \* Action Figures
- \* Barbie / Monster High

Please hand any donations to the office or send in with your child. Thank you!



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## Landscapes of Leigh Schools Competition

KS1 and KS2 children are invited to get creative and enter the 2019 Leigh Art Trail, Primary schools competition.

The theme this year is Landscapes of Leigh.

All entries should be submitted by Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May to Mrs Buckley



Leigh Art Trail is a not-for-profit, volunteer-run, community organisation, showcasing the work of local contemporary artists and designers.

