



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

We have all been very excited here at Darlinghurst to have a week of sunshine – it feels like summer has returned! The children and staff have enjoyed lots of opportunities to take their learning outside and delight in the weather. It has been fabulous to see the whole school using the full extent of our outdoor space. I've seen KS2 children learning about light and shadow by creating some unique chalk outlines in the playground, and KS1 children practising their 'sound talk' by following instructions said only in sounds – what f-u-n! As always the children in Nursery and Reception have been enjoying their outdoor learning area and I can see they are really settling into their new classes and loving the chance to choose from the exciting activities their teachers have planned for them.

Table tennis has been the theme of the week here at Darlinghurst Academy. A staff competition ended the week after school on Friday with Mr Eglinton winning the much anticipated trophie. I've heard he had some impressive skills! The children took part in a local inter-school competition this week as well. I'm pleased to announce Darlinghurst Academy came third overall! Go Darlinghurst!



I hope you have a wonderful weekend – here's hoping the sunshine stays about! Regardless, I hope you enjoy spending time together as a family.

Mrs Nicholls

Achievement News



Congratulations to Thomas W, pebble class for performing at The Royal Albert Hall last Sunday

Achievement News - Congratulations to Evie M, Reef Shark Class on passing your Modern Jazz Preparatory grade exam with Distinction

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	98.8
JELLYFISH	97.5
SEAHORSE	95.9
STARFISH	96.2
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	89.2
PUFFIN	91.4
SEAGULL	99.1
CRAB	92.6
LOBSTER	96.1
OYSTER	91.9
SHRIMP	92.6
DUNE	96.7
PEBBLE	95.2
ROCK POOL	94.4
SEASHELL	94.8
PORT JACKSON	95.6
REEF SHARK	95.4
SAND TIGER	95.2
WHITE SHARK	93.9
NEPTUNE	99.3
POSEIDON	97.4
SUSANOO	98.7
TRITON	97.1
BEMBRIDGE	98.5
MAYFLOWER	98.2
WILTON	90.0

Seagull and Neptune class you have brilliant attendance this week, well done.

An extra special mention to Tiddlers, our youngest children have the 3rd highest percentage attendance at 98.8%



News

EYFS

This week the Reception children have been sharing their "All About Me" bags that they were asked to create for homework. We asked them to decorate a bag and to then place three items in it showing what they really like or enjoy doing.

We are all thinking about how things change and have read Elmer The Elephant to support this, as well as discussing Autumn. **Mrs Dennis, Starfish Class.**

I like my bag that I showed and I like playing. **Alice C, Starfish Class.**

KS1

In Seagull class this week we have been learning about instructions. Seagulls received a letter from the Elves asking the children to make them jam sandwiches. The children wrote up instructions and followed them to make some delicious sandwiches. **Miss Adams, Seagull Class.**

I enjoyed cutting the sandwiches up, I hope the Elves enjoy them. **Harry, Seagull Class**

KS2

In Maths I have enjoyed adding tens, ones and hundreds. It's been tricky but I've learnt lots. **Evelyn B, Seashell Class.**

This week in Maths we have been doing column subtraction and addition. We have been challenged by our teachers because we had to work out the missing numbers. We are looking forward to going to the Sealife Centre next Friday. In Science we have been learning about how the ear and the eyes work. During English we have been writing reports on penguins. Did you know that they can't fly and they are birds? **Anais H, White Shark**

I love reading Toms Midnight Garden it is my favourite book because it is fun and enjoyable. The best part is when Tom saw the maid and tried shouting to her but she did not answer. Me and my class think it's exciting because we think that Tom is invisible. **Scarlett S, Poseidon Class.**

In Year 6, we have been learning about how the Earth rotates and it gives us day and night. In English, we have been writing and planning a diary entry about being incarcerated in a concrete cell and escaping into a portal... or did we? In Maths we have been doing long multiplication, multiplying decimals and division. **Patty F, Wilton Class.**

This week Year 6 have enjoyed learning how the planets in our solar system orbit using inflatable models. They then used Piccollage to document their experience. Our finalists for head boy and girl presented to KS1 and KS2 children in assembly and the elected candidate will be announced next week. **Miss Rosso, Wilton Class.**

11+

When I was lining up for the 11+ my nerves started. I felt like I was going to be sick! I entered the building, said goodbye to my Mum and sat down. My heart skipped a beat and my hair stood on end. Nervously, I went into the main hall and sat at my desk. I felt so lonely because I didn't know anyone who was there. With my spine shivering I started my first test. It was the English test. It was harder than I expected. I did every question except one. We had a break and then went back to our seats. I started my Maths exam. It was so hard but I know I tried my best. Overall, it wasn't that bad and of course it was a great experience. **Macy S, Wilton Class.**



News

Eastwood Aptitude Test

On Friday I did the beep test. I was nervous before I did the test. I saw friends from school and my football team. I came out sweating all over. I knew I did well because I got told. Also I did football and the teacher commented on how I got a ball to the face and didn't even flinch! The PE teachers all came over and spoke to me, I'm already known at the school because my sibling goes there. **Bailey K, Wilton Class.**

Thank you to all of the parents who donated cakes for the **PTA** Macmillan Coffee Morning. We had a fabulous response and they were really, truly, scrumptious. Thank you to everyone who attended, it was lovely to see you all there. We will update you with the amount raised next week.

Dear parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts, friends and guardians!

Your school needs you! In the past **Darlinghurst PTA** provided the following amazing experiences for your children:

- * Christmas present drop to every child by Santa himself ** Christmas craft fair ** KS2 School disco *
- * KS1 Ugly Bug Ball ** Mega inflatable day ** Easter fair ** Easter egg raffle and colouring competition ** African garden ** Topic books for each child ** Book sale *
- * Mothers and Father's Day design and sale*

These events, which enrich your child's time at Darlinghurst, can only go ahead with the support of the Darlinghurst Academy community. It doesn't need a massive or regular time commitment - the more people who get involved the less time is needed!

The AGM is on Thursday 5 October at 9am in the training room. Please come along to see if you are able to support the PTA. Babies and small children are welcome.

Looking forward to meeting you! darlinghurstpta@hotmail.co.uk

Uniform Donations – Thank you for your generous donations of old uniform, a full 63 sacks have been sent off to Africa and Asia.

Harvest Festival – Thank you for your generous donations so far, we shall still be collecting non-perishable donations until Friday 6th October.

ENJOYING YOUR CHILDREN - A 7 week study course to get the best out of being a parent will run Tuesdays, from 31st October 2017 9.00am – 10.30am. Please contact Mrs Johnson for further details 01702 719746 or mrsjohnson@darlinghurst.co.uk

5th October – PTA AGM (Training Room)
6th October – Year 4 to the Sealife Centre
13th October - INSET - Non Pupil Day
16th October – Year 1 to the Museum of Childhood
17th October – Year 6 to the Science Museum
18th October – Parent Consultations
19th October – Parent Consultations