



Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

There was a great buzz around the school this week including excitement and energy at our Sports Days. Everyone certainly showed belonging throughout the team activities and determination within the competitive races. It was lovely to see a sea of colour due to the children wearing their house colours. There was a great sense of team spirit. Our staff house captains cheered on their teams alongside encouragement from parents and teachers. Toby in Pebble class even made a flag for HMS Ganges, out of a blue t-shirt, as part of his homework.



I was so impressed and told Toby I wished we had a flag for each house. If you fancy taking up the flag challenge over the forthcoming break, I look forward to seeing some after the holiday. With our annual shaping the future event at the beginning of September I am sure the flags would be a great feature.

The sporting theme continued on Wednesday when the whole school joined together on the field to celebrate the world cup. Our year 6 boys and girls challenged our staff to a fast played game of football, with cheerleaders chanting at the side of the pitch. Half time included entertainment from our street dance team giving a reprise of their dance festival routine. Although a draw, I happily awarded the winners' cup to year 6 for their confidence and camaraderie.

These events will be added to a great set of memories made this year.

With the final leg of the academic year upon us I would like to thank children, staff and parents for a memorable year. I know I will hold this year close to my heart being my first official year as Principal at Darlinghurst. I love our school.

As always enjoy your family time together

Mrs Nicholls



News

EYFS

This week in **Nursery** we have been looking at the subject space. The children have delighted in trying, each morning, to guess a planet, after talking to their parents and then watching me inflate the planet that they have chosen! They giggled when I chose the sun on the first day (which is of course a star!) it is huge, and I was a little red faced and light headed to say the least! We have been using scissors to cut out space lines, colouring aliens and rockets and making junk modelling space ships and lots more. We also had our yearly sports day. Once again it was a great opportunity to see all of the children enjoying the sunshine and outside activities that the sports team had organised. It was also lovely to see so many parents! What a shame that our efforts in making England flags was somewhat deflated on Thursday morning when we had to return to school after the loss in the semifinals! Now let's have a last blast of fun before school ends for summer! **Team Nursery**

What another busy week in **Reception** as we get closer to the end of term. The final countdown has defiantly begun! I'm sure you will agree sports day was fabulous with the sports team arranging yet another fun packed morning, demonstrating an array of different skills and adding to its comedy value seeing teachers compete at their very best. Well done Miss Riley and Miss Graham you did EYFS proud. We also went to watch the internal world cup with children V's staff. Who do you think was more competitive? It's always so lovely to see the school work across all ages. It really does demonstrate all of our Academy values. **Miss Wise and Miss Charles, Jellyfish class**

KS2

This week in **Year 4** in English we are developing an inspirational speech for the England football team. My group wrote, as part of the planning section, the beginning part of the class speech.

The minute you step outside of the changing rooms, get on the pitch, score those goals and win the World Cup. Just remember to do it with pride and determination. **Corben, Reef Shark**

In topic we have continued to explore the human body with a particular focus on skeleton, muscles and skin. The pupils were amazed that as a baby they had many more bones than what they will have when they are adults. Did you know that over half of your bones are found in your feet and hands? **Ms White, Reef Shark class**

This week Year 6 have had really a fun time. On Monday we went to sports day and HMS St Vincent won the trophy. On Tuesday we had a trip to the beach and Chalkwell Park. We paddled in the water, dug big holes, had lunch, played football and played in the park. On Wednesday we helped with the KS1 sports day and practiced our songs for the leavers' assembly. In the afternoon we had a year 6 v teachers football match with cheerleaders cheering them on and dancers in half time. Thursday we practiced for the leavers' assembly and today we shall have our leavers disco. **Eva-Grace, Mayflower class**





KS1 Borough Sports

Last week saw the last sporting tournament with some of our KS1 children representing the school in the Borough Sports competition. As always, our children tried their very hardest and when it came to the main event, the all team relay, our girls placed 1st and our boys 2nd. This shows that our children are now competing at the highest level. We finished a very respectable 5th out of 25 schools at the end of the competition. Well done to all involved.

Sports Day

Three days of successful sports days saw HMS St Vincent (red) win the KS2 and EYFS/Reception house cups and HMS Ganges (blue) win the KS1 cup. Thank you for your support on the day and for the wonderfully competitive parents races!

Mr Felton



Year 5 Praise

Congratulations to our year 5 children and staff for their praise from a recent visit to Chase High School and their support at the EYFS Sports Day.

I would just like to thank you for attending the year 5 day this year. The staff and students involved were very impressed with the level of engagement and behaviour. Your students have been a delight to have with us. We look forward to next year.

Kind regards,

Amy Llewellyn
Director of lower school
Chase High School
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Thank you to all the Year 5 children who supported the Early Years Sports Day. They clearly explained what the nursery and reception children should do and supported them to achieve well at the different activities.

Mrs Dutton

Our **kitchen team** has once again received a 5 star hygiene award. The inspector congratulated Wendy and her team on such a well-run kitchen.



This is the eco team, We are going to tell you about composting. Composting means to put food or waste in to the food Bin or the compost so it can decompose and be used for Soil for our plants. We are checking the bins all other the school so they have all the right things in them. Please Help the team so we can get the silver award. And help our planet.

This week teachers and our team will be explaining to there classes ~~we~~ what composting is but we need your help too.

By William Eco team.

Notices

Parents are reminded of the need to collect all medicines from the school at the end of term, including asthma pumps, epi-pens, piriton etc and to return these to your child's new class teacher at the beginning of the Autumn term together with the completed authorisation to administer which can be obtained from the front office.

Teachers2Parents have advised us there is a problem with the duplication of messages.

There is currently a problem with their notification system. They are currently working on it and when fixed parents will receive either a text message or report in the app if they have it.

The Junior Governors conducted some food tasting with the kitchen staff today choosing some selections they may have not usually picked. A full write up from our Junior Governors will follow shortly.



Celebrating Excellence

Scarlett, Poseidon class competed in her first national karate championship last Sunday in Norwich. She got through all the rounds and took first place in her event. Massive congratulations Scarlett.



Thank You

Annabel Williams

Annie, Poseidon class had 10 inches chopped off her hair and donated it to the little princess trust. We are very proud of her.

Eden, Neptune class also had her hair cut and donated it to the little princess trust. We are very proud of her also.

Nathaniel, Albatross class appeared on Radio Essex this week to do the weather report. He showed such confidence.



The Early Bird catches...



Congratulations to last week's KS2 attendance winners



Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	90.4
JELLYFISH	96.2
SEAHORSE	98.5
STARFISH	95.0
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	99.6
PUFFIN	90.0
SEAGULL	98.7
CRAB	95.2
LOBSTER	89.6
OYSTER	91.6
SHRIMP	98.9
DUNE	95.2
PEBBLE	98.8
ROCK POOL	95.4
SEASHELL	95.7
PORT JACKSON	96.5
REEF SHARK	92.5
SAND TIGER	87.0
WHITE SHARK	99.1
NEPTUNE	91.8
POSEIDON	95.2
SUSANOO	90.7
TRITON	94.1
BEMBRIDGE	96.6
MAYFLOWER	95.0
WILTON	95.7

- 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 18 Jul
Whole School Transition 8:40am
- Fri 20 Jul
Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9:30am
- ACADEMY Closes for Summer Holidays 1:45pm
- Wed 05 Sep
New Academic Year Starts
- Mon 17 Sep
Shaping The Future Day
- Wed 26 Sep
KS2 Table Tennis (Thorpe Hall)
- Thu 27 Sep
PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (Side Hall)
- Thu 27 Sep
Reception Drop In (Reception Classes)
- Fri 28 Sep
EYFS Penguin Waddle
- Fri 28 Sep
Healthy Lunchbox Workshop (Side Hall)

Please visit www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/ for future dates