



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

It has been a pleasure to welcome visitors to Darlinghurst this week, from neighbouring schools, parents from our local community, and potential new families that wish to join our school. We look forward to welcoming new parents and children when they start with us in September. It always fills me with pride when I see and hear the positive reactions and comments made about our children and Darlinghurst Academy.

During coffee and cake parents and leaders were able to share ideas and feedback, along with our aspirations for the future. Thank you to those who attended.

Mrs Hahn and I enjoyed planning and preparation with the PTA for Christmas and future events this week. I am sure you will all join me in showing your appreciation for the supportive work they do for our children.

Children have been sharing their delight in receiving postcards home linked to our values. This week it was my turn to receive some special post delivered to my office. Some year three children made me some cards, which brightened my day and now brighten my office. I shared them with them a card from a friend and past colleague, containing extracts from the lyrics of the West End show *Wicked*:

"I've heard it said that people come into our lives for a reason, bringing something we must learn, and we are led to those who help us most to grow if we let them, and they will help us in return."

As always, enjoy your weekend with your family.

Mrs Nicholls



Avni, Lilly W and Wesley, Pebble class

13 Nov

Reception 2018 School Tours

Please contact Miss Walton on 01702719746 or
pupilservices@darlinghurst.co.uk

28 Nov

Year 3 Egyptian Workshop

29 Nov

Nursery Letterbox Walk

To avoid any misunderstanding please note we do not have an open evening 15th November

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News

EYFS

The magic has continued this week in **Reception** after we began our *Room on the Broom* topic last week. The children have been using their phonic knowledge to write down recipes for their cauldrons, and we have been learning about capacity whilst concocting our potions! We have been using the phrases 'full', 'half full' and 'empty' to do this.

Lots of the children have also been enjoying pretending to be their teachers!

*I liked being the teacher in 'Seahorse School' in the role play area. **William, Seahorse class***

We have enjoyed sharing the children's homework with them. Thank you for supporting your child's learning by continuing to read their school book with them, concentrating on their storytelling and descriptive skills, and practising using the phonics sound mat by building the speed and accuracy with which they can point to the pictures and say the words that go with them.

Miss Riley, Seahorse class

KS1

*This week I have enjoyed learning about Remembrance Day and why we wear a poppy to remember soldiers who have died. In art we all painted a poppy using our fingers instead of brushes which was really fun. **Ava B, Crab Class***

KS2

This week we have explored ancient Egypt, reading and composing our own reports all about the pharaoh Tutankhamun. **Mr Porter, Rockpool class**

This week I have really enjoyed learning about column addition. This method made adding easier, especially with larger numbers. We also worked on column subtraction; this was more of a challenge because we had to borrow from other place values.

Oliver M, Rockpool class

This week we have stepped back into the time of Romans in history. Looking at the way they lived and learning about how they tried to conquer Britain. **Mrs Rott, Reef Shark class**

In class we have been learning about Romans. We did some archeology where we dug jewels and all sorts of artefacts out of some sand. In Mr Cauchi's maths we're getting taught some really great strategies to help us to become mastermind mathematicians and to learn all of our times tables by the end of year 4. I'm really enjoying English at the moment because we have been learning how to write proper reports and letters.

Evie M, Reef Shark class

Our new topic for this half term is 'Has there been a better time to live?' We have been researching childhood in ancient Greek times when girls did not go to school! We are also attempting to order events in history, could you please help your child with this? The children have access to Education City and we are focusing on improving our spellings. There are many games they can access to practise their spelling rules at home. There is a Year 6 Captain Cod game about irregular plurals the Year 6s could practise for this week. **Mrs Dunne, Bembridge class**

In the last few weeks, Bembridge class has been learning about the ancient Greeks. We have written paragraphs: one about Athenians, one about Sparta and one about which we would rather be. In English, we have been writing a poem about peace. In number crunch we are practising what the SAT's questions are like. Finally, in reading we are looking at a text about Pompeii and a bit of a story behind it.

Grace B, Bembridge class



News

Junior Governors

We are pleased to announce our new Junior Governors

Puffin	Alfie W & Marilyn R
Seagull	Maggie H & Trae E
Pelican	Ira B & Florence T
Albatross	Mia F & Nathaniel S
Crab	Ava & Corey C
Oyster	Grace A & Sam L
Lobster	Erta & James Y
Shrimp	Keyan S & Taiyla G
Rock pool	Haydn W & Grace H
Dune	Emma M & George K
Pebble	Joe P & Alexia C
Seashell	Jacob C & Lacienna P
Reef Shark	Evie H & Sammy H
Port Jackson	Oscar S & Leah H
White Shark	Kara D & Zakin S
Sand Tiger	Rocco C & Olivia S
Triton	Mollie B & Warren K
Susanoo	Clara D & Luke H
Poseidon	Theo B & Isabella H
Neptune	Momchil I & Isabel G
Mayflower	Molly W & Taylor H
Bembridge	Snehan B & Sophia B
Wilton	Tommy C & Macy S

Eco-School

Darlinghurst's first Eco-schools committee met this week to discuss ideas on how to make Darlinghurst Academy more eco-friendly. After having a poster competition:

Willow and Meadow in Year 3

Megan and Davida in Year 4

Anthony, Miles, Sonny, Robyn and Lydia in Year 5

Have been chosen to help Mrs Powell run projects this year to help the school earn the Green Flag. Watch this space for more news soon. If you'd like to find out more about Eco-schools and would also like to be involved, please visit the website www.eco-schools.org.uk or speak to Mrs Powell.

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	92.8
JELLYFISH	94.3
SEAHORSE	90.7
STARFISH	93.8
ALBATROSS	100.0
PELICAN	99.2
PUFFIN	93.2
SEAGULL	93.6
CRAB	98.1
LOBSTER	98.5
OYSTER	93.6
SHRIMP	96.3
DUNE	94.3
PEBBLE	98.9
ROCK POOL	93.8
SEASHELL	93.8
PORT JACKSON	95.0
REEF SHARK	96.7
SAND TIGER	99.1
WHITE SHARK	93.7
NEPTUNE	96.3
POSEIDON	98.1
SUSANOO	98.4
TRITON	96.8
BEMBRIDGE	95.6
MAYFLOWER	98.2
WILTON	93.0

Well done Albatross class you have excellent attendance.



Over the coming weeks you may be approached in the playground and asked about our safeguarding procedures. This ongoing survey ensures that everyone within our community knows how to keep our children safe. Thank you in advance for your time and support.

SAFEGUARDING CONCERN?



At Darlinghurst Academy, we are committed to the safety and welfare of all our pupils.

If you are concerned about the safety and/or welfare of a child, please talk to our Safeguarding Leads, **Mrs Grant**, (Inclusion Leader) or **Mrs Dutton** (Assistant Principal).

If you have any safeguarding concerns about a member of staff, please contact **Mrs Nicholls**, Principal.

If you have any safeguarding concerns about Mrs Nicholls or a member of our Rapid Improvement Board/ Legra Trust, please contact the Local Authority Designated Officer (LADO) Allison Francis on **01702 534539**.

If you have any other concerns, please read our Safeguarding Policy on our website darlinghurst.uk



Mrs Grant



Mrs Dutton



Oliver & Oscar are proud to share that their Daddy Matt Linnen is in The X Factor live shows.

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