



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week's **Values** Assembly focused on **Achievement**. During the assembly the children and I considered our current learning and life skill – 'It's up to me'. We watched a short film clip about struggles and sacrifice to reach our goals and the happiness and success that **Determination** brings.

On the coldest day of the year so far, I had fun joining in Mrs Churchman's Skipping Club. Some children from Squid class encouraged me to improve my skipping score leading me to success. We celebrated our **Achievements** together. Mrs Churchman and Miss Walton helped children skip together using the big rope whilst others participated in French skipping. By the end of the session we were rosy cheeked and a little warmer inside and out showing our sense of belonging.

I had the pleasure to meet the poet Justin Coe and listened to the poem 'mum-dad', admiring and thanking a parent for being great in all they do "*She takes me to football, she takes me to the shops, she tells me she loves me, even when she tells me off*".

At Darlinghurst we provide opportunities to exemplify the British Values and today gave our children the **Excellent** experience of thinking about their loved ones.

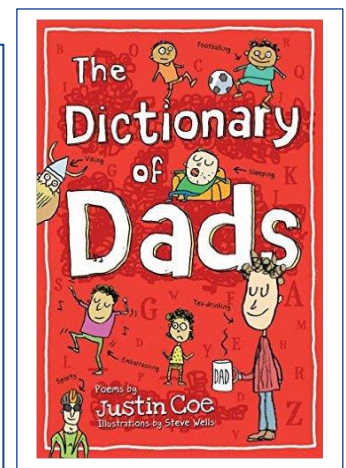
The **British Values** are:

- Democracy
- The Rule of Law
- Individual Liberty
- Mutual respect
- Tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs

This week during story time I have read with Wilton class and Rockpool class, enjoying the texts; 'Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Askaban', by J.K. Rowling and 'The Secret Seven', by Enid Blyton, both of which I have enjoyed personally reading as a child and adult. At the end of story time in Wilton class we practised the class Christmas song in preparation for the coming Christmas Carol concert. The children sang with **Confidence**.

As always, enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls





News

EYFS

Reception really enjoyed their trip to the post office on Wednesday. The children were all so sensible and were able to use the road safety skills we learned earlier in the term. The children each paid 65p for a stamp and stuck it on their envelope and posted their letter to Santa. We wonder if he will write back to us! Thank you to all of the parents, carers and MDA's who helped us on our trip. **Miss Riley and Mrs Farnell, Seahorse class.**

*I liked going to the post office, I liked getting the stamp. **Sophia, Seahorse class***

KS1

This week in **Pelican class**, we have been focusing on the fairy tale *Little Red Riding Hood* and studying settings. **Miss Carey, Pelican class**

*I liked where Little Red Riding Hood walks into the forest because it looks scary. **Dino, Pelican class***

This week in **Oyster class**, we have been preparing for our Nativity performances. The children have worked really hard learning their lines. **Miss Chaplin, Oyster class**

*I have been enjoying stomping on the stage. I am King Herald. **William, Oyster class***

KS2

Year three have had a wonderful week! The most exciting part was Egyptian day. They learnt about pyramids, Hieroglyphics, Pharaohs and many more fascinating facts about ancient Egypt. **Miss Levy, Seashell class**

*My favourite part of the day was when I wrapped my friend up like a Mummy. It was so much fun. I loved holding a real Egyptian necklace, it was beautiful. **Emily, Seashell class***

In Year 4 we have been acting out scenarios, we have been discussing the importance of mutual respect and what this looks like in the classroom, playground and at home. We have also been discussing our relationships and the importance in dealing with concerns when they arise. We have discussed the importance of following this process.

Concern

Speak to the person

Tell them how they made you feel.
Someone apologises and they say how they will change.

Tips to remember

- Be honest
- Be clear and stick to the facts.
- Be confident
- Be serious
- Don't waffle

Make the change and carry on with ensuring that MUTUAL RESPECT is the focus of any relationship.

No Change Tell an adult

Adults listen and get children to work through the concern.
Adults determine facts and investigate concerns. Consequences given where needed and most of all, everyone learns from the experience and it doesn't happen again.



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KS2 Cont.

We are also looking forward to our Viking day on the 14/12/17 where we will all be dressing up and participating in activities. Stay tuned for a letter with further details. **Mr Cauchi, White Shark class.**

*In year 4 we have been writing out stories about monsters and an Anglo Saxon hero who defeats the monster. In maths we have been buying Anglo Saxon food and equipment with a set budget. This activity has helped us remember all the calculations that we have learnt this term. It challenged us by having a number of steps. Building our Anglo Saxon villages, we were able to understand how they were designed during the period. We have also been looking at the different English town names that were given during Anglo Saxon times. We are looking forward to the fair on Saturday and the Christmas concert which we have been preparing for. **Kethlyn, White Shark class.***

*In topic we have learnt about the kit that soldiers had in 1914, and after we compared a 2014 kit. We have been writing diary entries in the prospective of a girl/boy who's Dad/Uncle/Brother has gone to WW1. **Eden, Neptune class.***

*In the last week **Year 6** has been extremely fun. In English we wrote a letter from a historical person. Our one was from Emily Pankhurst to her sister and was lots of fun. In maths we have been doing circles using compasses which has been hard. In topic we have been learning about Victorians and punishments. We have been reading Holes and Journey to the River Sea. **Jack, Mayflower class***

Good Luck to children and staff who are taking place in the Havens Hospice annual Santa Run at Wat Tyler Country Park in Basildon this Sunday.

Twelve Days of Christmas - In the spirit of the season we will be sharing The Darlinghurst Academy twelve days of Christmas, starting today with day one:





2nd December

Darlinghurst PTA Christmas Fayre

6th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Reception Nativity (School Hall)

8th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

Reception Nativity (School Hall)

11th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

KS1 Nativity: Crab, Oyster, Puffin and Albatross (School Hall)

11th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

KS1 Nativity: Lobster, Shrimp, Seagull and Pelican (School Hall)

12th December – 2:15pm – 3:15pm

KS1 Nativity: Lobster, Shrimp, Seagull and Pelican (School Hall)

12th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

KS1 Nativity: Crab, Oyster, Puffin and Albatross (School Hall)

14th December

Christmas Lunch

Please make payment via your child's parent pay

14th December – 6:00pm – 7:00pm

LKS2 Christmas Concert: Years 3 and 4 (School Hall)

14th December – 7:30pm – 7:00pm

UKS2 Christmas Concert: Years 5 and 6 (School Hall)

15th December

Inset Day

18th December

Christmas Jumper Day

20th December

Last day of term

20th December

Nursery Nativity (School Hall)

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	85.0
JELLYFISH	98.5
SEAHORSE	92.6
STARFISH	92.4
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	93.3
PUFFIN	96.4
SEAGULL	94.5
CRAB	98.8
LOBSTER	94.1
OYSTER	100.0
SHRIMP	94.8
DUNE	99.1
PEBBLE	97.0
ROCK POOL	98.1
SEASHELL	94.8
PORT JACKSON	96.9
REEF SHARK	97.1
SAND TIGER	97.0
WHITE SHARK	97.3
NEPTUNE	92.6
POSEIDON	91.9
SUSANOO	95.2
TRITON	95.7
BEMBRIDGE	99.3
MAYFLOWER	91.8
WILTON	97.8

Excellent attendance for last week
Oyster class, well done.

With 3 weeks to go till the end of term
Seahorse class have the highest
attendance in Foundation Stage.
Albatross class have the highest % in
Key Stage 1 and Pebble class are
leading in Key Stage 2.