



Communication is a priority for us and once again this year we will communicate to parents and carers using the **SIMS Parent App**. SIMS Parent App is a convenient way to communicate with you, share key dates, timetabled events, messages and School term dates. Please let the office know if you have not yet registered. In addition, we use **Twitter and Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@Darlinghurstsch** on Twitter and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram.

## Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers

This week started with our community showing respect and remembrance in relation to Poppy Day. The Academy fell silent at 11am as we joined the nation in remembering. Within the classrooms children and teachers participated in a range of activities to mark this occasion.

In addition, the children have been an inspiration with their ideas and actions within anti bullying week, knowing that change starts with us. Children have been proactively supporting this campaign demonstrating a sense of belonging and responsibility. This half term our learning and life skill focus is called it's up to me which supports this focus within our curriculum even more. I was overwhelmed by the response that they gave to wanting to produce our own Darlinghurst "Change starts with us" video. I received letters, notes and visits to my office explaining how they value the importance of supporting others and the impact this would have on everyone. I would like to personally thank the following children for coming forward and may inspire others to join us – Wiktor, Alexa, Lilly, Scarlett, Aaron, Alfie, Toby and Avni.

On Tuesday it was World Kindness Day, befitting to the week's focus. Across the Academy staff and children continued to "fill their buckets of happiness". In Key Stage One assembly we re-read the story of Bucket filling from A-Z The Key to Being Happy, by Carol McCloud and Caryn Butzke.

Having Children in Need today has been a perfect end to a week focused on belonging and kindness. All around the Academy staff and children have supported this fundraising event by wearing spotty accessories, donating money and raising awareness.

Remember, There's no such things as a small act of kindness – even the tiniest gesture has a ripple effect.

As always, enjoy your family time together this weekend.  
Mrs Nicholls





What have you missed out on **Twitter and Instagram** this week?

**Darlinghurst Academy** @DarlinghurstSch · Nov 11  
The change starts with us. We support our children during this week and over time to cultivate a sense of humanity and belonging with the ability to respect, to empathise and be caring individuals.  
#AntiBullyingWeek ❤️ #antibullying ❤️ #StopBullying #caringindividuals #curriculum



Change begins with understanding and understanding begins by identifying oneself with another person: in a word, empathy. The arts enable us to put ourselves in the minds, eyes, ears and hearts of other human beings.

Richard Eysenck  
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## EYFS

In **Nursery** this week we have been looking at the story 'Some dogs do' and have been talking about our feelings. The children had the opportunity to make emotion faces in our outside space in zip wallets filled with paint. We decorated spotty biscuits for children in need on Friday (although I'm sure the biscuits were gone by the time the children left the school grounds on Wednesday!) Be sure to take a look at the courtyard when passing as it's had a revamp! **The Nursery Team**

On Monday **Reception** shared in with the two minutes' silence to commemorate Remembrance Day, after watching a short film about poppies and discussing why people buy them. The adults were very proud of all of the children as they were so sensible. During the week Reception have shared the story of 'The Ugly Duckling' to support Anti-Bullying Week. The story has led to many thought provoking moments about being kind to everybody and why it is important to do so. Well done children! **The Reception Team**

## KS1

This week **Year two** have been immersing ourselves in the Great Fire of London. In geography we have found out about how the streets of London were set out in 1666 as how that contributed to the spread of the fire. The children experienced what it would have been like to have to carry buckets of water from the River Thames to the fire by forming human chains in the playground! **Miss Scott**



## KS2

Marching around, we heard the Roman soldiers preparing for battle as we learnt how Julius Caesar invaded Brittany. Carrying on from the soldiers we continued to write about being a soldier ourselves in WW1 as we wrote a diary entry of our experience in the trenches. At the sound of the trumpet, we remembered our soldiers and their families by participating in the two-minute silence. Crunching our numbers, we looked at the steps to short division as we applied our times tables knowledge. Rock On!!!! We are building on our reading skills by completing accelerated reading. We are aiming to complete at least one book a week on accelerated



reader except for those that have thick books (1 every 2-3 weeks). An Accelerated Reading club will be on during lunchtime to support children with it. We finished the week with our trip to the Sealife Centre which developed our knowledge and Life skills. Thanks for all the parents that attended and to all parents for your ongoing support in preparing your child to be an effective learner. **Mr Cauchi, Great White Shark Class**

This week in **Year 6**, we have been thinking about anti-bullying week and how we can make a small change to make school better for everyone. The children have been thoughtful and have come up with great pledges that they hope to act upon as the school year continues. Well done everyone! Mrs Stevens, Wilton class

## Christmas Together

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December are our Christmas Together – Decorations sessions. With that in mind please send in any items as below – Toilet rolls, magazines, drinks bottles, lids, yoghurt pots and buttons.



Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.5
STARFISH	98.2
SEAHORSE	96.3
PUFFIN	95.3
SEAGULL	95.9
LOBSTER	95.3
OYSTER	95.7
SHRIMP	96.8
DUNE	96.9
SEASHELL	95.1
CORAL	94.4
ORCA	97.8
GREAT WHITE SHARK	95.3
STINGRAY	95.6
SWORD FISH	97.4
NEPTUNE	96.7
POSEIDON	95.1
TRITON	94.7
GALENE	97.2
BEMBRIDGE	95.2
WILTON	95.7
MAYFLOWER	96.3
<b>Totals</b>	<b>95.9</b>

## Maths Week

This coming week we are looking to **Challenge Maths Thinking**, build **Resilience** and develop **Independence**. Throughout the week, we want to raise the profile of maths by getting our community involved and showing our children that everyone can develop maths with effort. We want to lift the barriers that stop us from thinking maths is achievable and persevere until we succeed.

To help us do this we will:

- Launch Maths week with a Monday assembly with our Dance team presenting a Geometric Dance.
- On Tuesday and Wednesday, the children will participate in the 'Happy Puzzle Company' workshops that will continue to build on and challenge our thinking in Maths, building resilience and instilling independence through fun activities.
- Throughout the week we will be exploring maths within different subjects and some parents may wish to come in and talk about the relevance of maths in the jobs they have.



- On Friday, we are hosting a parent workshop in our hall (1.45 –2:30pm) with some times tables strategies to support parents with their children. This workshop will be followed by a fun maths learning together session in your child's class. Did I mention, that you could dress up as a Rock Star? That's right - let's show the children that we can Rock On and learn those very important Times Tables too.
  - In addition, we have arranged for The Puzzle Company to sell their maths products after school on Tuesday and Wednesday on the KS1 playground (in hall if wet). Great Christmas presents!!
- A great opportunity to show that learning maths can be achieved by everyone with consistent effort.

Mon 18 Nov
Maths Week
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Blenheim Park Year 1 Trip
Fri 22 Nov
Learning Together KS2 Times Table Rockstars
Thu 28 Nov
PTA Christmas Fayre
Sat 30 Nov
Christmas Crafternoon

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

## PTA Christmas Fayre

**Thursday, 28<sup>th</sup> November, 3.10pm – 6pm**

The Fayre is really taking shape now, thanks to our team of wonderful volunteers. We have attached a flyer so that you know exactly what to expect on the day. Once again, the event is straight after school, giving everyone the chance to pop in. We

are delighted that the evening will kick off with carol singing by our very own Darlinghurst Choir on the playground-join in and get in the festive spirit! With food, games, shopping, rides, a raffle and, of course, Santa and The Grinch putting in an appearance- there really is something for everyone this year!

If you would like to offer your support- we would love donations of wine or spirits. We also need raffle items – chocolates, biscuits, toiletries etc.

If you are able to help on the day-please do get in touch by contacting the school or emailing [darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com](mailto:darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com)





**Christmas Crafternoon**

**Join us for a Christmas Crafternoon**



**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November**  
**2:00pm-4:00pm**

We would like to invite you to attend our Christmas Crafternoon session on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, where we will be crafting Christmas cards for you to take home. Suggested donation on the day of £5.00 per person. This includes all materials and refreshments.

Please register your attendance using the Parents Booking System <https://darlinghurst.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Alternatively, please register your attendance with the office staff.

**Crafting and raising money for Mind, the mental health charity.**

Registered charity in England and Wales no. 278030 and a registered company, no. 4324966 in England and Wales.



DARLINGHURST ACADEMY

## CHRISTMAS FAYRE

PAVILION DRIVE, LEIGH-ON-SEA, SS9 3JS

THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019  
3.10PM - 6PM

FESTIVE CRAFTS  FAMILY GAMES AND ATTRACTIONS  
 FOOD & DRINK  RAFFLE  CHRISTMAS  
MARKET  SANTA'S GROTTO

