



## Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children

*A picture paints a thousand words*



I'd like to thank you all for your engagement and support this week. International week has been a great success with families and staff participation in a wealth of opportunities and events. Community and cultural diversity has been celebrated and has been reflected in the work and curriculum coverage this week. We have engaged in multi-sensory experiences: tantalised taste buds, sweet smells, musical medleys, colourful clothing and created crafts, helping us to make and share... memorable moments.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



## News

### EYFS

It's been such a busy week this week in Nursery, we have been learning about Spain, and we have had some visits from some parents telling us all about the places that they have lived. Desiree's dad told us about Africa, he showed us his wedding outfit and told us stories about his wedding celebrations, Isabela's dad told us about Portugal, and brought us food from home that his mum had kindly prepared for us to try. We had an exciting visit from Leah's mum, who played music from South Africa, brought us some Nbebele huts to make with straw for the roof and some traditional South African food to try. She also read us a fable that's popular there. Isabella's mum then came in and told us about visiting Cornwall, the beautiful beaches, Sealife, the Tin Mine, Zoo and other amazing places, right on our doorstep. We also made Piñatas, and Spanish tortillas, and carried on learning numbers and colours in Spanish, and looked at days of the week and months of the year! We even got time to Flamenco dance and have a Nursery world cup football match! Can you believe, all of that in one week! **Team Nursery**

This week **Reception** have been learning about Spanish speaking countries including Spain, Mexico and Peru. We have been researching facts, exploring traditions and learning the language. We have written letters to pen pals in Spain and have been lucky to learn about African weddings, Eid, Spain and the Olympics in Barcelona from some of our visiting parents. **Miss Wise, Miss Whitehouse and Miss Graham Jellyfish class**

### KS1

**Year 1** have been learning all about Spain as part of International Week. In Albatross class, we have been very busy doing lots of Spanish themed activities. We have made Spanish flags, tried Spanish food and have learnt how to introduce ourselves in Spanish. We also looked at the work of Picasso and created self-portraits in a similar style to his. **Miss Fenwick and Miss Krise, Albatross class**

*I liked the way Urta and Art showed us Kosovan dancing and brought us food in to taste.*  
**Lucy, Lobster class**

*I liked how we spoke Spanish this week.* **James, Lobster class**

### KS2

We have had an amazing week! **Year 3** have been learning about Mexico. Our week has included learning a traditional Mexican song, making pinatas and Day of the Dead masks. We have also enjoyed learning about other children's cultures! **Mrs Levy, Seashell class**

In **year 4** it has been wonderful to see the children so engaged in International Week! They have all enjoyed studying Japan and finding out about such an interesting culture. **Mr Hatton Sand Tiger class**

*This week we have been learning about Japan and about their food. In English, we have been writing about adventure stories based on the Japanese story Ponyo.* **Sumayra, Sand Tiger class**

This week in **year 5**, we have been celebrating everything about Brazil. We have created Romero Britto artwork and learnt about the geography of the South American region. **Mr Sykes, Poseidon class**



Izzy, Neptune class sewed her own Brazilian dress for International Week. Edén, Neptune class used paints to fashion her Brazilian outfit.

This week was International Week. In **year 6** all classes had a different country to learn about. Wilton class were learning about Costa Rica. We created videos explaining about Costa Rica and posters. We learnt that the colours of the flag had meaning: blue for the sky, red for warmth and white for happiness. **Tina, Wilton class**

We have drawn some art inspired by artists Manuelle and Gracia. We have been trying different foods from other countries. An interesting fact - There are rain forests, volcanos and cloud forests in Costa Rica. **Bailey, Wilton class**

## PTA News

Lots of exciting news this week!!! Details of the Inflatable Day have now been confirmed! This will take place on Thursday 5th July 4pm - 6pm for children aged 2-11 years. Wristbands are available to purchase through ParentPay for Reception - Year 6 at £6.00 each and this will allow for 2 hours of unlimited bouncing time. For Darlinghurst Nursery children and pre-school siblings age 2-4, £1.00 wristbands are available to purchase on the day. Wristbands will be issued the week of the Inflatable Day. There will also be the opportunity to purchase on the day, food from Eat Street and amazing face painting! We are always grateful of your support, these events can't operate without it! So if you can volunteer your time to help with the inflatables on the day please email [darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com](mailto:darlinghurstpta@hotmail.com).

We have been lucky to secure tickets for this year's pantomime, 'Aladdin' featuring the FABULOUS Diversity at the Cliffs Pavilion. Tickets are for the showing on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.15pm and the seats available are located in the balcony, rows I J K L M. Tickets are available to purchase through ParentPay at £25 each, there is strictly a maximum of 4 tickets per family, if more than 4 tickets are purchased you will be refunded that extra payment and the tickets will be released back for sale. Please note we will try our best to allocate tickets so that groups sit together, but this may not always be possible. Thank you for your continued support. Jen, Lisa, Sarah, Sally & Mike

## I reading

### Summer Reading challenge 2018: Mischief Makers!

#### The Reading Agency and Southend Libraries present Mischief Makers: Summer Reading Challenge 2018

Join in the UK's biggest reading event for children in libraries | 21st July - 1st September 2018

Taking part is easy and it's totally FREE. Children aged 4 years+ just read 6 or more books from their library during the summer holiday. It's great fun and children return to school after the summer break as more fluent, confident and happy readers.

There are various awards for reading. Further details available from your local library.

We are looking to share our love of reading across with the wider school community as such we would love to receive book recommendations and reviews from children to publish and share in News and Views. If you would like to share your love of reading with the wider world please email a brief description of why you loved a particular book and perhaps tell us something exciting that happened in the book. Send us this information along with picture of you holding the book to [mrsmith@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:mrsmith@darlinghurst.co.uk) Happy reading!



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR KS2 CHILDREN,  
MR FELTON AND MR BLEWETT ON THEIR  
BOROUGH SPORTS SUCCESS**



**Celebrating Excellence**



Daisy, Port Jackson class and William, White Shark class took part in a 3.5k Southend family fun run

Mrs Stevens, Reef Shark class took part in the Southend half marathon



**Year 1** entered a national Little Riddlers competition and the winners have had their riddles published in a book. They and we are so excited!



**LATE ARRIVALS AT SCHOOL**



What you lose by being late!!

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals day worth of teaching lost in a year
5 Minutes	3.4 Days
10 Minutes	6.9 Days
15 Minutes	10.3 Days
20 Minutes	13.8 Days
30 Minutes	20.7 Days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost.

School begins at 8:40am for registration at 8:45am

Please be punctual.



The Early Bird catches...



Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	89.9
JELLYFISH	95.2
SEAHORSE	93.2
STARFISH	93.2
ALBATROSS	98.4
PELICAN	90.9
PUFFIN	95.6
SEAGULL	95.7
CRAB	95.5
LOBSTER	98.0
OYSTER	96.0
SHRIMP	98.8
DUNE	93.3
PEBBLE	98.1
ROCK POOL	94.0
SEASHELL	96.4
PORT JACKSON	97.5
REEF SHARK	93.1
SAND TIGER	94.9
WHITE SHARK	94.3
NEPTUNE	93.5
POSEIDON	97.1
SUSANOO	96.9
TRITON	93.8
BEMBRIDGE	89.4
MAYFLOWER	90.5
WILTON	94.3

Wed 27 Jun  
 Reception Intake Evening  
 Thu 28 Jun  
 Year 1 Intake Parents Meeting  
 Wed 04 Jul  
 INSET - Non Pupil Day  
 Mon 09 Jul  
 KS2 Sports Day  
 Tue 10 Jul  
 EYFS Sports Day  
 Wed 11 Jul  
 KS1 Sports Day  
 Fri 13 Jul  
 Year 6 Leavers Disco  
 Wed 18 Jul  
 Whole School Transition  
 Fri 20 Jul  
 Year 6 Leavers Assembly

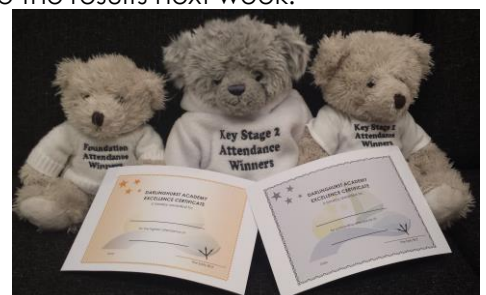
■ Highest attendance in each key stage  
■ Highest attendance in each year group

## Help with attendance

Call the absence line **01702 509205**



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