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Messages - School term dates - Access to update your contact details

Please let the office know if you have not yet registered.

Please note this system has replaced the teachers to parent text service, it is imperative you register

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

I have enjoyed seeing the children walking through the gate wearing their summer uniform and smiles from day one. Both staff and children returned, this week, ready to learn with shining positive attitudes towards their learning. The classroom environments were hives of industry from the beginning with introductions to their new topics. We are looking forward to exploring our themes and ideas.

Let's make this the best term yet, making sure that every day counts. Please can I ask parents and children to raise attendance and punctuality, coming to school happy and ready to learn, every day. Miss Davis will be on the door to support families who are late and will work with children on our 3P's.



First day news

Our sporting team competed in a golfing tournament and came back motivated with medals. What a great first day back.

Earth day and our environment

On 22nd April it was Earth day. This year the focus is 'Protect our species'. Over the Easter holiday, we have cared for our animals here at Darlinghurst, thank you Mrs Arnold for your time and care.

Following on from the penguin waddle at the start of September, children and Mrs Arnold (ODL teacher) celebrated 'National Penguin Day'.

Children have also enjoyed creative homework linked to caring for our plants and animals, within their topic 'It's a Bugs Life'

Our allotment club were happy to return to school and see fresh new shoots. We look forward to seeing our allotment blossom. Our EYFS garden gained a new feature - a planted area for



Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	94.2
STARFISH	95.3
PELICAN	95.8
PUFFIN	95.5
SEAGULL	93.4
LOBSTER	95.6
OYSTER	96.1
SHRIMP	96.7
DUNE	96.8
PEBBLE	94.8
ROCK POOL	95.7
SEASHELL	97.4
PORT JACKSON	97.3
REEF SHARK	96.9
SAND TIGER	96.2
WHITE SHARK	95.9
NEPTUNE	95
POSEIDON	96.5
TRITON	95.3
BEMBRIDGE	94.8
WILTON	97.6
MAYFLOWER	92.9
ENDEAVOUR	94.9
Totals	95.7





our zoning. Thank you to our site team and Mrs Churchman for preparing the school for the summer term.

The field is open and children are enjoying our vast grounds to play and learn. The play squad and staff are excited to play games with children keeping active and happy every lunchtime. Thank you for their continued commitment.

Your voice

We value your support, engagement and views. We would really appreciate it if you could complete the parent survey <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/M5X57FZ> so that we can continue to strengthen our relationships and shape our school. All stakeholders' views are listened to and we thank you in advance for your time taken on this.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

News

EYFS

This week in nursery our topic has been the postal service, and the children have enjoyed dressing up as post men and women!! The children delighted in telling us about all of their adventures during the Easter break, including how much chocolate they had managed to dispose of! In P.E the children took part in a mini Olympics where Mr Felton saw some future javelin throwers! It's been a busy week, can't wait for next week!

The Nursery Team

Reception have enjoyed a fun packed week back after the Easter holidays, ranging from learning about St George's Day up to our Outdoor Learning Day today. Spring and Summer are a time of new growth and this is showing with the children's increasing positive attitude to learning, especially with writing sentences using their growing phonic knowledge. Next week, our focus is about space, which is always very exciting!

Please ensure that your child brings a named water bottle into school at the beginning of the week so that they have easy access to water throughout the day. We return the bottles at the end of the week for a thorough wash. Please only fill your child's bottle with plain water. Also, please send a named sunhat in to keep at school. Finally, please send in a named bottle of sun cream/lotion that your child is able to apply independently, before lunch, on appropriate days that require it. It is advised that you apply sun cream/lotion to your child before they come to school each day when the weather is likely to be warm and sunny. Many thanks for your continued support. **The Reception Team**

KS1

Year One have returned to school with energy and enthusiasm, which is fantastic to see. In our Writing lessons this week we have enjoyed retelling the story 'Oliver's Vegetables'. The children had the opportunity to taste a selection of vegetables including, beetroot, cabbage, spinach and rhubarb. They enjoyed trying new foods and some children, who declared they "hated vegetables" were asking for second helpings! The children then thought of lots of interesting words to describe the food's appearance, smell, texture and taste, such as mouth-watering, vibrant, crunchy, smooth, fresh, sloppy and crinkly, which they have used in their fantastic writing.

Miss Adams, Seagull class



We are thrilled that the incredibly talented, award winning picture book illustrator and author Thomas Docherty is visiting Darlinghurst on **Wednesday 1st May 2019**. As part of this exciting event, there will be a book signing where the children can meet Thomas and purchase personalised and signed copies of his books after school. The children in years 1 to 6 will be having a special assembly with Thomas and he will also be providing a special story time at lunchtime. In addition, he will be working with children throughout the day to create some wonderful stories.



After School Sports Clubs

There is still time to book sporting clubs for your children. Please visit <https://darlinghurst.parentseveningsystem.co.uk> or pop into the office if you are experiencing any difficulties.

Lunches

Please can we remind parents that pack lunches should not contain any nut related products we do have children with nut allergies at the Academy.
Thank you

Outdoor Learning in Denmark – April 2019

Part 1

During the school holidays Miss Arnold and four teachers headed off to Denmark to look at the Outdoor Education system in Denmark.

Setting off early Sunday morning we boarded the plane tired but excited.

The first few days we spent visiting the University and meeting all the trainee student teachers. We presented and discussed how we teach Outdoor Education at Darlinghurst and how we are established as an Outdoor School in Southend. We were asked lots of questions and the students were really impressed by the facilities we have at school.

Hals School was the first we visited just outside Aalborg. We received a fantastic reception from their Principal Per Bodker.

In Denmark Junior and Senior schools are combined and the older students support the younger school. Most schools have a combined intake of 500 children and all children start school at 6 years of age. In Denmark it is compulsory that all children have learning outside every day for 45 minutes, Outdoor Education is very much embedded as a lifestyle and they believe that this supports and helps the children with their learning.

The children were really pleased to talk to us and ask a lot of questions and we all really enjoyed there Outdoor Maths lesson on collecting, arranging and describing data using Insects. I learnt that a Skolopender is Danish for Centipede.

In the afternoon, we were treated to a History lesson in Skansken presented by the older children. The children told us the history of the Fortress and what part it had to play in World War II. Their English vocabulary was excellent and you could see they beamed with confidence from our feedback.

We were then treated to a Beach school lesson with a focus on Biology. Miss Gue and Miss Riley were the first to put on their waders and join in with the children in the Sea. The teachers were very nervous about the lesson as Beach schools isn't recognised in Denmark and it isn't something they practice often. We shared ideas and I praised the children's and teachers confidence and excitement.

Don't forget to read next week's News & Views for Part 2 of the Denmark trip. **Miss Arnold**



Please visit

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/darlinghurstpta/> - it doesn't take long and every donation, however big or small, goes towards resources for our school. Thank you.

PTA Easter Colouring Competition

A huge **thank you** to Eastwood Morrisons for donating the Easter egg prizes



MORRISONS

The children raised £55.00 a big **thank you** to them all too!



Darlinghurst ACADEMY
Parent Teacher Association



INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR

KS2 CLUB FILM NIGHT

FRIDAY 17TH MAY

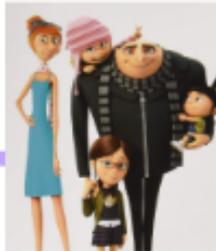
3:40PM - 5:30PM

£3.00 PER CHILD

ALL CHILDREN WILL
RECEIVE POPCORN AND A
SOFT DRINK

PAYMENT SHOULD BE MADE VIA YOUR CHILD'S
PARENTPAY
SNACKS PROVIDED WILL BE GLUTEN FREE &
VEGAN FRIENDLY

ILLUMINATION PRESENTS
**DESPICABLE
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Mon 29 Apr
KS2 Splash Heroes Workshops

Wed 01 May
Author Visit

Tue 07 May
Seashell & Dune class Wat Tyler Park Trip

Wed 08 May
Rockpool and Pebble class Wat Tyler Park Trip

Fri 17 May
KS2 Club Night (School Hall)

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Thu 23 May
Bembridge & Wilton classes Tower of London Trip

Fri 24 May
ACADEMY Closes for May Holidays

Fri 24 May
Mayflower & Endeavour class Tower of London trip

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

Adventure Island



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Our price **£13** (online price £18.75) **Saving £5.75!**

Red Bands

Our Price **£13** (online price £15) **Saving £2!**

Adventure Golf

Our Price **£5** (online price £7.50) **Saving £2.50 per person!**

Sealife Adventure

Our Price **£8** **Saving £9.50 on adult ticket!**

£4.50 on child ticket!

£18 on a family of 4 ticket!



Thank you to the children who took part in the Easter Holidays Times Tables Rock Stars. We have shared certificates in assembly.

Did you know it is Darlinghurst's 50th year. We would love to hear from past pupils and staff members from our lovely school. If you know someone with a story to tell please contact us. generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk

