



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents / Carers

We had such a fabulous start to our week with our annual Shaping the Future day. Each and every child proudly displayed our new values, which were commented on by our visiting VIP's. They remarked on how polite and friendly everyone was, along with how smart the children looked in the new uniform. Watching the new children, staff and Year 1 participate in the ceremony, making their way up onto the stage and shaking hands with our guests filled me with pride.

In Upper KS2, it has been fantastic seeing the determination of the Year 6 children. They successfully partook in Bikeability and are settling into the routine of Year 6. It was good to see some parents attend the SAT's meeting – if parents require any further information or support, please do not hesitate to contact Mr Turner.

Miss Faddy and I have enjoyed visiting many classes together this week, and working alongside the children during reading and phonics.

Enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

Attendance

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	94.7
JELLYFISH	98.9
SEAHORSE	98.3
STARFISH	96.4
ALBATROSS	95.2
PELICAN	90.0
PUFFIN	95.5
SEAGULL	100
CRAB	95.0
LOBSTER	95.0
OYSTER	93.9
SHRIMP	96.3
DUNE	94.4
PEBBLE	97.8
ROCK POOL	91.9
SEASHELL	95.5
PORT JACKSON	98.3
REEF SHARK	94.6
SAND TIGER	100.0
WHITE SHARK	93.0
NEPTUNE	100.0
POSEIDON	97.0
SUSANOO	95.7
TRITON	97.1
BEMBRIDGE	97.8
MAYFLOWER	95.0
WILTON	93.0

Excellent attendance Seagull, Sand Tiger and Neptune, keep it up.

After working at Darlinghurst during the summer term supporting with the teaching of reading, I am so excited to join the Darlinghurst community as Senior Vice Principal. I moved from Australia to the UK over eight years ago. I have worked in multiple primary schools throughout the UK, most recently in Hackney, London. I hope my experience, along with my love of teaching, helps Darlinghurst Academy continue to move from strength-to-strength. I look forward to meeting you and your children – do pop by the gate and say G'day! Miss Faddy

Achievement News

Congratulations to Madison, Port Jackson Class who took part in The British Arts Festival and won two honors in ballet and tap.



News

EYFS

The Reception children are doing a fantastic job of settling into school life and are getting used to all of our daily routines. Starfish class has enjoyed role-playing schools, and Jellyfish class has had lots of fun in their home corner. Seahorse class started playing hair dressers on Monday and have set up a hair salon. Miss Riley

We've done new things at school this week. I didn't like brushing hair so I changed the hair to rainbow colours and made a new hairstyle. Jessica, Jellyfish Class

KS1

In Albatross class this week we have been continuing our work on The Elves and The Shoemaker. We have been practising retelling the story in our own words and coming up with actions. Miss Fenwick

I really like the elves store because they are clever at making shoes. I wish they could make me new shoes. Nathan, Albatross Class

I have really enjoyed maths this week; we have learned about 10s and 1s. I am very excited for football club. I like being in Year 2 and Oyster Class. Andrew, Oyster Class

KS2

Shaping the Future was a fabulous day; all of the children had so much fun exploring all of the activities. In my group the Year 5 and Year 6 children were a great help supporting the younger children, awesome team work. Mr Porter

On Shaping the Future day we worked together really well. My favourite activity was 'Row, Row, Row the Boat' because we had to work together and sing. Sadie, Rock Pool Class

Port Jackson class have been exploring how light creates shadows through using torches and creating artwork. Miss Powell

This week I enjoyed our art lesson because it was something we had only done once before in Year 3. It's called shadowing. Shadowing is a technique where there are objects which are black and the background is colour. Peter, Port Jackson Class

Following on from our art lesson last week, we created pictures inspired by Kandinsky. This helped us with our topic 'Mysterious Materials'. We identified how different materials reacted with each other. The slick oil pastel was revealed beautifully under the black poster paint. We created some really dynamic art! Miss Hodges

In Art we made a rainbow colour with the chalk, after we finished colouring the whole picture in we started to paint over it. Before the paint dried we had to scratch it off with a glue dipper and we could decorate it. Alesha, Neptune Class



News

KS2 Continued

The children in Bembridge Class have written some great news reports on Saturn's probe. The SAT's results, from their recent tests will help in informing us on what to teach next. Please encourage your child to highlight to their teacher what they did not understand and need help with. We are always here to help! Mrs Dunne

In Bembridge class over the last 2 weeks we have enjoyed learning how to ride a bike safely on the roads. We are also doing mock SAT's which are practice tests, not the real thing! We have enjoyed learning about space, astronauts and Saturn's probe. Holly, Bembridge Class

Congratulations to Ruby F, Sam L, Sophie T and Thomas W who will all be performing at Royal Albert Hall this Sunday celebrating 25 years of Theatre Train, best of luck to you all.

Reception new starters' photo will be printed in the Echo on Tuesday 26th September. A few copies of the paper will be available to purchases from the school office.

Music lessons - A reminder that lessons should be paid for by Friday 22nd September 2017. Please remind your child of their timetabled slot, so that they can be responsible for arriving at their lesson times promptly. Should your child require a hired instrument or should you have any further questions please contact Mrs Havis the specialist music teacher - mrshavis@darlinghurst.co.uk.

Running Club – Reminder, please bring your child onto the school field at 7:50am on a Friday morning, dressed ready in sports wear with their uniform in a bag. Children should bring a water bottle and a spare pair of socks as the field can be very wet.

Harvest Festival – To celebrate Harvest Festival we will be collecting non-perishable items for HARP, who provide essential services and long term solutions to support local people taking steps to overcome homelessness. Whilst doing your weekly food shops this weekend please consider buying a small donation which your child can bring to school on Monday.

ENJOYING YOUR CHILDREN - A 7 week study course to get the best out of being a parent will run Tuesdays, from 31st October 2017 9.00am – 10.30am. Please contact Mrs Johnson for further details 01702 719746 or mrsjohnson@darlinghurst.co.uk

29th Sep - PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (*Side Hall*)

5th Oct - PTA AGM (*Training Room*)

13th Oct - INSET - Non Pupil Day

16th Oct - Year 1 to the Museum of Childhood

17th Oct - Year 6 to the Science Museum

18th Oct - Parent Consultations