



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping**. 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,

A picture paints a thousand words and doesn't this below paint an excellent picture.

Thank you to everyone for participating in World Book Day and wearing their costumes with confidence and pride.

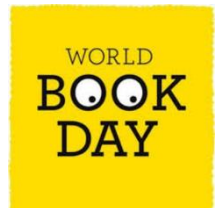
Everyone enjoyed the day, complimenting each other on their costumes and talking about their characters and books they enjoy – what a great sense of belonging.

At Darlinghurst we embrace the opportunity to be creative and promote the importance of reading every day. I know Mrs Richards is keen to provide children with the opportunities to be fluent and successful readers whilst valuing the importance of reading for pleasure.

Please continue to support your child reading at home every day, using their keyrings or Accelerated Reader, together we can achieve excellence.

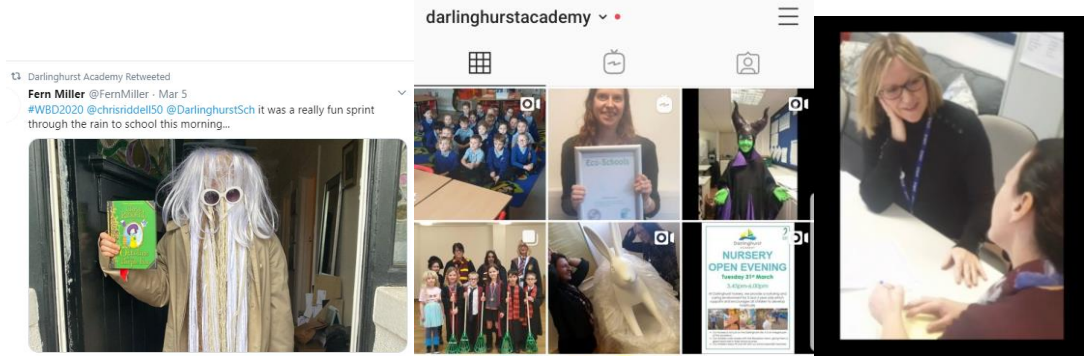
As always, enjoy your family time together this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls





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



EYFS

What a week, it's been amazing in **Nursery**! We started off looking at different professions this week in line with jobs in Monster Inc, and ended on the best school day ever, world book day! The children loved telling us about the jobs their parents do and what they'd like to do when they are older, they also enjoyed dressing up as their favourite occupations! On Thursday the children amazed us yet again by all dressing up as their favourite book characters! We had Zog, The Highway Rat, Harry Potters, The Cat in the Hat, and lots of princesses, to name a few! We created our own Nursery story, and the children acted it out as our narrator read, check your Tapestry accounts for the amazing creation! **The Nursery Team**

This week **Reception** have been learning about dinosaurs and have learnt lots of interesting facts about them. We certainly enjoyed practising pronouncing some very long dinosaur names! On Thursday, the children and adults all looked amazing in their costumes to celebrate World Book Day. Throughout the day we heard different stories and the children had chance to share their favourite book from home with the class. Many children brought the book to represent their costume, such as 'Cat in the Hat'. It was a very wet day outside but we certainly had fun inside! Please remember to send your child into school at the start of each week with a NAMED water bottle. This will help significantly to reduce germs spreading. Thank you as always for your support. Have a lovely weekend. **The Reception Team**

I am Goldilocks as I love the story. Olivia, Starfish Class

I love it because that means we have to dress up and that's the best thing. Freddie, Seahorse class

I am Harry Potter and nobody knew it was me. Tommy, Jellyfish class

KS1

The **Year One** children have begun their journey around the world! They really impressed us by recalling the name and location of the seven continents, check out Seagull Class singing the 'Continent Song' on Instagram! We then travelled to Australia and learned all about its history, climate and native animals and completed a passport with details of their travels. The children have also been very creative this week designing puppets, which they will be making in the coming weeks. We looked at different types of puppets, old and new, and how they work. The children then chose the most suitable materials and tools they need to make it and completed their design sheet. We are really looking forward to seeing their creations. In Writing, the children have been learning about 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' which led to some interesting discussions about who we should believe and why. It was agreed that we should always listen to every side of a story before we make an opinion. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**



KS2

This week in **year 4** we have been using spooky similes and might metaphors for our 'my write' inspired by a haunted house. This has given us a great opportunity to 'show not tell' what is happening in our piece of writing. The children have also been enjoying our sirlinkalot words creating their own fun ways and rules to remember their own spelling.

We have been learning about 2D shapes in maths and the different quadrilateral shapes we can have and the four main varieties of triangles. They have created Mr men or Little Miss characters based on the shapes where they showed off their understanding of the different properties the quadrilaterals have.

Our topic this half term is from a railway carriage and we have put our thinking caps creating futuristic train travel. With a focus on being eco-friendly and reducing the cost on our planet. With ideas like double decker buses so we can have fewer trains but still have the room and trains run by solar panels and food waste.

We have celebrated world book day this week by focussing on a much loved author David Williams. We first learnt about his life and what drove him to become an author before moving onto his book

Gangsta Granny. We compared this rule breaking, jewel thief granny to our own lovely nan's and grandpas. Then the children made wanted posters for Ben's Gangsta Granny. To celebrate World Book Day the children came dressed to impress as their favourite story characters as the year four team dressed as Gangsta Granny! To get a chance to see others children's costumes we held a parade in year four where the best four costumes from each class were chosen by others and given a prize. We were blown away by the creative costumes like our billionaire boy, our queen of hearts, our Mr. Wonka's and co and our Anne of Green Gables- a day to remember for sure! Keep up the focussed and fun learning! **Miss**

Ludford, Sword fish class

Mon 09 Mar Science Week
Wed 18 Mar Year 1 and 2 Writing Together
Fri 20 Mar Mother's Day Sale
Mon 23 Mar Year 3 and 4 Writing Together
Tue 24 Mar Year 5 and 6 Writing Together
Sat 28 Mar Litter Pick
Tue 31 Mar Nursery Open Evening

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	92.9
STARFISH	96.4
SEAHORSE	93.6
PUFFIN	95.7
SEAGULL	95.4
LOBSTER	95.6
OYSTER	95.5
SHRIMP	96.7
DUNE	96.7
SEASHELL	95.9
CORAL	94.9
ORCA	96.9
GREAT WHITE SHARK	96.1
STINGRAY	93.6
SWORD FISH	96.2
NEPTUNE	96.1
POSEIDON	94.2
TRITON	93.6
GALENE	97.2
BEMBRIDGE	95.1
WILTON	95.8
MAYFLOWER	96
Totals	95.5

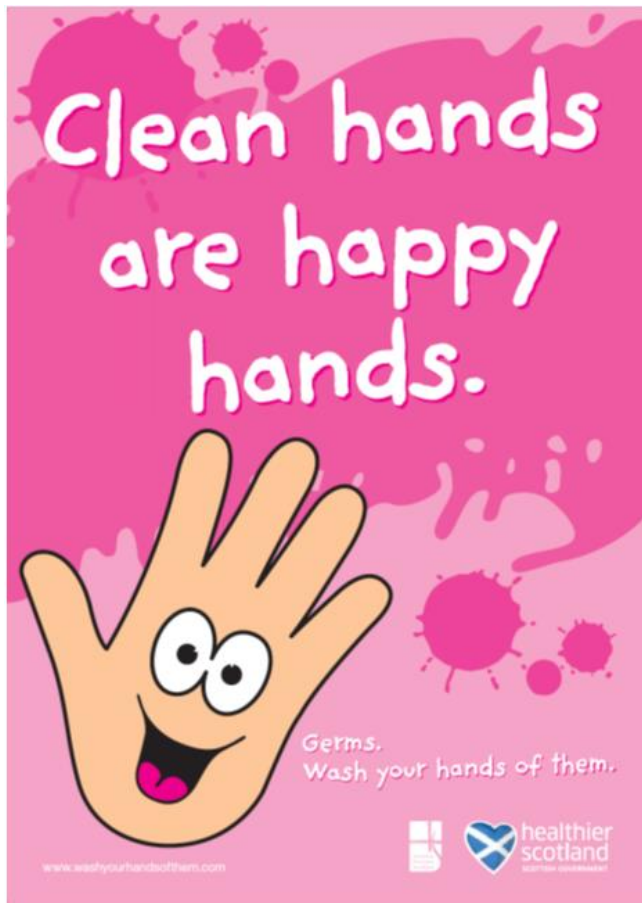


Health and Wellbeing

When it comes to our health, everyone wants what is best for their families. To reassure parents and carers we are following guidance set by the government for education settings, please follow the link which will give you guidelines for your information:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19>

We have also ensured that all children are aware of Handy Andy and the importance of washing hands.



Congratulation to this week's Energy Challenges Winners

EYFS and KS1 – Puffin
KS2 – Mayflower



There will be no Little Mariners, after school care on the last day of term.
Friday 3rd April.



LET'S WRITE!

Regular learning together sessions provide you the opportunity to come into school and work alongside your child to learn together.

Join us for a learning together writing session

Year 1 and Year 2

Wednesday 18th March - 2:40pm-3:10pm

Year 3 and Year 4

Monday 23rd March - 2:40pm-3:10pm

Year 5 and Year 6

Tuesday 24th March - 2:40pm-3:10pm



DARLINGHURST ACADEMY PTA

Mother's Day Sale

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Buy a special gift for a

special person

Gifts £1.00 each

Children to bring a

maximum of £2.00



Darlinghurst ACADEMY

Community Litter Pickers



Join us **Saturday 28th March**

2:00pm-3:30pm

For litter picking around our local area and our school field

Please book in by emailing

generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk

Parents, families and local residents welcome

Please meet at the Brook Gate entrance to collect your equipment

All children are the responsibility of their parents/carers



Darlinghurst ACADEMY



NURSERY OPEN EVENING

Tuesday 31st March

3.45pm-6.00pm

At Darlinghurst Nursery, we provide a nurturing and caring environment for 3 and 4 year olds which supports and encourages all children to develop holistically



- Our Nursery is not just on the Darlinghurst site; it is an integral part of the academy.
- Our children work closely with the Reception team, giving them a great head start in their school journey.
- Our children enjoy PE and Art with our school specialist teachers.