



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

The last few months have been a challenge, affecting the way people can engage with each other. Our virtual world has enabled us to stay connected. It has also meant that through technology and creativity people have been able to talk and support each other. It has been lovely to hear how our children have supported national campaigns, their community and their neighbours throughout this time. We have stayed connected through our social media and communication platforms, maintaining our Darlinghurst Spirit and sense of belonging. If anything, it feels even stronger!

Over recent weeks we have stayed connected with our year six, whilst they have been at Belfairs Academy. However, with recent changes in guidance and the introduction of the 1m+ rule, we are now able to facilitate their final few weeks of their primary education, back here at Darlinghurst. I know they are delighted, as are we. I would like to thank Belfairs Academy for their continued support and providing a safe haven for some of our children.

Over recent months we have focused on real events and real lives, with aspects of the news, raising awareness of our world, health and community.

Within our curriculum we focus on the news, past and present, leading to discussions about events and the reasons surrounding them. Over recent months and weeks children may have been exposed to news about our changing world, whether that be linked to raising awareness of the impact of COVID-19 or most recently, news and global events that challenge social inequality and the campaign, 'Black Lives Matter'.

Using local and global news, themed weeks and examples of successful people, allows us to help our children to develop their tolerance and understanding of the world and others, promoting British Values and our Academy Values.

At Darlinghurst, our curriculum is designed to make a difference.

In today's complex world, children need the knowledge and the skills to succeed but also a sense of their humanity - the ability to respect, to empathise and be caring individuals. It is a continuing process to encourage learning through experiences to best ensure that our children are prepared for the complex world they will be living in when they leave school. Our aspiration is that they should develop the capacities to be prepared for change.

Our children have been responsive and reflective to the news and during home learning have carried out their own activities to celebrate and raise awareness. We support our children to gain the full range of skills and abilities they need to grow, live and work in the contemporary world. They develop and grow into good, thoughtful and responsible members of the community.

As part of the National diversity week, we have endeavoured to promote celebration, education, and understanding of different identities. Our children have participated in activities to explore different cultures, engage in discussions to build perspective and celebrate the contributions made by successful people.





Continuing our focus on celebrating differences we are engaging in multicultural fortnight, with our school focus beginning on 6th July. We wish to celebrate the diversity our school community and the UK as well as the different cultures and countries across the world. As part of the week, each year group will focus on a country and learn about their cultures and traditions. Your child may be learning a traditional dance, creating art work or learning words in a different language. In addition, we would love for children to share photos, objects and videos related to their holidays and their cultural traditions and engage with this from home. We are looking forward to this fortnight of rich and engaging lessons and learning.

We believe that such events serve as important reminders as teachers and members of the community in shaping the lives of our children, generations now and in the future.

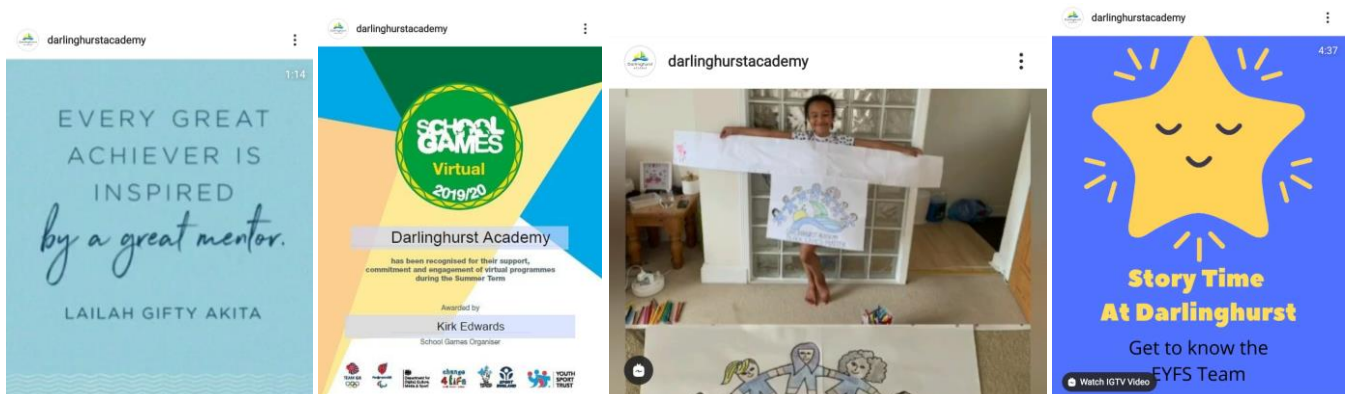
We will continue to give our children the space and empowerment to be;



As always, stay safe and enjoy your family time this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls, Principal

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





Diversity at Darlinghurst

Erin, from Dune class, independently wanted to make a difference and start a change after lots of discussions with her family at home about race inequality and the black lives matter movement.

Erin and her mum decided they wanted to make a poster and write something special and different about Erin. They then asked members of the class if they would like to join the project and make a larger poster by adding a message about themselves. This gave the parents a chance to have those all-important conversations and enable change to start.

The photos below show the work in progress of 15 additions so far to the original work that Erin started. By the end, all of the blank spaces will be filled with lots of messages celebrating our differences.



This week we have had an assembly on such a crucial aspect within education – Diversity. I believe it is so important to teach our children what diversity means and to celebrate being different as a strength. We all should celebrate differences - they make us unique. Diversity brings excitement which contributes to an enriched learning environment.

Take a moment to think about what makes you different and unique – celebrate this as it makes the world a more interesting place to be in. **Mrs Hahn**

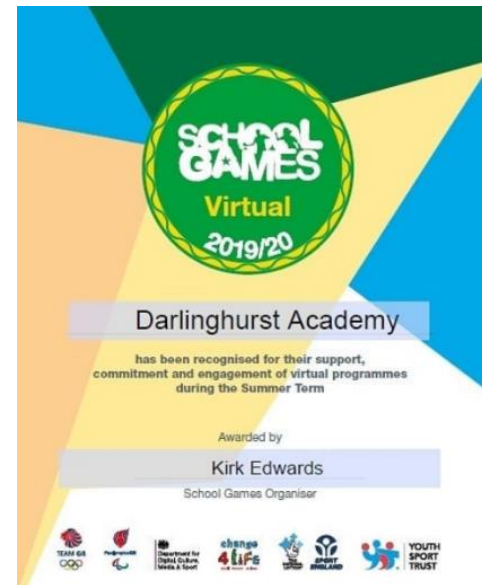


Diversity is everyone being the same but different. It is the opportunity for everyone, no matter what, to start the race together. It is fighting for equality without losing yourself. **Miss Ludford**

We are all different, on the inside and on the outside, that's what makes us unique and special. **Mrs Levy**

Congratulations to our PE Specialists

Our PE Specialists have overcome remote learning challenges as they have continued to provide our children with regular physical activities online. Continuing to develop our children's health, fitness and wellbeing, their efforts have been recognised by SGO's Kirk Edwards and Kirsty Figgibbon. We are so proud of their latest award of School Games Virtual 2019/20. Huge congratulations to them.



Battle of the Bands

Over the next 2 weeks, there will be another Battle of the Bands between classes of the same year group. The following battles will take place. The battles begin from 9am on the 29/06/20 till 10/07/20 5pm. Check the starting dates and times and let's have FUN learning our Times Tables - ROCK ON!!!!!!

Year 2

- Shrimp vs Lobster
- Oyster vs Shrimp
- Lobster vs Oyster

Year 3 v Year 4

Year 5 v Year 6



At Darlinghurst we know that A to D leads to E and we want to celebrate excellence together. Your child's achievement could be anything from learning to bake through to playing a musical instrument or mastering skipping. You may want to celebrate their confidence or creativity, their determination towards trying something new or taking a risk. Let's give them a 'shout out!'

If you would like to nominate your child for Celebrating Excellence, please send your nominations to mrsocarroll@darlinghurst.co.uk