



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping** In addition, we use **Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It has been another great week at Darlinghurst. Our assemblies were very important as staff from C2C came in to share some important messages to help our children stay safe near railways.



I was delighted to hear from so many Year 6 children how much they enjoyed their residential trip at PGL. They designed, built and sailed rafts; flew on zip wires, climbed trapeze polls and danced into the night at their disco. Our other Year 6 children had a fantastic time at the Wild Forest obstacle and activity centre in Brentwood as well as visiting Southend United's football ground.



I was also lucky enough to see our children compete at the KS1 Borough Sports on Friday – I have never seen such great space hopping and I was really proud of all the children's determination and competitive spirit!

We have loved having the artist, Philippa, in school with us who has helped to produce some outstanding pieces of art. We look forward to hosting an art exhibition in collaboration with the Portico Trust schools here on Wednesday July 6th. Please come along after school to admire all the excellent work. The children will be having a picnic lunch on that Wednesday as well.

Also, we finally completed the Wildlife Trust's 30 day wildlife challenge! Check out our Instagram if you have not already seen it.

As always, enjoy your family time together

Mrs Nicholls



From the Rockpool

"X marks the spot!", has been the well used phrase throughout The Rockpool children this week. Yes, our focus is pirates which is always a very popular topic with all of the children, as well as the adults. We have shared pirate stories, discussed maps and thought about what different treasure may be found. Gold, jewellery and lots of yummy cakes seems to be the favourite! What treasure would you like to find the most and why?

Once again, we have been blessed with plenty of warm weather. Therefore, please ensure that your child has a named water bottle(Reception), hat and sun cream in school. Have a wonderful weekend.

Around the Academy

In **year 1** we have been learning about the changes in how people travel around, thinking about the many forms of travelling that we can enjoy now and comparing this with Victorian times. Children were amazed to learn that trains were invented at this time, making it possible for some people to make longer journeys more easily. We have used our ideas to write stories about Barnaby Bear using many different ways to travel as he visited London while sight-seeing. We have also linked our stories with maths by learning about money and how



much Barnaby would need to buy tickets, food and drink during his day out. We have used our maths skills to think about different coins we could use to pay for things and work out how much change we would get when paying for treats. The children are looking forward to developing their skills practically when out and about with their families, learning the real value of money when shopping.

This week, **year 2** have been reflecting on the year and thinking about what we have achieved and what we are proud of. We have made the most of the fine weather by taking our maths learning outside and comparing the mass of natural objects using balance scales. We have also compared activities from the past and now using a Venn diagram and we were able to spot pastimes that are common to both and discuss why this may be the case. We have also started to think about what kind of design we would like to put on the puzzles that we will be making next week.

In **year 3**, we have been focusing on persuasive writing, specifically on the subject of our environment. The children were tasked with writing a letter to the Prime Minister to persuade him to make changes in order to help climate change, tackle pollution and environmental issues. Mrs Powell has worked with Year 3 in writing lessons this week to share her expertise and passion on this subject which has given everyone lots of ideas on how we can all make a difference. The children have come up with some wonderful ideas for the Prime Minister in their letters, such as, having a national pedestrian week to reduce the use of vehicles and making more packaging recyclable.

In **year 4** this week, during our Geography lessons, we became Meteorologists by creating our own weather stations to collect data on temperature and rain. We compared the results to Copenhagen and were surprised to find that it has more rain in summer than Southend. In computing, we extended our skills of programming by learning the difference between a forever loop and a counting loop, the children had great fun getting their sprites (characters) to perform lots of different movements. Sorry to those football fans who don't support Manchester United, but in Religious Education we looked at Marcus Rashford and if religion has influenced some of the decisions and actions that he has taken. The year 4 teachers are very proud of the progress that the children have made with their times tables and we are grateful for your support with this. Have a lovely weekend with your families and keep rocking on TTRS!

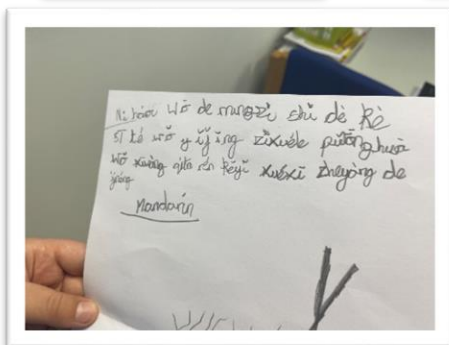
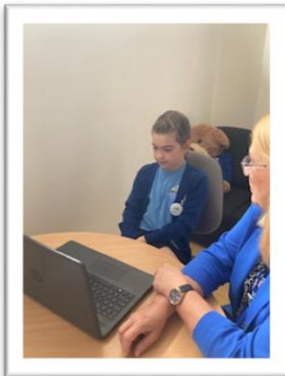
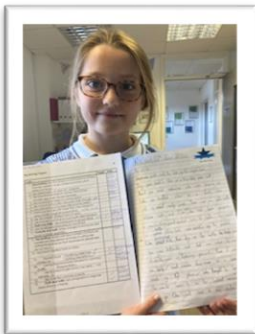
Year 5 this week has been busy as usual with lots of great activities throughout the week. Maths has been looking at shape and division. Writing has been focusing on the Magic Classroom based on Kit Wright's poem the Magic Box. Topic has been exploring the various states of the USA and the location of the Great Lakes. RE looked at the song Amazing Grace and how the writer changed his life around. SPACE looked at digital consent and the importance of permission. We had an assembly on railway safety from a representative of C2C and the children listened carefully to the guidance and were made aware of some of the consequences. We also had some children attend Admiral Court for a drop-in chat and The Forum for an Eco talk. Well done Year 5.

Year 6 have had a very exciting week. The PGL children have had a fabulous week challenging themselves on many activities whether it be zip wiring, building rafts, archery, climbing activities, team building or completing photo challenges. In the evenings they enjoyed themselves playing 'capture the flag', having football matches or dancing the evening away at the disco. They were very encouraging towards their peers and a complete credit to the school.

The year 6 children who stayed at school have had a great week. We started off with a tour of the Southend United stadium and a skills session. It was a really enjoyable trip and everyone had fun developing their football skills. The Nuclear Forest mud run was the highlight of the week. All children challenged themselves on a range of obstacles including climbing walls and crossing water. The trip culminated in some children being brave enough to tackle the death slide... It was wonderful to see everyone encouraging and supporting each other and so many smiling faces (and soggy clothes!) at the end of the day. Well done to you all!



Proud to be me





Primary Art Exhibition

Come and view a joint exhibit of our children's art work.

On Wednesday 6th July at 4:00pm to 5:30pm

Venue: Darlinghurst Hall

Celebrating together, art from a number of local schools.

Covid guidance

We would like to remind families that the latest COVID-19 guidance can be found here: [People with symptoms of a respiratory infection including COVID-19 - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/people-with-symptoms-of-a-respiratory-infection-including-covid-19)

Children and young people aged 18 years and under who have a positive test result

It is not recommended that children and young people are tested for COVID-19 unless directed to by a health professional.

If a child or young person has a positive COVID-19 test result they should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day they took the test, if they can. After 3 days, if they feel well and do not have a high temperature, the risk of passing the infection on to others is much lower. This is because children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults.

Children and young people who usually go to school, college or childcare and who live with someone who has a positive COVID-19 test result should continue to attend as normal.

Attendance

KS1

Albatross	97.6%
Shrimp	96.2%

KS2

Coral	100%
Wilton	98.3%





Class photos

The cut-off for ordering class photos online is Sunday 10th July. If you are returning your order to school, please ensure that this is handed to the school office by Thursday 7th July. All orders will be returned to school and will be distributed in class. Any late orders will incur a £5 delivery charge.

Sports day

This year we will be having four sports day events. They will be on the following dates:

1) Nursery/Reception	Tuesday 12th July	9.30am – 11.00pm
2) Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 12th July	1.30pm – 3.00pm
3) Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 13th July	9.30am – 11.00am
4) Year 5 & 6	Wednesday 13th July	1.30pm – 3.00pm

In order for the day to run smoothly, we would appreciate your support in the following areas:

- Children to wear a shirt in their house colours

HMS Ganges	Blue
HMS Raleigh	Yellow
HMS St Vincent	Red
HMS Dolphin	Green

- Everyone should bring a named water bottle
- Please ensure your child has sun cream applied and is wearing a sun hat
- Spectators are to stay behind any taped-off areas

The entrance to the school for sports day will be the gate at the back of the school field (Darlinghurst Grove). This will make things easier if you need to leave during the event and also help with safeguarding the children in school.

What have
you missed
on Instagram
this week?

