



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 and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

With the month of September now behind us, we are well and truly in full swing of being back into routines and learning. Thank you for completing our settling back to school survey and I will share the results with you over the coming weeks.

Children are engaging in lessons across the curriculum, clubs and events. Their enthusiasm is infectious and it is always a pleasure to see them in action and sharing their work. This week, I enjoyed watching our Reception children in a PE lesson and loved joining in the warm up 'bean game' too. Mr Felton and Mr Blewett developed their skills and techniques in movement and travel, including relay. In other PE news, it was a wonderful moment to see the excitement on our children's faces as they left and returned from their cross country event – especially as they boarded the coach. The children showed determination and team spirit and returned celebrating their personal and collective success. Well done team in hitting the ratings of the top 10 schools. Our multi- sports clubs are full of buzz and energy, with engagement across each phase. Not only has there been strategy in PE, but also the new Chess Club, with Mrs Hahn and Mr Turner has been well attended with children learning chess piece positions and direction of travel. We have seen children helping each other. Attendance to the 11+ club has doubled in uptake, with children's positive attitudes highly visible.

The history club, shared their very first newspaper with me, 'the Egyptian Times', they included information about building the Pyramids and the Pharaoh Khufu. It even included jokes, including the following: What did the Pharaoh say when he suddenly awoke from a nightmare? I want my mummy!



At the start of October, we begin thinking about some special events. Today marks the start of Black History Month with children engaging in 'deeper days' exploring the contributions of successful people from the past and within living memory. Mrs Lee, our history subject leader is supporting learning across the academy and is looking forward to sharing their learning with you, this month. Take a look at her article within this week's News and Views. Ahead of Harvest assembly, children are starting to sing their harvest songs and collating all of the contributions in readiness to share with St Vincent de Paul charity on Friday. The choir have also enjoyed singing together again. It's wonderful to hear music, around the academy.



This coming Friday, October 8th is 'Hello Yellow' day combined with 'One Tree'. We are fundraising to support Young Minds and support for a sustainable future. Our children's well-being is important to us and Friday is an opportunity to discuss and reflect on keeping healthy. We ask that your child, comes to school with yellow accessories and a contribution to raise funds for these causes. Also, we are collecting Morrisons tokens to support our good to grow scheme. If you shop at Morrisons, remember to get some tokens!

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

This week EYFS have continued our learning about keeping healthy. We shared the story 'Alan's Big, Scary Teeth', by Jarvis. We all thoroughly enjoyed trying to predict what might happen next in the story and discussed how a story needs a beginning, a middle and an end. The adults are impressed with the children's knowledge and understanding about why it is so important to clean our teeth properly. On Thursday, we celebrated Harvest Festival altogether, which was a memorable event. Thank you for all of the donations that you have been sending in, they will certainly be appreciated by those receiving them. The children have continued to impress us with their knowledge of the boundaries set inside and outside and are continuing to make our school a caring welcoming place.

Please can you send your child in with a named wet weather suit and wellies, this will allow them still to play outside when it is wet. Please remember to label all of their belongings as this helps with keeping their things safe and organised. Have a wonderful weekend. From **Team Rockpool**

Around the Academy

This week in **Year 1** we have been reading the story The Paper Dolls. We have enjoyed also using it in our topic, thinking about how people would create their own toys from materials they had. This meant they could still enjoy having a doll, made out of paper to play with. We have been using the story to help us learn in our RHSE lessons, learning about ourselves and our bodies and about the different body parts. We are looking forward to making our own paper dolls!

In **Year 2** this week we have practised identifying the materials that common objects are made from. We have found out that things can be made with more than one material. We have also been exploring the best material to make a party plate from what is recyclable, sturdy and waterproof. We have finished our 2 week writing cycle on the 'Tiger Who Came to Tea' and we have enjoyed changing the food the tiger eats into healthy foods. Well done to all of those children that have moved on to card 15 of their times table test.

In Science this week, **Year 3** have been learning about insulators and conductors. We have been testing a variety of objects to see if they stop the flow of electricity around a circuit. Our conclusion is that all conductors are made of metal and all other materials are insulators. We are looking forward to learning about magnets next week. In writing, we have been retelling the story of Anansi and the Turtle, a traditional tale from Africa, focusing on the use of conjunctions. Our Learning and Life Skills lesson this week has been about active listening and following instructions. The children demonstrated great listening skills when completing a variety of tasks in the classroom.



Next week we will be celebrating the Harvest Festival. To support a local charity, St. Vincent de Paul Society, we are collecting a variety of food and toiletry donations. Please send them in with your child by Friday 8th October.

This week in **Year 4** we have been writing our own stories about a forgotten instrument. All the teachers have been really impressed with the range of fantastic vocabulary used, ask your child to retell you their story! In maths we have been working on addition and subtraction strategies including when you need to regroup. In connected curriculum we have taken part in a science experiment to explore the size of shadows. The children made their own puppets and used torches to explore the effect of the puppet being closer or further away from the light. All of the teachers were delighted to see not only some great scientific exploration but also super teamwork too. Well done year 4.

In **Year 5** this week the children have been learning about subtraction and creating secret formulas in mathematics. Across the curriculum they have been great investigators, looking at repeating patterns within computing and also exploring concepts and ideas in science developing their understanding of the different states of matter. They have considered the types of food we eat, learning the food pyramid and bringing in resources for the children's lunch box project. Thank you for your support. Also we have received amazing donations for our harvest collection this year. Well done to all. Y5 Team

Year 6 have been learning about the Windrush generation and about how certain communities were invited to Britain to work after the war. The children are writing in character this week about their invite and arrival in Britain and then about the reality of actually living and working here next week. In science we have been learning about space suit designs and creating our own with many useful features: visors, control panels, heating systems, robots, recording devices and thermal insulating materials to name a few. We have also learnt about the order of the planets and some interesting facts about each planet. In PSHE we have learnt about respecting differences and different kinds of families. In music we are either learning the ukulele or the glockenspiel. Our head boy and head girl are also busy preparing speeches for our open evening. Thank you to all of the families that have contributed towards our Harvest collection. If you have not donated yet but would like to, please keep the donations coming.



Inspiration in Sport

Mia and Oliver met Max Whitlock at their gymnastics club today. They both attend the MW gymnastic club and got to see him do a routine, answers some questions and have a photo taken with him and his gold medal. Inspirational afternoon!



Proud to be me ...

In July, Lyla Wanted to cut off her hair to donate for wig-making and to raise money for The Little Princess Trust. Today we received her certificate, and she raised a total of £439. She's growing it again so she can donate more!





Lyla (Seashell), Esther (Seagull), Sophia (Coral) and Oscar (Shrimp) will be doing ballet, modern and musical theatre. They are very excited to be taking part along with all the other children at The Morgan Academy of Performing Arts and will be perfecting all their dances at their classes and extra rehearsals over the next few weeks.



World Mental Health Day



Reminder that on Friday 8th October we are celebrating World Mental Health Day along alongside **Just One Tree Day**. As part of the Young Minds **#HelloYellow** campaign accessorise your school uniform to show other young people we are all together when it comes to supporting our mental health! (school uniform **MUST** be worn)



Saying **#HelloYellow** this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a **BIG** difference to young people's mental health and helping to plant trees will make a **BIG** difference to our planet and our future emotional wellbeing.

All donations to be made through Parent Pay and funds raised will be split between the two charities.

Let's achieve happiness together.

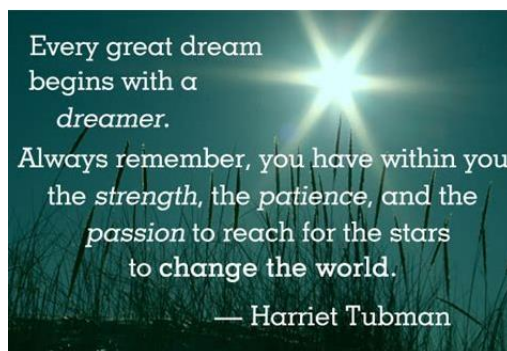
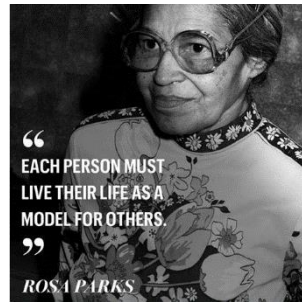
The Wellbeing Garden



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At Darlinghurst Academy, we believe that a happy, relaxed environment promotes happy, relaxed children. We have started to develop an area at the front of the school into a wellbeing garden. Together with parental support and fundraising through the PTA, we have been able to purchase a new wellbeing bench which has been built by our site team and placed in the outdoors, for children to sit on and enjoy. Our next step will be to add some soil, flowers and bulbs to the attached planter, bringing bright colour to the zone. Thank you for all your material donations, bottle tops and ribbons just ahead of the summer break. We were able to make coloured wheels and a wind chime for our garden. Since returning this year, we have received more bottle tops but now need more ribbons and coloured string to create more. If you are able to donate any ribbon or coloured string, please can you send it in to the office.



Black history month 2021

The month of October is usually a time for many schools to take part in Black History Month. Whilst at this time many of our activities will have a deeper focus, at Darlinghurst Academy we are proud to celebrate the achievements of black people in British history throughout the academic year.

Miriam- *"Some people need to know about their identities"*

As well as exploring the contributions of people from years ago, pupils also consider those within living memory such as famous musicians like Stormzy, top athletes such as Mo Farah, politicians like Diane Abbott and scientists such as Maggie Aderin-Pocock. These are just a few who have played an important role in British society and have had great impact on British life. For many, they are an inspiration. They have risen above racism and discrimination, conquered challenges along the way but never given up on their hopes and dreams. All our children deserve the chance to be who they want to be and we are proud of every one of them.

Within our school community, we are very fortunate to have students from diverse backgrounds and therefore strongly support promoting our British Values of tolerance and respect of others and their beliefs.

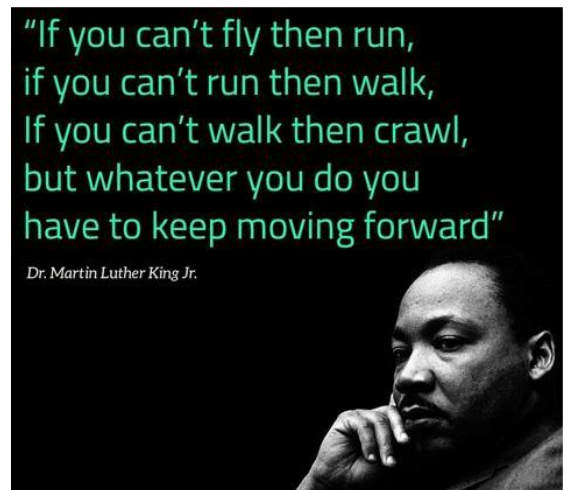


"For countless generations people of African and Caribbean descent have been shaping our nation's story, making a huge difference to our national and cultural life and helping to make Britain a better place to be. It is this contribution of black British people that I am proud to be celebrating Black History Month this October." Boris Johnson, Prime Minister



Ella *"It is important that people understand about different cultures"*

At Darlinghurst Academy we recognise that our children are growing up in a multicultural world and therefore how important it is to share our different cultures and beliefs. What better way than to have a family member visit the class and speak with the children about this. It is also a great opportunity for pupils to ask questions and develop a deeper understanding and respect for others opinions. So let's come together and make this happen! If you can spare a short time to come in and talk to the children, please inform the office or your class teacher. We can't wait to learn more and enrich our children's knowledge of how people of African and Caribbean heritage have shaped our nation.



"We need to have a balance of history from different cultures. We need to know key parts of history such as MLK Jnr Speech- I have a dream and BLM. It would be good to know about BH throughout the year." Grace

**"IF YOU
CAN BE
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- GARRETT MORGAN



EYFS

Starfish – 93.7%

Jellyfish – 84.7%

KS1

Lobster – 100%

Albatross – 98.9%

KS2

Strand – 98.3%

Bembridge – 97.1%

What have you missed on Instagram this week?







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Academy Tours

Why Darlinghurst?

Come along and see us in action

Tour dates with the Principal	
Tuesday 9 th November	1:30pm 2:30pm
Thursday 25 th November	9:30am 10:30am
Thursday 2 nd December	9:30am 10:30am
Tuesday 7 th December	1:30pm 2:30pm
Friday 7 th January	9:30am 10:30am
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To book a tour please contact Mrs Lowe – mrslowe@darlinghurst.co.uk or call 01702509201





The tour includes visits and discussions linked to:

- ✦ 'The Rockpool,' our Early Years base - with dedicated indoor and outdoor zones
- ✦ A journey through the Academy and Academy life
- ✦ Our specialist teaching and provision within our extensive ground
- ✦ Our Early Years curriculum offer



For further information, visit: website www.darlinghurst.uk/virtual-tour/starting-school and our [Instagram@darlinghurstacademy](https://www.instagram.com/darlinghurstacademy)

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