



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

This week, children and staff have been preparing for their next steps. They have shown determination in lessons and assessments, striving to meet personal goals. They have also been engaging in transition and traditions as they prepare to move forward into their next phase. This afternoon, teaching staff and children had the opportunity to meet each other as new classes for the first time. There was a great buzz in the air. The class names were shared and some children were happily surprised to discover they were keeping their class names. For example, in Key Stage 1, the current Year 1 children are keeping their class names, whilst they remain in the Key Stage 1 phase. The academy phases are: Early Years, Key Stage 1 (Year 1 and 2), Lower Key Stage 2 (Year 3 and 4) and Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5 and 6). I am sure that this evening your children have already started sharing the news. Parents will receive a confirmation Ping on Monday with details of new classes.



Our Year 6 children also engaged in transition activities, with virtual tours of their secondary schools and discussions on secondary readiness. They have also started their traditions at this time of year, with the Year 6 Residential@home last week and business enterprise this week. Children around the academy have watched, via Teams, promotional messages of available items to purchase and are now ready for orders. They are great entrepreneurs! In addition, they are busy preparing their Year 6 leavers messages ahead of recording to share with their peers and families. Get ready to laugh and have a tissue ready too. Saying goodbye to our Year 6's is a special milestone and full of memories and pride.

We have also continued to engage in our induction of new joiners to Darlinghurst as the next generation enter the Early Years. This week we met our pre-school friends from Kingsway and Little Treasures. They came into school for the first time with confidence and curiosity. It was wonderful to see. Next week, we will say hello to our final group of children.

With the final weeks to go, can I please remind parents of the importance of attending school at this time and that every day counts! It is an important time.

We will be sharing September arrangements in due course.

Until then, please continue to socially distance at pick up and drop off and face masks are encouraged, if social distancing cannot be adhered to. We continue to promote - hands, space, face and fresh air.



Thank you.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

The adults and children have had the most amazing fun-packed week, beginning the week dressed as pirates! We have been on treasure hunts, dug for treasure, made our own maps, used co-ordinates... the list goes on! Ultimately, we have had a wonderful time exploring new and old learning. Our Reception children have grown in maturity this year and value the importance of using displays and resources within the environment to support their learning. This shows in the super-duper writing that they are producing. With the children's brilliant support from their families we are sure that they will continue to always try their best. Have a marvellous weekend. **The Reception Team**
Around the Academy



In **Year 1** this week, we have had some interesting, exciting and funny adventures. In writing, we have been using the book *The Queen's Knickers*, which we all found hilarious! Everyone in Year 1 (even the teachers) have had such a great time reading this book and have used it to create our own amazing and interesting stories. For our Edison lessons this week, we have been historians. We have learnt some interesting facts about The Great Exhibition and how Thomas Cook helped transport everyone to the event. He did this by ensuring there were enough trains running to transport people from all over the country. During these lessons, we have also had some great discussions about exhibitions that we have heard of and how transport has changed since Victorian times. We cannot wait to see what we will be learning about next week!

In **Year 2** this week, we have been exploring old and new games. After studying different games from the past and having played many in the playground now, we decided to create and decorate our own cup and ball game. We have also been drawing up ideas for different board game inventions as well as other game creations!

Our writing has been based on the lovely story of *The Lighthouse Keeper's Tea*. Although, instead of our Lighthouse Keeper(s) learning how to surf, we have had ones that have showed determination learning the art of watering skiing, synchronized swimming and even scuba diving! Everyone in Year 2 has thoroughly enjoyed enthusiastically sharing their stories and listening to the wonderfully creative tales of others (showing our Learning and Life Skill 'Speaking and Listening' beautifully).

In other news, the sunflowers Year 2 began growing from seed last term have also been doing brilliantly. We are looking forward to watching them blossom just like our wonderful Year 2s have throughout this year!

The children have been working incredibly hard during test week in **Year 3** and have shown so much confidence and determination. In maths, we made chatterboxes for our 3 and 4 times table, as well as having a go at some Sudoku problems! In geography, we have been focusing on maps, looking at the different symbols and different styles of maps. The children even had a go at designing their own after we did a map of the classroom together!

This week **Year 4** have been concentrating and working very hard on the end of year tests. In between the tests we have been continuing our lessons. The children have been naming European flags and naming countries and capital cities in Europe (Maybe you could test their knowledge at home!) In RE, we found out that the game 'Snakes and Ladders' was originally invented in India. It was to teach children about karma. The children even got to play the ancient game, which they loved! We hope you have a lovely weekend. The children have done so well!

This week we are very proud of the hard work and resilience the children have shown during their assessments in **Year 5**. In our curriculum lessons we have started to explore the physical and human features of the continent of North America. We identified the different flags of the four areas and located some wonders of the USA. In writing, the children wrote a newspaper report based on unusual events that took place in both the Bermuda Triangle and the Michigan Triangle.

Today, the children were excited to meet their new Year 6 teacher and the opportunity to make new friends as they took part in team building activities.

Thank you to those pupils who have already brought in their painted pebbles and to those who took part in the sponsored walk.

Year 6 thoroughly enjoyed their fun days last week. They took great pleasure in the PE water challenge, navigated their way around the school whilst orienteering, made pavlovas and relished eating them and enjoyed inter-class rounders. The circus skills and animal handling workshops were a great success too. Year 6 also really enjoyed watching films together, free play and of course the barbecue was relished by all. This week, we have been auditioning for parts in the Leavers' Assembly and rehearsing. Please support your children in learning their words if they are an actor and also help with their song words. The children have also been busy writing budget proposals for their products for the Enterprise Event. Each class has held a team meeting with their allocated year group, explained and tried to do a sales pitch for their product and are



making posters and adverts. Mr Berman was a guest speaker for Year 6 on the subject of Judaism and the Holocaust this week. The children asked some very thought provoking questions and the whole experience really helped the children's understanding of this horrific event in history and about anti-Semitism. We would like to say a very big thank you to Mr Berman for speaking so informatively and sensitively on the subject and for really making us think.



The Great Darlinghurst Geo-Quiz 2021



Well done to all the KS1 and KS2 children that participated in The Great Darlinghurst Geo-Quiz 2021. The competition was tough and the children did themselves proud with their great scores.

As with any competition, we managed to whittle the competitors down from across the year groups so that we had just year phase finalists

that went in to a head to head

competition last week.

The finalists had to test their geographical skills and general knowledge about the UK.



Our amazing Phase Finalists were:

Seth Y1 Vs Reggie Y2

Joshua Y3 Vs Art Y4

Saif Y5 Vs Natcho Y6



Once the final scores had been counted we had three final winners! Reggie, Art and Saif. All

finalists received a certificate for taking part and our winners received a great geographical prize for their hard earned work.





Outdoor Learning

This week the children have been looking at Andy Goldsworthy an English sculpture and environmentalist who uses natural materials outside to create Art. The children had great fun with their creations.



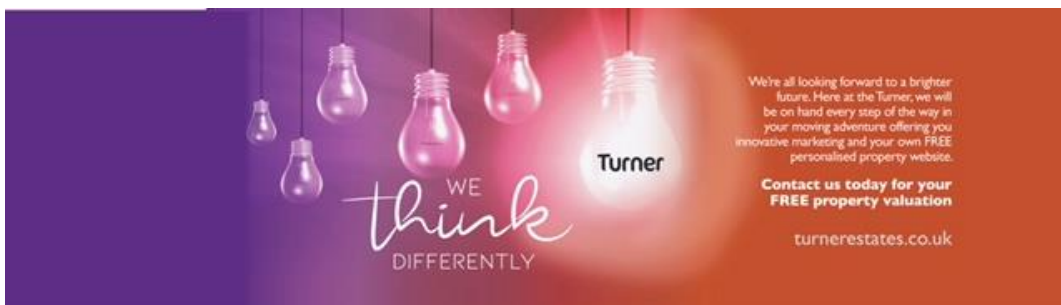
TTRS Top Rockers - June Week 3			
	% of class that used TTRS last week	Average daily minutes	Average correct answers
1st	Stingray (100%)	GWS (5)	GWS (1020)
2nd	Great White Shark	Dune, Coral, Stingray, Bell Wharf	Dune
3rd	Coral	Swordfish, Strand	Wilton



PTA Summer Sponsored Walk

Thank you to all our families for sending in their sponsor forms for the Summer Sponsored Walk (2-mile Challenge). Our running total so far is a whopping **£1,653.50!**

What a fantastic outcome. This money will go a long way in making our Wellbeing Garden a special place for children to explore, reflect and enjoy. Thank you to the PTA and sponsors in the community for their support. The PTA are really pleased to receive a payment donation today from Turner Estate Agents for £150 as sponsors for our event. Thanking Turner Estates for their contribution towards sponsoring our medals for the children.



Rudi and Travis found the Darlinghurst hare inside the priory at Priory Park.



Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to this week's winners

EYFS
Starfish 98.5%
Jellyfish 97.3%

KS1
Puffin 99.1%
Lobster 98.5%

KS2
Billet 99.2%
Swordfish 97.9%

Special mention to all EYFS and KS1 classes for **all** achieving over 97% attendance this week – super effort, keep up the good work!





What have you missed on Instagram this week?



SCHOOL CLUB SUPERVISOR Darlinghurst Academy (Part-time 10 hours per week)

Pay £11.50 per hour term-time only
Required for September 2021

Legra Academy Trust provides high quality, high impact early years, primary and secondary education in Essex. Working together, we make a huge impact on the lives and education of both our young people and staff. We are committed to providing professional development for both our staff and governors, in order to achieve sustainable improvement.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our wonderful team as Supervisor of our Extended care provision at 'Little Mariners'. The Supervisor will manage both our Breakfast and After School Clubs. Your remit will be to deal with the administration of the clubs in respect of registrations, payments and ordering food, along with organising activities for the After School Club.

You must have excellent communication and organisational skills. You will also need to be creative to provide fun things for the children to do in the After School Club.

The hours can be worked to your preference although we would strongly suggest that you do attend the beginning of either the Monday or Friday After School Club session, you may also be required to cover for sickness if unable to find additional staff.

If you feel that this could be the exciting opportunity or change you are seeking and would like to find out more please apply to

lindsey.corben@legratrust.org.uk

Darlinghurst Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Following safer recruitment procedures, this appointment will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service and satisfactory references. Belfairs Academy is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to positive employment policies to promote equal opportunity in employment.

**Closing Date for Applications: 5th July 2021
Interviews week commencing 12th July 2021**