



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,

The summer term is now sharing some sunshine too. Please ensure that your children bring along a summer hat and sun-cream to stay safe in the sun. Please remember to label items. It is important that we share the importance of sun-safety at school and home. Next week I will be sharing this important message in assembly using the following 5 ways to help us remember. The PE team will also be focusing on sun safety and including the below phrases within their warm up sessions.



- **Slip on sun protective clothing that covers as much of your body as possible,**
- **Slop on high factor sunscreen at least 20 minutes before sun exposure and remember to reapply after a couple of hours when outdoors.**
- **Slap on a broad brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.**
- **Seek shade.**
- **Slide on sunglasses.**

Sid the Seagull will help the younger ones remember the above. Why not take a look at his video – Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek and Slide – Sid the Seagull Video on YouTube.

We also share the important message of staying hydrated, especially in hot weather. Please can all children bring a reusable water bottle every day. Please remember to label bottles.

As a coastal school we are very lucky to be close to the beach. Beach safety is also an important message for our children. Mrs Arnold, our outdoor learning teacher is also beach trained and DA holds the gold award for outdoor learning and is a beach school. During her sessions, she will also remind the children of beach safety, should they head towards the sea with family.

Mrs Nicholls Sun safety creative challenge

If your child likes to be creative they may want to take up my sun-safety challenge. Create a poster or video: Sun safety, beach safety or drinking water. Posters will be displayed in our outdoor frames near the playground and the videos may be shared on Instagram too. I am sure they will get a special mention in celebration assembly. I have enjoyed seeing some children's work this week demonstrating some artistic talent with some lovely art work linked to our creative units, along with some emotive monologues in year 6.



Continuing in the theme of sun, sea and sand. Our children have been enjoying being outside near the beach huts, the Darlinghurst rowing boat and playing in the sand. They have also enjoyed the sand in fielding events, including long jump. Some year 2 children have been perfecting their standing jump with determination and skill.



Next week, our year six children have their SATs. We have discussed what SATs means to them and used the acronym of SATs to help us. There were some great responses which reflected their emotions and aspirations. They came up with, SATS: Strive, Achieve, to Succeed. What a positive mindset! They are ready and prepared so enjoy the weekend and the sunshine, have fun with friends and family and we will see you Monday at breakfast.

To the rest of our children and families, as always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

This week Nursery and Reception have continued to focus our learning on the lifecycle of plants and minibeasts. The Reception children shared poems from 'Mad About Minibeasts' and were able to recognise words that rhyme and think of their own rhyming strings. We have all been learning facts about minibeasts using non-fiction books to help source answers to our queries and interests. We have been singing along with Handy Andy to remind us of the importance of regular and thorough handwashing. Have a wonderful weekend.

Around the Academy

The children in **year 1** have continued to enjoy and develop their learning about the artwork of Vincent Van Gogh by painting their own version of his famous Sunflowers painting to add to our class art galleries. Also linking to our topic, in writing and outdoor learning we have been learning about nocturnal animals and using these facts to do some non-fiction writing about hedgehogs. In maths we have continued to practise counting amounts by grouping into in tens and ones and then looking at which amounts are greater or less. We are all very proud of our learning!

Year 2 have had an incredibly busy week as the children have taken part in some of their end of year assessments. They have shown such confidence and determination and we are very proud of them all. Across the rest of the week, we have been exploring what Fair Trade means and how many food miles certain foods that we eat regularly, clock up on their journey to us. In RE we have looked at the similarities between the rules that Muslims and Christians live by and discussing why this may be. A school ping was sent out asking for a plain piece of clothing for tie dying. This activity will take place the week beginning the 16th May.



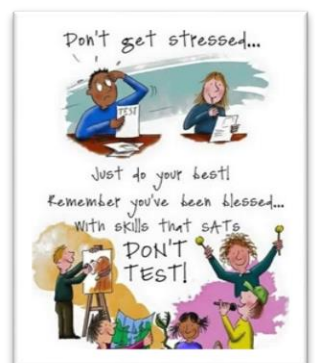
In **year 3** this week we have been learning all about how to play a game from the 80s, 'Pac Man,' in our writing and exploring playing games from the past in our Topic lessons. The children have played Ludo, Chess, Nine Men's Morris and Snakes and Ladders. The children were really shocked and surprised how long ago the basic idea of chess was invented. Do you know how to play these games? Perhaps you can ask one of our friendly children in year 3. In Maths we have looked at 3D shapes and their properties and enjoyed playing 'What shape am I?' There was also lots of interest in World Hygiene Day where we learnt about the importance of washing our hands. We have set up an experiment with some bread and we can't wait to see the gruesome results. Have a lovely weekend from all of us in year 3.

This week in **year 4** we have been exploring the chronology of trains including putting them in chronological order and generating our own questions on the very first underground station. We were surprised to learn that some trains were actually pulled by horses along train tracks before they were replaced by steam driven trains! In maths we have been exploring money problems. When you are next at the shops see if your child can add up some items for you and work out any change or simple discounts which might be available, such as half price or 2 for 1. In writing, the children have been developing a story about a train journey into London. Their use of expanded noun phrases to add description to their work has been brilliant. They are all working hard to punctuate their direct speech correctly too. Well done year 4 and keep up the good work.

This week **year 5** have been taking a trip back in time to see who were the rulers of Britain during the Georgian era and looking at some of foods that were eaten at the time. In RE we continued to discuss what it is like for a Muslim in Britain today and located our local mosque. This week in writing we have been exploring Kit Wright's poem 'The Magic Box' which is filled with lovely ideas and sensations. A briefer week than usual but a jam-packed one too.

This week, **year 6** have been writing monologues from the perspective of the Lady of Shallot. They have used dramatic language and old fashioned words to bring the character to life and to share her thoughts and emotions. The work they have produced has been lovely to read. We have also been looking at artwork by Lowry and appraising it, giving opinions and offering ideas as to what might be happening in the picture.

We have spent the week going over topics in preparation for SATS next week. The children have worked incredibly hard and we know they are ready for it. Please remind the children that all we ask is that they do best, stay calm and use the assessments as a chance to show off all they have learned. The Year 6 teaching team are very proud of their attitude and approach over the last few months. Have a restful, relaxing weekend, get an early night and see you ready for breakfast on Monday morning.



Attendance

KS1

Seagull 96%
Albatross 95%

KS2

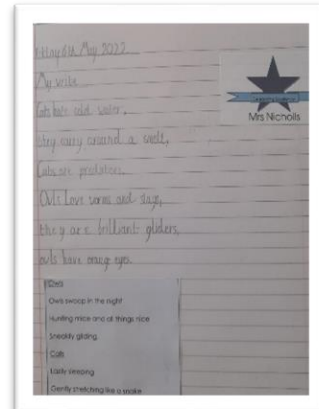
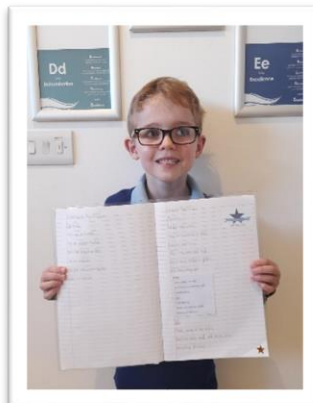
Mayflower 97%
Bembridge 95%





Proud to me

It has been another busy week where lots of children have been excited to show off their amazing achievements, including impressive writing, drawing and sporting skills. Well done, we're very proud of you!





Please note that on the 6th June 2022, the Academy will be open for staff and children. The academy calendar has been amended to reflect that the academy will be shut on July 22nd 2022. Please see the calendar below or follow the link <https://darlinghurst.uk/information/term-dates> Please ensure you update your calendars and diaries accordingly.

ACADEMY TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES – ACADEMIC YEAR 2021/2022
DARLINGHURST ACADEMY

	SEPTEMBER 2021	OCTOBER 2021	NOVEMBER 2021	DECEMBER 2021
M	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27
Tu	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28
W	1 8 15 22 29	6 13 20 27	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29
Th	2 9 16 23 30	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30
F	3 10 17 24	1 8 15 22 29	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31
Sa	4 11 18 25	2 9 16 23 30	6 13 20 27	4 11 18 25
Su	5 12 19 26	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	5 12 19 26
	JANUARY 2022	FEBRUARY 2022	MARCH 2022	APRIL 2022
M	3 10 17 24 31	7 14 21 28	7 14 21 28	4 11 18 25
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	MAY 2022	JUNE 2022	JULY 2022	AUGUST 2022
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Holiday
 Public Holiday
 School Closure Day

Schools can allocate 5 non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions and are subject to alteration.
 Autumn Term: 68 days
 Spring Term: 59 days
 Summer Term: 63 days



Platinum Jubilee Picnic



On **Thursday 26th May**

we will be celebrating the Platinum Jubilee with a special picnic.

The menu for this day will be as follows:

- Royal wrap:** a choice of cheese, ham, tuna or egg
- Golden chicken goujons** or Victorious vegan sausage roll
- Cucumber crown pot**
- Coronation chocolate cake**



Please note all dietary needs will be provided for and every child who is entitled to free school meals will be provided with a free lunch





What have
you missed
on
Instagram
this week?

