



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.

## Hello Yellow Day

*A picture paints a thousand words*



It was lovely to see so many children accessorising their uniform at school today as we celebrated World Mental Health Day, #HelloYellow alongside Just One Tree.

**Even the school was dressed in yellow.**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to these great causes, £130.00 and counting. There's still time if you haven't yet donated and want to with your child's ParentPay account. At this time the total raised will be split between the two charities.





## Harvest Festival

We wish to thank all of our Darlinghurst families who have shown generosity and support through donating gifts of food and toiletries for our Harvest Festival, which this year is being donated to St Vincent's Centre, Southend Foodbank.

Mr Cauchi, a member of SVP, came back to Darlinghurst to talk with the Early Years children in an assembly last week and today came back to hold an assembly with KS1 and 2 in celebration and to talk about how the donations would help people in Southend. Mr Cauchi and the Darlinghurst staff have been overwhelmed by the thoughtfulness of your gifts and know that they will make a difference to families in need. Thank you.



## From the Rockpool

Our week started with all of the EYFS team dressed as crayons to introduce our story, 'The Crayons that Quit', by Drew Daywalt. This led to lots of discussions about colour sorting and mixing, using paints and different media. This gave us the opportunity to think about different shades and tones of colour. In The Rockpool there was great excitement discussing shadows and why we see them. This led to children drawing around their friends shadows using chalks. The children designed their own pattern on a teacup card to take home for a loved one in celebration of Grandparents Day. We have been busy!

Today we celebrated Hello Yellow Day with the rest of the school and introduced Giggles, one of our Mindful Monsters to the children. Have a wonderful weekend. Perhaps you could try mixing your own colours at home? Have fun!

## Around the Academy

To celebrate Black History Month in our writing lessons, **Year 1** have been learning about the braveness of Rosa Parks, who grew up to fight for the daily rights of black people in America. Through her story we have learnt that some people are not treated equally in our world. This has linked with our Harvest Festival celebration and our understanding that some people do not have as much food as others and we have discussed all this with great maturity. In maths we have continued to recognise numbers, count accurately and look at the properties of 2D shapes and how to describe them and in topic we have been scientists, thinking carefully and using our senses.

**Year 2** have had an amazing week talking about the kinds of healthy foods we would like to have for our end of half term healthy food party and learning how to represent the data we have gathered in bar charts. In computing we have been finding out about algorithms and how they are used in daily life. Sometimes it is very important that tasks are completed in a certain order, getting dressed, brushing our teeth! We are going to use this new learning to help us when we are writing instructions over the next two weeks. In R.E we are finding out about the kinds of foods that are eaten in a Jewish household and how they are prepared. We have been lucky enough to have a visitor come in to talk to us about his own real life experience.

**Year 3** have loved bringing in their donations for our Harvest Festival Assembly, so thank you and we look forward to celebrating this special occasion together this afternoon. The children have enjoyed learning about magnets, their properties, uses and attraction to a selection of metals. They have looked at the history and origins of magnets and carried out an experiment to find out which materials are magnetic or are not magnetic. We will be celebrating Black History Month in the next forthcoming weeks of October and would love any parents to join Year 3 if you have any stories you wish to share with us. A visit to our classes are always welcome, so we look forward to hearing from you!

**Year 4** have been learning about Black History Month this week. In writing lessons they have been planning and writing information all about this special month on the calendar and have also learnt about the inventor of traffic lights: Garrett Morgan. We have had some brilliant discussions in class about the importance of



understanding Black history including learning about some amazing achievements of Black people from the past which weren't celebrated or recognised at the time. In Science the children have been learning about sound waves and the link between vibrations and sound. In maths we have continued to explore word problems with a focus on deciding the correct operation to use each time. All of the children have a reading book which they should bring home each night. Part of their homework is to read for 20 minutes each night, please support them to do so by hearing them read a few pages and encouraging the children to complete their accelerated reader quizzes at home too. Thank you.

This week in **Year 5** the children have used all of the knowledge they have built up over our 'Mysterious Materials' topic to create their insulated lunchboxes. They chose which materials to line their lunchboxes with based on a series of experiments that explored thermal conductors and insulators. They enjoyed being able to bring their designs to life! In writing, the children have been writing letters to sporting associations to encourage them to make a change about racism in sport. They have been inspired by first-hand accounts from some of their sporting heroes and used this information to create a powerful, persuasive letter. In celebration of world mental health day, the children have explored ways they can look after their wellbeing in school and at home and discussed why this is important to do. Thank you to everybody who made donations whilst rocking your yellow accessories! Keep continuing to practice your spellings, completing Accelerated Reader quizzes and logging into TT Rockstars!

This week in **Year 6** we have been writing about the Windrush Generation as part of Black History Month and the children have written some really thought provoking pieces of work. We have considered carefully how we can personally contribute to ending racism and discrimination in today's world and as usual our children have demonstrated their compassion and determination to make the world a better place. We have enjoyed the BBC Live Lesson as part of Space Week especially learning about how comets are formed. We would like to remind children that they need to complete an AR test each week. If they would like to complete the test from home they can follow the link on our Darlinghurst Academy website under Curriculum, Reading at School and Home <https://ukhosted20.renlearn.co.uk/2237772/>.

### Sports Committee cheer on elite cyclists

Members of our Sports Committee and several others from UKS2 showed great **belonging** by cheering on the world's elite women's cyclists as Stage 4 of the Women's Tour came to Southend on Thursday. Amelia in Victoria said, 'It was inspirational' whilst Dino in Bembridge could not believe how quickly they flew past us. Everyone also enjoyed the waving and toots of the sirens from all the police motorbikes that were ensuring riders' safety!



### Year 6 PGL residential

Deposits for the Year 6 residential are due by November 1<sup>st</sup>. If you would like more information about the trip or the plans for those staying at school, please watch the recording of Mr Turner's parents information session on MS Teams. Every child in Year 6 has been added to the PGL team and the link to the video will be in the chat for a few more weeks to come. If you have problems accessing the recording, please contact the office.





## Proud to be me



Congratulations to our Girls Football Team, you showed all of our Academy values.

I love art, it gives me freedom to use my imagination without words. A lion can have a rainbow mane and you can colour outside the lines. There are no rules, it is fun. It makes feel happy there is no bad art. All art is good, everyone is an artist you just have to dream.

**Isabel Year 4**



**Nancy, Year 5** won the Saturday Mashup competition on CBBC at the weekend "I am proud to be me because when I entered the competition I thought I wouldn't win but my mum encouraged me to have a go. I am proud because I had the confidence to try. I won and went on TV. This made me feel happy and excited. I told my friends at school and they were happy for me. This made me feel proud." Nancy, Mayflower class



**Toby, Year 6** is proud to always try his hardest. Mistakes are proof that we are trying. We are all unique and special. I show my confidence through my rapping. Toby, Strand Class.



### EYFS

Jellyfish – 97.9%

Starfish – 95.3%

### KS1

Lobster – 97.2%

Puffin - 97%

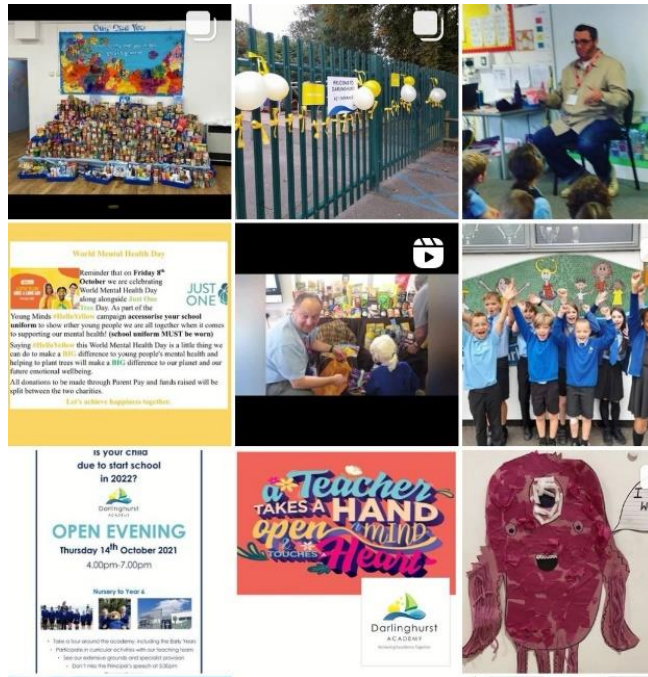
### KS2

Bembridge – 98.9%

Swordfish – 98.6%



What have you missed on Instagram this week?





**Darlinghurst ACADEMY**

## Academy Tours

### Why Darlinghurst?

Come along and see us in action

Tour dates with the Principal	
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	1:30pm 2:30pm
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am 10:30am
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	9:30am 10:30am
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	1:30pm 2:30pm
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am 10:30am
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> January	1:30pm 2:30pm

To book a tour please contact Mrs Lowe – [mrslowe@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto: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](http://www.darlinghurst.uk/virtual-tour/starting-school) and our [Instagram@darlinghurstacademy](https://www.instagram.com/darlinghurstacademy)

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