



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,

What a great week

This week children and staff have settled into routines and have shown full participation in learning. There has been a lovely atmosphere around the academy with children sharing their happiness to be back at school and talking about what they have learned and enjoyed.

Assembly focus

During assembly, I encouraged children to continue to be active in their learning and academy life, promoting opportunities to be part of our active citizens. I was joined by staff who are responsible for the Junior Governors, Eco Team, Sports Committee and Peer Mentors who informed children on how to apply for their posts. I am proud to see so many children eager to engage in our pupil groups, wanting to make a difference. I cannot wait to see them in action. Take a look within news and views this week for more information on our 'Active citizens'.

Drop off and pick up

Morning drop off and afternoon pick up has been working well. Please do not arrive early as we still are trying to reduce waiting times and loitering.

Mobile phones

Also we have a no mobile phone policy when on academy grounds to support safeguarding. Please put away your phones, should you collect a child from within the gates. All calls must end, before entering. Thank you.

Dogs

We recognise that walking to and from school is good for our mental health and exercise. It is also a great opportunity to exercise our dogs. However, please be mindful that dogs are not permitted on the premises or close to the main gates. Some of our community are allergic/fearful of animals and this will support their safety and wellbeing.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

The children in Jellyfish Class and Starfish Class have all settled well into our new daily routines and are thoroughly immersing themselves into exploring all of the new zones and activities. It has been wonderful to watch the children re-establish and form new friendships with their peers and the adults. Many adventures have been had our rowing boat in the Rockpool, such as visiting a treasure island to hunt for treasure. We are still searching for the treasure!

Please send your child into school every day with a named water bottle that is separate to any lunch box drinks. Also, ensure that all of your child's personal items are named at all times. During this warm weather please apply sun cream to your child before school. If this is not an All Day product, please send them into school with a named bottle of sun cream/or lotion that they are able to apply themselves at lunchtime. Many thanks for your support.

We hope that you all have a great weekend. **The Reception Team**



Around the Academy

We have all been very excited in **Year 1** to start our first full week. Our story in writing this week was the nursery rhyme Jack and Jill and we enjoyed doing hot seating to help us learn more about the characters in the story and even getting to complete our very first my write! We continued to learn all about our numbers from 0 to 10 in maths and explored patterns and addition to help with our careful counting. We have also started our exciting new topic all about old and new toys and enjoyed learning about the different ways Victorian children played in their playgrounds.

This week in **Year 2**, we have been exploring healthy food and understanding what a balanced diet might look like. We created our own 'healthy' and 'unhealthy' plate, learnt about the food triangle and used vocabulary such as vitamins, carbohydrates, protein and fibre. Year 2 have been curious and insightful scientists, asking many brilliant questions about food and what might be healthy/unhealthy and why this could be.

In writing, we have been retelling the wonderful story Alice in Wonderland. There have been many brilliantly creative descriptions of fluffy caterpillars and crazy Mad Hatters! In maths, we have been representing 2-digit numbers using dienes and seeing how we can separate our tens and ones in a part, part, whole.

It has been a fantastic first full week back at school, Year 2 have blown their teachers away with their enthusiasm and love of learning. Well done Year 2!



Year 3 have had a great couple of weeks back in school. It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces coming in the classroom in the mornings. We have been establishing our class routines and the children are already showing more independence and engagement. Throughout our lessons, we have been referring to our Learning and Life skill 'Learning Together'. The children have demonstrated good talk partner skills in class and have been refreshing their memory of appropriate playground games. We have also started learning about our new Edison unit of work – How does Electricity work?

Just a few reminders for the coming weeks;

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on Thursdays.

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Year 3 children are no longer supplied with a snack at break time, so please send in a healthy, nutritious snack to keep your child's energy up until lunchtime.

Homework books have been sent out today with this week's tasks. You will find all login details required stuck in the front cover of the book. Please send the completed homework back to school by Wednesday so it can be marked and ready to send out again.

Thank you for your support, we are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Well done for a brilliant first full week back **Year 4**. It's been super-hot at the start of the week but that has not stopped us from working hard! We have enjoyed planning and building our writing, using our different senses other than sight to describe a visit to the beach. We have also been exploring different sources of light and were all very interested to learn that the moon doesn't actually have its own light but instead reflects light from the sun. We've been busy getting back into our TTRS so remember to practise every day. There's a new battle for you all to participate in this week too! Please remember to bring in a healthy snack to enjoy at playtime and of course a water bottle which can be refilled throughout the day.

This week **Year 5** have settled in to hard work and familiar routines. They have continued to follow expectations and make us proud. Pupils have continued to show their sense of belonging, learning together in all lessons and showing true team effort in P. E lessons. In Curriculum lessons, the children have shown keen interest in finding out information about materials and their properties. Exploring how to further improve their descriptive writing, Year 5 have been using expanded noun phrases. There was also a healthy debate in our RE lesson



where we examined both creation and humanism. Respecting each other's beliefs and offering opinions was tackled in a sensible and mature manner. We are all looking forward to the weeks ahead!

Year 6 have made a great start to the year. They are proving to be mature and responsible and many of them are looking forward to their prefect roles. Our topic in Year 6 is a science based one, 'Out of this World' focusing on the solar system, rocks and the Water Cycle. Homework is coming home this week and all children are expected to complete approximately 30 minutes of reading at home (then completing an Accelerated Reader test), to learn their weekly spellings, do some research that is based on their topic and to complete a few maths questions (as well as completing TT rock stars). We expect all children to complete their homework. Homework will go out on a Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. We are trying to instil good habits for secondary school so we would really appreciate your support in this. We have also been looking at Body Image reflected through social media in PSHE and the children have produced posters to improve self-esteem.

Active Citizens

Sports Committee

This week, we have introduced our newly formed Sports Committee to each year group in assemblies. Our Sports Committee will be the voice for the children of Darlinghurst in regard to all things PE, Sport and keeping active. They will work closely with Mr Felton and the PE team to make sure the children have their ideas listened to and implemented if suitable as well as meeting with Sports Committee members from other schools to discuss and share ideas. Children can approach the members of the committee, who will be proudly wearing their new badges, during the day with their ideas or they can put their ideas into the PE suggestion box in the hall for the committee members to look through every half term. **Mr Felton**



Sports Clubs

Sports clubs will be starting next week with the exception of Street Dance which will be starting on the week beginning 20th September. Multi-Sports clubs are run by the PE team and are free of charge. We also have various outside providers who provide quality teaching for a very reasonable price. If the club is on a different day to your child's PE day, they should come into school wearing school uniform and have sportswear to change into. This can be PE kit or sportswear suitable for all sports. Multi-sports clubs will be predominately outside so please make sure your child is equipped for all weathers. **All after school sports clubs will dismiss children from the main gate at 4.15pm.** Morning gymnastic club children should be dropped off at the office door at 7.50 where one of the PE team will greet and register them. As the year progresses we will look to offer clubs to all year groups. **Mr Felton**

Congratulations to all those children who took part in this year's Summer Reading Challenge. It's great to see so many smiling faces with their certificates and medals.



Eco Committee

Are you passionate about looking after the environment? Do you have ideas on how we can make our school more eco-friendly? Then you could be well suited to join the school Eco Committee. Mrs Powell is looking for some new members for her team to meet on Tuesday lunchtimes. If you are interested, please create a poster to show your idea about how we could make our school more eco-friendly. It could be picking up litter outside our school, planting trees and wildflowers, ways to reduce plastic use in school or how we could better recycle. Please give your posters to your class teachers to share with Mrs Powell.



Calling all peer mentors.

Are you in years 3, 4, 5 or 6? Do you have what it takes to be a peer mentor? What is Peer Mediation? The aim of the Peer Mediation Programme at Darlinghurst is to support "Peers" to resolve minor conflict within the playground using mediation. This important role can be extremely beneficial to the children in the playground as well as the peer mediators themselves. By putting themselves forward the children are able to demonstrate that they are committed to ensuring others in our school have an enjoyable and trouble free lunchtime.

What do I have to do if I want to apply?

Write a letter to Mrs Grant, explaining why you think you would make a good peer mentor and put it in the box outside the Anchor Room, by Monday 13th September. All successful applicants will be offered an interview and full training.



Junior Governors

This week, each class completed their Junior Governor votes. As a democracy, children chose 2 people from their class who they thought would be good at representing their ideas and class in decisions made in school.

The selected Junior Governors attend monthly meetings to discuss matters within the school and feedback views from their peers. Teachers and leadership value the ideas and opinions brought to these meetings. Advocating learner agency gives learners an invaluable sense of responsibility, ownership, enthusiasm and pride in their school.

Message from our Head Boy and Head Girl

"I am overjoyed to know that I will be Head Boy this year, and that despite the hot competition, I managed to stand out and produce a video eye-catching enough, to receive more votes than the other candidates – not that they didn't perform excellently. I hope to improve the school environment even more this year and use my power as Head Boy for the better."

Max – Head Boy

Billet Class

"I am happy to be Head Girl because it means I get to help children be comfortable and happy at Darlinghurst. I also get to help teachers with new projects. I am proud to be voted for as I have lots of fun ideas for the school. I just want everyone to be happy, and I will try my best to achieve that."

Jemima – Head Girl

"I am proud of becoming a prefect. I was so happy when I heard the news. I may not be the Head Girl, but I am proud to be a prefect and I really wish to use my role, to help others and to cheer them up when they are sad and down."

Skye - Billet Class

"I was extremely excited to be chosen as a Prefect, I was buzzing with happiness, when my name was read from the list! I am always ready to learn and to be a good role model. I am going to help anyone that needs it."

Pixie – Billet Class

"I am proud of what I have achieved and am happy to become a role model with lots of responsibility ahead. I am excited to represent the entire school (in a way.) Although I'm not Head Girl, I am happy to be playing a part. I hope there are lots of jobs for me to partake in."

Aama – Billet Class

"I am amazed to be in year 6 and to have all the responsibility of being a prefect. I would like to welcome visitors and new pupils to the school, I will help everybody."

William – Billet Class

"I was really surprised when it was announced that I would be a prefect. Although I'm not Head Girl, I feel that this is one of my biggest achievements in school. I am going to really try to help everyone, especially if they are upset or hurt."

Bethany – Billet

"I am excited to be a Prefect because I like helping others and it is lovely to be trusted with the responsibility of being one."

Lilli-Rose - Billet Class

"I'm Lilli-Rose and I'm a Senior Prefect! I'm very proud of becoming a Prefect and super excited to find out what my responsibilities will be. Although I was not chosen as Head Girl, representing the school in many different ways, is what I am looking forward to the most! I would like to start by helping out in the playground and I would also like everyone to know that they can talk to me and all the other year 6's, when they need to."

Erta – Victoria Class

"I am excited to be a Prefect as I am carrying on the family tradition (my Gran and Mum were both Prefects.)"

Alix – Victoira Class

"I'm happy about being a Prefect because I get to help others and make my family happy."

James – Victoria



"When I found out I was a Prefect I was so excited because I have never had a responsibility like this before. I am going to represent the school to the best of my ability, because together we can make a difference."

Alfie – Billet Class

"I am really proud to be a Prefect and represent my school as well as find out my duties. My name is Taiyla and I am in Billet class. I am very proud of my school and would love to set a good example to the younger children and be an amazing role model. When I am in any class I try to set the best example and be a good student for my teachers!"

Taiyla – Billet

"I am proud to be a Prefect. I am really excited to start helping out with younger pupils. When my application was handed in, I wanted to get Prefect so much. Darlinghurst Academy is a brilliant school with great education. When my prefect tasks are given to me, I will work as hard as I can."

Alice – Billet Class

"I may not have got as many votes as I was hoping for to achieve what I wanted but it's not the end of the world and I am still elated to be a Senior Prefect. I am excited to be a Prefect because of the responsibilities that come with it; taking visitors around the school, being a role model and helping out teachers and students."

James – Billet class

"I feel proud for becoming a Prefect and I'm excited to do jobs. I can't believe that I am a role model for the school. I am happy to represent the school. My brother is in nursery, so he looks up to me, too."

Ella – Billet class

"I'm so proud to be a Prefect! All my family member are so proud of me! I think I got to be a Prefect because I am responsible and good with babies and children and a great role model to the younger years."

Name not supplied

"I'm excited to be a Prefect because I love having responsibilities and helping other people with their work and more. Also, this has been a dream of mine for a while now."

Lana – Victoria class





From next week, we would like to invite you to bring in donations as part of our Harvest Festival celebrations. Your child can bring into their classroom or you can drop off at the school office.



This year, we will be donating for the homeless charity, St Vincent's Centre, Southend. As some of you may be aware, Mr Cauchi left Darlinghurst to work for the charity full time and we would like to continue to support his hard work for such an important cause.

"The aim of St Vincent's Centre, Southend is to tackle poverty, disadvantage and social isolation by providing direct practical assistance to anyone in crisis. We support the homeless, rough sleepers and vulnerably housed in Southend as well as families and the elderly. We place people into accommodation and provide them with support and the necessities to move forward. We run 'Kindness Kitchen's (evening hot meals); mental health/ wellbeing counselling; a food and clothing bank; hot food deliveries to the elderly; a low cost mini food market for those in poverty; provide household items for those starting afresh; and a dementia befriending programme. We turn 'Concern into Action' by finding the gaps in the community and supporting it" – Mr Cauchi

<https://www.svp.org.uk/>



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ST VINCENT'S CENTRE, SOUTHEND - FOODBANK



**HERE IS OUR FOODBANK WISH LIST: PLEASE ENSURE
DONATIONS ARE IN DATE AND UNOPENED**

DONATIONS WELCOME WEEKDAYS 11AM - 3PM/ SATURDAYS 11AM - 2PM

Tinned veg and potatoes
Tins of veggie food
Tins of meat meals (hot dogs/ curry/
ravioli/ sausage & beans/ spam/ chilli)
Tinned meat pies and Tuna
Tins beans and spaghetti
Tins of chopped tomatoes
Tins of soup/ Cuppa Soups
Instant Mash
Packets of dry rice
Jars of pasta sauce
Packs microwave rice/ noodles
Mug Shots/ Pot Noodles
Dry pasta and sauce
Crackers/ Crisps

Tins of fruit/ custard and rice pudding
UHT Milk
Tea bags/ coffee/
hot choc powder (add water)
Sugar
Cereal (not porridge)
Jam/ Spreads
Squash and UHT fruit juice
Biscuits/ snacks/ cereal bars
Ladies/ gents deodorant (roll on)
Shampoo and conditioner
Shower gel/ Soap
Toothbrushes/ Toothpaste
Toilet Roll/ Wet Wipes
Hand Wash

HELPING US TURN CONCERN INTO ACTION



MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN YOUR COMMUNITY



Fundraising – Havens Hospices

Hares About Town have been in contact with us and have been astounded by the response they have had regarding the trail and our beautiful Little-Boat Leveret. They have congratulated Darlinghurst for being part of such a wonderful project for Havens Hospices and Southend-on-Sea. Hares About Town were thrilled with all the pictures that we tagged them in and posted on our Instagram page. We are so very proud of all our families for getting behind us and supporting this worthwhile project.

We will be sending out a flyer (among other flyers promoting cultural events in our locality) for a farewell event at Garons Park where you will have a last chance to see all the hares and leverets together. A fund day at Garons Park!

Our Little-Boat is coming home...

Little-Boat leveret will be returning to us at Darlinghurst. We will be showcasing our leveret in our developing wellbeing garden.



Popits

Polite reminder that popits and other toys should not be brought into the academy unless their use has been agreed in advance with the class teacher and/or form part of a support plan for the child.



Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to this week's winners

EYFS

- Starfish - 100%
- Jellyfish - 94.9%

KS1

- Lobster - 96.7%
- Puffin - 95.6%

KS2

- Billet - 98.1%
- Dune - 97.3%





What have you missed on Instagram this week?



MID-DAY ASSISTANTS

Pay Range: £9.62 per hour

Hours of Work Monday to Friday – 8.5 hours per week (term-time only)

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An opportunity has arisen to join our team of Midday Assistants in supporting recreation activities ensuring high standards of safety. They will support play activities relevant to the ages of the children and lunch times, whilst maintaining high standards of discipline and behaviour.

The Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The post will require an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure and Barring Service prior to commencement.

Applications and further details are available from our website or lindsey.corben@legratrust.org.uk

Closing date: 10th September 2021

Interview date: week commencing 13th September 2021

Start Date: September/October