



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping and My Child At School.**

In addition, we use **@DarlinghurstAcademy Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily and class and year group news on **DB Primary**

## November events

- Anti-bullying Week - Odd Socks Day – Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November
  - Children in Need – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Tea & Talk – Phonics in Reception – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November

## Save the date for December

- Winter Fest – Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December
  - Christmas lunch – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December
- Pre-loved uniform shop – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 3.30pm
  - Christmas Fayre – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December
- Last day of term, early closure – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, time to be confirmed.

## Message from the Principal

Dear parents/carers.

Welcome back and I hope you had a lovely extended break. It was wonderful to receive so many photographs of autumn celebrations and to hear children share their stories of pumpkins, Halloween, Diwali, bonfire night and more. The start of term has been collaborative with many shared events amongst parents, staff, children and the community. This has included Nursery Tea and Talk and a SATs workshop focussing on the beginning and end of our children's journey with us. Parent consultations were attended well, allowing children to share their workbooks with parents and carers and opportunities for teachers to discuss the start of the year – settling, their work, progress and next steps. Thank you for attending. There was a lovely atmosphere. In addition, I had the pleasure of conducting the first prospective parent tour showing the academy in action. The parents were extremely complimentary of our EYFS provision, the grounds and our approaches to learning. Comments were shared praising our children's confidence and manners.



### Academy Tours

#### Why Darlinghurst?

Come along and see us in action

Tour dates with the Principal	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	1:45pm - 2:45pm
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	9:30am - 10:30am
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	9:30am - 10:30am
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> December	1:45pm - 2:45pm
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	9:30am - 10:30am
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	1:45pm - 2:45pm



Yesterday our small friends at Kingsway Pre-school joined Mr Blewett to engage in a PE session at big school. They had a lovely time and another 10 children are coming to play next week. We are providing a number of pre-school events over the course of the year, including come and play sessions for our future intake to reception. This includes, Winterfest, our festival for nursery and other pre-schoolers.



Our junior governors visited our dear friends at Admiral Court today to share with them arts and crafts as part of Remembrance Day. Children who attend the Scouting and Girl Guide movements wore their uniforms with respect and others shared poetry and art work. The academy fell silent for two minutes for reflection. Year five had recently been learning about World War 1 and today featured in the Echo.



This weekend is National Kindness Day ahead of next week's anti-bullying campaign – Reach Out. Across the academy we have promoted our buckets of kindness with children paying compliments to others and sharing acts of kindness. We are encouraging children to show random acts of kindness, this weekend

and across the week. Please remind the children to wear odd socks on Monday to launch anti-bullying week with celebration of our uniqueness.



As always enjoy your family time together and why not give a random act of kindness to someone.

Mrs Nicholls

## Remembrance Day

Today was a time for reflection. Across the Academy, pupils joined in a 2 minute silence to commemorate those who have died in conflict and those who are still making sacrifices so that we may continue to enjoy our freedom. Throughout the week, pupils have considered the relevance of the poppy as a sign of remembrance, hope and peace. In Art, Year 5 and Year 2 produced some powerful silhouette drawings related to war. All classes discussed Remembrance Day and how although there have been many changes to military uniform and warfare, the act of showing respect has continued for over 100 years. Pupils identified places they knew where monuments stand. 'Lest we forget'.





## Water Bottles

Please be reminded that children should bring a sustainable bottle to school, however, metal water bottles are no longer allowed for health and safety reasons. Please label your child's water bottle along with other personal items to add identification.



## Anti-Bullying Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week coordinated throughout England and Wales by the Anti-Bullying Alliance. The theme this year is Reach Out and to kick the week off we are encouraging all children, and adults, to wear Odd Socks on Monday 14th November, in celebration of our uniqueness. Children are to come into school in normal school uniform but proudly wearing their odd socks to start the beginning of this special week where lessons will also be focused on reaching out.



## Children in Need

On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> November, we will be celebrating Children in Need and invite the children to wear spotty accessories alongside their school uniform, which must still be worn. Donations for this worthy cause can be made via Parent Pay.



## Christmas Fayre

Please join us on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> December for our Christmas Fayre. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.



## Attendance

### EYFS

Starfish 97.6%  
97.4%

### KS1

Albatross 98.8%  
Shrimp 98.37%

### KS2

Stingray 98.7%  
Seashell 98.2%







## School calendar

Please see an update to the 2022 / 2023 term dates due to the additional bank holiday in May.

ACADEMY TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES - ACADEMIC YEAR 2022/23

SEPTEMBER 2022	OCTOBER 2022	NOVEMBER 2022	DECEMBER 2022
Mo	1	1	1
Tu	2	2	2
We	3	3	3
Th	4	4	4
Fr	5	5	5
Sa	6	6	6
Su	7	7	7
Mo	8	8	8
Tu	9	9	9
We	10	10	10
Th	11	11	11
Fr	12	12	12
Sa	13	13	13
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Sa	20	20	20
Su	21	21	21
Mo	22	22	22
Tu	23	23	23
We	24	24	24
Th	25	25	25
Fr	26	26	26
Sa	27	27	27
Su	28	28	28
Mo	29	29	29
Tu	30	30	30
We	31	31	31

## Proud to be me

Mrs Nicholls loves children's visits to her office, sharing their achievements and experiences each week. The children also come and chat, share their news and special drawings, including a letter from the King! This week she was visited by Maddie and Maisie from year 1, Daniel from year 3, Nikolai from year 4 and Amelia, Amber, Jessica, Eden-Rose and Thomas from year 5. Well done!



What have you missed on Instagram this week?





## Autumn Celebrations

