



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](#)

October events

- Flu immunisations - Wednesday 19th October
- Pre-loved uniform shop – Thursday 20th October 3:30pm – 4pm
- Year 6 cake sale – Friday 21st October
- Half term 24th October – 4th November (full school day on Friday, 21st October)

Save the date for November

- Tea & Talk – Nursery – Tuesday 8th November 8:45am
- Year 1 – 6 - Parent consultations Tuesday 8th and Wednesday 9th November – further details to follow
- Individual and sibling photos – Wednesday 9th November
- Tea & Talk – Year 6 SATs – Tuesday 10th November 6pm
- Tea & Talk – Phonics in Reception – Tuesday 15th November 8:45am

Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and carers,

Thank you to everyone for supporting YoungMindsUK and JUST ONE Tree on Monday as we celebrated Hello Yellow. Two very important charities that support wellness and sustainability. Emotional health, wellbeing and sustainable behaviours are promoted within the academy and within the curriculum. YoungMinds is the UK's leading charity fighting for children and young people's mental health. JUST ONE Tree is a non-profit initiative removing CO2 from the atmosphere through global restoration, they make it simple for schools and businesses to plant trees and combat climate change.

Part of our Darlinghurst Direction says 'Keep a healthy body and mind, be well and take a mindful minute' and 'manage your feelings – it's good to feel green.'





We support children to live healthy lifestyles that support their physical, emotional and mental health and value spending time in nature, knowing that this supports wellness. Children love learning outside the classroom and this week children have enjoyed exploring Autumn leaves and our year four trip to Belfairs woods, linked to the connected curriculum unit – Audio, Visual. Children participated in activities to apply their

senses to challenges. This included, the blindfold challenge, back to back drawing, musical composition with instruments and nature sounds and building habitats in the woods for our woodland friends.



We also have been enjoying the new menus with our catering team, Aspen's. The Junior Governors have been gathering feedback and shared this with the Cook and are looking forward to previewing the new menu's for after the break. We serve a range of hot and cold meals, with main meals, vegetarian options, hot pasta, jacket potato, dessert and fruit and bread. Children enjoy self-service at the salad cart, adding vegetable salad to their meals. Pick and Mix is still a favourite with a variety of items to choose from. Please encourage your children to try the new meals. New Menu's will be circulated ahead of Autumn 2



We know that children enjoy a range of experiences inside and outside the academy. Many of our children enjoy extra-curricular activities and the choir and dance troupe performed to others in assembly, which was enjoyed by all. A great warm up, ahead of performing at open evening yesterday, which they both did extremely well. They were the stars of the night. As were, the prefects who received compliments for their confidence, manners and passion. All the children involved in the evening were a credit to the academy. The Head Prefects put their confidence to the test as they delivered their speeches to prospective parents and a past pupil returned to share his reflections. Thank you Finley, Evie and Max. Finally a huge thanks to



all the staff here at Darlinghurst, including the media department of Belfairs. It was a whole team effort enjoyed by all. Should you know someone with a pre-school age child who was unable to attend the evening, I will be conducting academy tours over the coming months. A series of dates are available on our website.





Our Harvest collection was gratefully received by Mr Cauchi. I know that the items given will make a huge difference to those in need. Thank you all for generosity.



On the 11th October we celebrated Ada Lovelace Day, some of our girls enjoyed finding out fascinating facts about Ada Lovelace and other female scientists who have made contributions to this field. Ada Lovelace is considered the first computer programmer. The day was launched in 2009 as a celebration of women in science and promotes programs that encourage girls and women to pursue careers in STEM.



We have a final week ahead of the extended half term break and look forward to seeing you all on Monday. Until then, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Secondary school admissions

The deadline for secondary school applications is only 3 weeks away on the 31st October 2022. If you live in the City of Southend, applications can be submitted via the local authority's online portal: https://one.southend.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/en?ReturnUrl=%2FCitizenPortal_LIVE%2F. If you are not a Southend resident, you should apply directly to your local authority.

Pre-loved uniform shop

We will be holding our first pre-loved uniform sale on Thursday, 20th October. This will take place at 3.10 within the main gates.

Christmas Jumper day will be held on Friday, 9th December. In preparation of this, we will gladly accept any donations of any unwanted Christmas jumpers that we can add to our pre-loved uniform shop on Thursday 20th October. Please drop your donations to the school office.





Year 6 cake sale

Year 6 will be holding their first cake sale on Friday, 21st October with all proceeds going to their leavers events at the end of the year. This will be held in the main hall at 3.10pm. We would be grateful of any change!

Attendance

EYFS

Starfish 98.6%

KS1

Shrimp 99.7%

Albatross 99.4%

KS2

Strand 98.6%

Seashell 96.8%



Proud to be me

Mrs Nicholls was pleased to hear about all the achievements by Rupert, year 6, Isabella, Kalli and Dotty from year 5, Rodi, year 6, Henry, year 5 and Lacie, year 6. Well done everyone!



It was great to see so many children decked out in Yellow on Monday in response to **Hello Yellow Day**. Thank you to all those who have donated in response to World Mental Health Day and **Just One Tree**. It's not too late to make a donation and Parent Pay will remain open until half term (21st October) for anyone who still wants to.



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

