



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

The celebrations have continued over the week with children demonstrating the academy values in their work, play and events. This week, we enjoyed fully utilising our grounds on Outdoor Classroom Day and across the week in Outdoor learning. Outdoor classroom Day is a global movement to make time outdoors part of the day. We know that learning and play, outside is essential for children's development and social interactions and recognise the benefits of having our outdoor spaces and innovative ways to teach. Being in nature is great for our children's well – being and supports their understanding of the environment, environmental science and geography. The children had a wonderful time in the grounds and the wild flower garden is in full bloom. Thank you to Mrs Arnold for her dedication to Outdoor Learning.



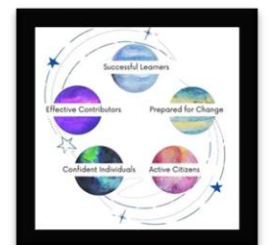
In sporting news, KS1, LKS2 and UPKS2 took part in a quads kids competition and came back with smiles, medals and year 4 with the winners shield! What an achievement but also a moment of 'belonging', was seen through the caring actions of Riley, who supported a child from another school to cross the finish line!

Our active citizens are also showing a sense of belonging with their second hand sale. The Eco and sports committee are coming together to reuse old summer toys and to get active. If you have some summer outdoor equipment, in good condition to donate. Please support their fundraising event.

This week, Mrs Powell, Mrs Buckley and Mrs Hahn met with the artist, Philippa Stewart, to begin plans for our METAL project. We are delighted that our bid was accepted and lucky to be part of this art project – art makes children powerful.

Year 6 enjoyed the Magistrates visit and engaged in workshops and discussions with interest. The Magistrates remarked on the knowledge, positive learning behaviours and attitudes of the children and were full of high praise.

At Darlinghurst, we talk about giving our children the SPACE to grow and this week has shown every aspect of SPACE in learning and academy life: Our children have been; successful learners, prepared for change, active citizens confident individuals and effective contributors. Well done!



I would like to finally thank the PTA for their support throughout the year. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Laura Rose Atling for her time and commitment. I know that whilst she is stepping down from her post, she remains part of the team in other roles. It was a positive meeting today with some new interested parents coming along. Should you wish to know more about the PTA, please do get in touch.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



From the Rockpool

The Rockpool have been enjoying the various stages of a few different life cycles this week. Our caterpillars have grown and are moving onto their next part of their journey to transform into a butterfly. We have started to grow cress seeds and broad beans and have been excited to see their quick growth. We are excited to see if there are any changes next week. Have a wonderful weekend.

Around the Academy

The children in **year 1** have loved learning about the advances in technology in the 1960's that lead to rockets going into space and Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin being the first astronauts to walk on the moon. We discussed that it was sad that Michael Collins did not get that opportunity because he had to stay in Apollo 11 to make sure that everything went well so that they could all get back to Earth safely. The children have enjoyed writing many different wow facts about this amazing mission. We have also continued thinking of the painting techniques used by Van Gogh to do our own paintings about space and role played a Christian christening for a doll we named Poppy.

Year 2 had the most fantastic time tie dying their t-shirts ready for our Jubilee celebrations next week. They have all been washed and dried and they look amazing! The children also completed their end of year assessments and we are so proud of the determination and confidence that they all showed. In art we have been looking at Bridget Riley who is an artist who was popular in the 1970's and produced some mind-bending artwork. We have all had a try at replicating some of her work. Maths next week is concentrating on volume and capacity. Homework this week asks the children to explore the capacity of household objects, hopefully the weather will hold and this can become outdoor learning!

Year 3 have been thinking a lot about money this week across different subjects. In maths, we have looked at adding different combinations of coins and notes together and creating our own money word problems to solve. In PSHE, we learnt about the value and purpose of money, focusing on how we spend, save and donate. Then lastly, in RE, we have been learning about Christianity in the community and how churches donating money and items to good causes can really help others. Following on from this, Mr Cauchi also visited year 3 this week to tell us about his charity work with the St Vincent's Centre in Southend and the importance of donations. It was great to see Mr Cauchi back at Darlinghurst again! Thank you so much to everyone who brought in donations for the St Vincent's Centre foodbank.

In **year 4** this week we have been writing about our 'trains of the future' we designed last week. Non-fiction writing is always trickier but the children have completed some great descriptions of their trains. Our topic concludes this week as we use some time to prepare for the Queen's Jubilee celebrations next week with learning the National Anthem, learning facts about the queen's reign and practicing our presentation about the queen in the 1980's. For maths this week we have been looking at the properties of 2D shapes and different types of triangles. Our trip to Southend Pier is approaching for next week. Please ensure you have returned your permission slip and paid via ParentPay.

This week **year 5** have been preparing for their Jubilee celebrations. Looking closely at the 00s, the children have explored the Millennium Development Goals and debated which they think is the most important and why. In Writing, the year group have been writing a biography about Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, learning about her childhood and the momentous occasion of her Coronation. Considering decimals within the context of money, has been the focus in our maths lessons and pushing those multiplication facts. In RE, we continue to explore life for a Muslim in Britain today, suggesting questions for our guest speaker! Keep up with enjoying a book and spending quality time reading at home. Use an AR test to check your understanding of what you have read.

This week we have had a visit from local magistrates who have spoken to the children about their roles and responsibilities in the local community. A mock trial was held in the hall for all of year 6 to allow children to



experience how a court of law operates and to see how different professions work. In maths, we have been looking at angles and in writing we are creating a diary entry based on Michael Morpurgo's Kensuke's Kingdom. We have also been studying the 1950s in the build up to the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, which we are all very much looking forward to.

Sport and PE Celebration News

It has been a very busy couple of weeks in the sporting calendar, with our children participating in the Creative Dance Festival and Quad Kids Athletics.

Creative dance Festival

Our Dance troupe performed at the creative dance festival held in some amazing surroundings at Allyn Court school. Miss Morris choreographed a fantastic routine for the troupe and many lunchtimes of practise really paid off on the day! They were amazing, performing the routine faultlessly with confidence in front of 20 schools and over 200 children. Well done troupe, Miss Morris and I are very proud of you!



Quad Kids Athletics

Children from year 2, 4 and 6 took part in the Quad kids events over the last week. In this event, each child competes in 4 events. Sprint, throw, jump and a long distance run. All of our children worked incredibly hard during completion, demonstrating many of our school values. Both our year 2 and 6 children finished in the top half of the table at the end of their events. The year 4 squad pushed themselves to their limits and at the end of the event were crowned champions! Well done to all children involved, your dedication, determination and respect for all shone through and once again you have made us all feel very proud of you.

I must also mention Riley in year 6. During one of the long distance races, a child from another school collapsed just before the finish line. Riley, who was watching the race, jumped up, picked the boy up and helped him to cross the finish line! What sportsmanship, respect and belonging Riley demonstrated in that moment. Well done Riley you total superstar. **Mr Felton PE Subject Lead**





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Attendance

EYFS

Jellyfish 97%

KS1

Puffin 96%

Albatross 95%

KS2

Wilton 97%

Victoria 96%



 **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

Renewed: Household Support Fund – FSM Vouchers

The Government have given Southend City Council some more grant money under the Household Support Fund. **Southend City Council is therefore continuing with the FSM voucher scheme for 1 week over the May 2022 half term holiday period and during the summer break.** Each eligible child will receive £15 per week for May 2022 half term. The summer holiday amount will be determined once the May half term period has concluded. Vouchers will be issued by the school, via WONDE, on Wednesday 25th May. If you have any questions or queries please e mail: finance@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Class photos

Class photos will be taken on Friday 10th June. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full school uniform on that date.



Outdoor Equipment Secondhand Sale



The Sports and Eco Committee will be running a Secondhand Sale on 16th June. More details to follow.

We need donations of any unused equipment or used equipment in a good condition.

Examples include: tennis rackets, footballs, goalkeeper gloves, skipping ropes, hoops, bucket and spade or even a bucket of dinosaurs!

Please drop off at the office or your child can bring to their classroom in a bag by 15th June.



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