



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,

This week I have had the pleasure to experience two special milestones and memory making moments! Our nursery children took part in their settling session, ahead of moving on into Reception. They had a fabulous time during their, 'come and play outside' time with the Reception Team. They love to play in the Rockpool garden and loved to explore. Mrs Gue watched from the Nursery with pride. I know she will miss being with them every day but luckily as the Early Years work very closely together, the nursery staff and children will still continue to see each other. Building and maintaining relationships in the early years is important and this is an essential element of our practice. The Reception teachers enjoyed the session too and are already planning ahead for their September start.

At the opposite end of the academy, year six have spent today and yesterday enjoying their Residential@home. They have loved the team building activities and developing new skills, including circus skill! The teaching team have ensured they have had an amazing time and fun still continues into the early evening tonight with a BBQ, fun and games. We are so very proud of our year six children. They have shown not only academic and emotional resilience but positivity and team spirit, throughout this year. The teaching team have been devoted in ensuring that they are successful learners and prepared for change. Their recent outcomes in their SATS reflect the hard working attitude of all! Their work ethic throughout blended learning and at school has led to great achievements! They are ready for secondary but we will enjoy them for a few more weeks, until we have to say our fond farewells.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

This week in **Tiddlers** we have been looking at the story 'The Snail and the Whale' and how small acts and little children can have a big impact. On Wednesday, we waved goodbye (for an hour) to some of our children who were visiting their new Reception classes, and although it was a reminder to us, that they will be leaving soon, we are also super excited to be able to be a part of their new adventures in Reception. We have been busy making plans and looking at our shared outside space, to make it the most exciting extension of our classrooms in September. Please don't forget that Monday is Pirate dress up day, we've got our costumes ready, we hope you all have too. Ooh arr me harties!!!

The great ship Nursery

This week in **Jellyfish and Starfish** we have continued our 'Under the Sea' topic by sharing poems from the book 'Commotion in the Ocean'.

Searching for the rhyming words has been fun and we realised that not all poems have to rhyme. In maths the children have shown us their knowledge from last week's homework about floating and sinking. We have also used shells and pebbles to explore weight using the balance scales. Each day the teachers have modelled a sentence based on one of the sea creatures in the book and then the children have written their own sentence too. To make it exciting the children have been able to choose a sea creature sticker to put in their writing book. Then they wrote their own sentences about it, using their phonic knowledge, resources and displays in the environment to help them. The teachers are super-duper impressed with how neat the children's writing is becoming. Well done, Reception!



Don't forget that The Rockpool are to come to school on Monday 28th June dressed as a pirate. What adventures we will have!!!!

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school every day, which is separate to a packed lunch drink. Also, please provide them with a named sun hat to keep in school or wear it to and from school daily. Please apply sun cream/lotion on your child before they come to school each day dependent on the weather. If it is not an all-day product it can be sent into school in order for your child to apply just before lunchtime. We thank you for your support. Have a marvellous weekend! **The Reception Team**

Around the Academy

In **Year 1** we have continued to be geographers thinking about the difference between man-made and natural features with the story 'Katie in London'. We really loved writing our own stories about Katie's exciting time visiting world famous landmarks on the back of a lion, who she met in Trafalgar Square! In maths we have continued to think of numbers that bond together to make 20 and have investigated capacity using a variety of different containers. In our learning of different world faiths, we have enjoyed holding and discussing everyday items important to the Jewish community.

This week in **Year 2** we have been exploring coastal erosion, the children have found out how powerful nature is and we conducted an experiment to show what happens when a lot of water is introduced to a cliff made of rocks and soil. We have also been finding out about the important work that the RNLI does and learning about water safety. We have linked this to our story writing this week where Mr Grinling the lighthouse keeper gets blown off of a cliff by his kite and needs to be rescued (luckily he is very good at floating!)

In **Year 3**, we have started exploring our new topic after very much enjoying 'Multi-Cultural Fortnight' with our focus on Nigeria. Our final topic of year 3, 'How can we make living here better?' is all about our local environment and what we can do to help protect and save our surroundings from climate change and other potential harm. We have begun investigating this further in our writing lessons this week where we have been planning a leaflet about 'How to Save our Planet'. In our afternoon lessons we have also looked at ways of improving our local area and created posters to share and promote our message. In maths, we have continued with our fraction work, looking at mixed fractions and fractions and decimals this week. We have also learnt 'What is your name?' and 'My name is____' in Spanish which the children thoroughly enjoyed and are very confident with.

Another busy week for the **Year 4** children. This week in writing we have been continuing the adventures of 'Kai and the Snow Queen' as they travel across distant lands to the Snow Queen's home. We have been really impressed with the fantastic vocabulary used – well done everyone! Mr Felton has been proud of how well the children have been progressing in their swimming lessons and behaving so well on the journey there and back too. In RE the children have been exploring Hinduism and in particular the custom of 'Puja'. Swordfish class certainly enjoy the incense sticks and the wonderful smell it created in their classroom. Participation in TTRS remains high with Stingray class enjoying battling Mrs Cooke on Monday with great success! Keep up the good work year 4.

This week in **Year 5**, the children were introduced to their new geography topic 'where do I live?' where they were asked to think about which geographical features affect the way we live. From this, they were able to plot key symbols on an ordinate map of Leigh-on-sea. In writing, the children put their reporter hats on and wrote a newspaper article about the mysterious happenings of the Bermuda Triangle. They have focused on including cohesive devices to make sure their sentences flow throughout each paragraph. The children really enjoyed learning Bob Marley's 3 Little Birds in music this week. They created actions in place of singing the lyrics to the song and discussed the tempo, pulse and rhythm. Make sure you keep playing Rockstars for 10 minutes every night and keep taking accelerated reader tests on any completed books!



This week, **Year 6** have thought about the message of Martin Luther King and his dream of a world without prejudice. We have written our own updated 'I have a dream' speeches, which are relevant to today's world including what we think needs to change to enable Martin Luther King's dream to become a reality. As usual, the children have impressed us with their maturity and positivity as they have delivered their visions of the future. We have had great fun on our two days enjoying a variety of activities such as circus skills, cooking, animal handling and much more. It was wonderful to see the children engaging with such fantastic opportunities. We are currently planning the final Leavers' assembly and the children are all auditioning for parts and practising their lines. It would be very helpful if you could help your child to learn their song words at home.



Thank you to the children who have already started decorating their pebbles.

Congratulations to Callum for his amazing achievement from his football presentation day at the weekend.

Callum decided to try goalkeeping during lockdown, practicing and practicing & when measures were lifted and he was able to join his team again playing matches he asked to try being the teams goal keeper. Since then he's come on an incredible journey in football & with his confidence.

He was awarded player of the year by his coaches, manager & the other parents of the team!



TTRS Top Rockers - June Week 2			
	% of class that used TTRS last week	Average daily minutes	Average correct answers
1st	Stingray (100%)	GWS (6)	GWS (1102)
2nd	Swordfish	Stingray, Swordfish	Stingray
3rd	GWS	Dune	Dune



Hares About Town – Darlinghurst Little-Boat Leveret

Please support our charity Havens Hospice, a well-loved and respected charity that provides excellent care for local people. Show your support by purchasing a Trail Map from school. Simply donate £1 on Parent Pay and a map will be delivered to your child by the Friday of that week.

At the weekend, grab your trail map and explore the drove of hare sculptures and over 50 baby hares (leverets) dotted about Southend. **Our Little-Boat leveret is at The Priory in Pritlewell Priory Park**, waiting for curious visitors.

Please have a look on our Instagram for more photos. Hope to see you there soon!



Summer Sponsored Walk

Well done to all children for taking part in the sponsored walk to raise an awareness of health and fitness and to raise funds for our wellbeing garden (planned for the new year). Thank you for walking 1 mile at home too. If you haven't managed to do so yet, it's never too late! Please hand in sponsorship forms to class teachers and payments for monies raised can be made via Parent Pay. We have managed to raise a whopping **£1,041.00** so far! Thank you!





Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to this week's winners

EYFS

Jellyfish – 96.7%

Starfish – 96.6%

KS1

Seagull – 96.5%

Shrimp – 96.2%

KS2

Strand – 98%

White Shark – 97.2%

Special mention to year 6 class Wilton who achieved 100% attendance this week!



What have
you missed
on Instagram
this week?



SCHOOL CLUB SUPERVISOR Darlinghurst Academy (Part-time 10 hours per week)

**Pay £11.50 per hour term-time only
Required for September 2021**

Legra Academy Trust provides high quality, high impact early years, primary and secondary education in Essex. Working together, we make a huge impact on the lives and education of both our young people and staff. We are committed to providing professional development for both our staff and governors, in order to achieve sustainable improvement.

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join our wonderful team as Supervisor of our Extended care provision at 'Little Mariners'. The Supervisor will manage both our Breakfast and After School Clubs. Your remit will be to deal with the administration of the clubs in respect of registrations, payments and ordering food, along with organising activities for the After School Club.

You must have excellent communication and organisational skills. You will also need to be creative to provide fun things for the children to do in the After School Club.

The hours can be worked to your preference although we would strongly suggest that you do attend the beginning of either the Monday or Friday After School Club session, you may also be required to cover for sickness if unable to find additional staff.

If you feel that this could be the exciting opportunity or change you are seeking and would like to find out more please apply to
lindsey.corben@legratrust.org.uk

Darlinghurst Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Following safer recruitment procedures, this appointment will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service and satisfactory references. Belfairs Academy is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to positive employment policies to promote equal opportunity in employment.

**Closing Date for Applications: 5th July 2021
Interviews week commencing 12th July 2021**