



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



Yesterday, we enjoyed a day of excitement and pride, coming together to commemorate 'Her Majesty's' Platinum Jubilee.' Flags were flying outside and around the academy with regal music playing as the children entered the academy gates.

In true Darlinghurst style, the children showed their sense of belonging as they came together to sing the National Anthem at the start of their celebrations. With pleasure, I opened the ceremony and shared my reflections of the Silver Jubilee in 1977, sharing a photograph of the event. We took many photographs of the day which I am sure will be keepsakes for the future. A day in Darlinghurst's history.



In the run up to the day, classes were tasked with researching a particular decade which culminated in them show casing this to the rest of the school. From Mastermind experts to climate change ambassadors, pupils studied key events from the 1950s to the present day. I loved watching the presentations from the decades, seeing children sharing facts, fashion and music. The 80's era brought back flashbacks of my childhood years.

I would like to thank Mrs Lee, History lead and Mrs Powell, Curriculum and Eco lead for their planning and preparation for the day. It was a big event to coordinate and it was a fabulous day. The teachers and children all enjoyed their experiences and turned plans into performances and fantastic pieces of work. There was such a buzz around the academy.

As we fly the Green Flag and so it is no surprise to discover that the children also planted new trees in the school grounds under the Queen's Green Canopy scheme for future generations to enjoy.

The grounds looked beautiful with bunting hung outside for the picnic. Children wore their crowns, like party hats and enjoyed their 'Big Lunch,' together. The recent rain, kept away and the sun shone on the event. The playground train was also declared as the 'Elizabeth Line', with a visit from our very own Queen for the day.

Everyone enjoyed watching the dance troupe as they performed rock, jive and street dance 'through the decades' complete with fabulous costumes to match. It was a great compilation, thanks to the creative work of Miss Morris.

I would like to thank Year 6 for their re-enactment of the Queen's Coronation. I enjoyed watching the performance and I know the children across the academy, enjoyed the recording.

The day was filled with an air of pride and sense of community. The contributions from adults and children were remarkable.



As always, enjoy your family time together and enjoy the celebrations and half term. I will see you back at the academy on **6th June** and look forward to the rest of the summer term. We break up a day early on Thursday 21st of July taking our extra day in thanks of the Queen.

Mrs Nicholls



Polite reminders

Upon our return please be courteous of our neighbours and each other at pick up and drop off. Children are to remain in their parents supervision. Therefore, please do not allow them to climb on the fences, trees or flower beds.

Please refrain from entering the car parks and use the footpaths to access the grounds. Staff and disabled vehicles access these areas.

Clean Air Day is fast approaching (16th June) and we ask that you help to reduce air pollution around the academy. The eco team have produced posters to promote clean air day and to raise awareness of the impact of 'car idling'. Did you know that car idling (leaving your engine switched on when stationary) is actually illegal? For every minute that your engine is running, you can produce enough fumes to fill 150 balloons!

The academy is also a non-smoking site, including the surrounding gates.

We appreciate that the road outside of school is busy and if possible, please use neighbouring roads to park. This will also allow our neighbours to have clear access to and from their homes.



Finally, thank you to parents for respectfully keeping mobile phones away whilst on the academy grounds. This is important for safeguarding.

From the Rockpool

The Rockpool have thoroughly enjoyed this half-terms learning focus about growth and life cycles and have focused on so many different life cycles such as caterpillars and beans. The children themselves are growing and developing in all areas of their learning which is important to their daily learning and life skills. Linked to the forthcoming Queen's Platinum Jubilee the children focused their learning around the story, 'The Queen's Knicker's'. It is such a fun story and led to many counting and craft ideas as well as writing letters to the Queen to show her some new designs for some knickers! We hope that you all enjoy your week long holiday and look forward to seeing you eager and ready for our new learning after the break. Have fun!

Around the Academy

In **year 1**, we have been taking part and enjoyed all of the Jubilee Celebrations we have done this week. We made a variety of decorations such as crowns, flags and bunting to celebrate the Queen's Jubilee with the whole school. In addition to this, the children have put together a presentation for Year 2 all about space in the 1960's, looking at Apollo 11. During writing, we have written a detailed piece all about the Queen. The children particularly enjoyed learning and discussing lots of interesting facts about her life. A fantastic week!

What an amazing end to the half-term! Our **year 2** children really enjoyed celebrating the Queen's Jubilee on Thursday and were proud to showcase their amazing arts and crafts. They wore their tie-dyed t-shirts with pride and were able to talk with understanding about the 1970's which has been our focus decade. In maths, we have been finding out the difference between volume and capacity and the children have been learning how to read a scale where not all of the numbers are marked. We have also performed 'The Owl and the Pussycat' for some of the younger children using props that we have made using different art mediums to support us when telling the story. The year 2 team hope that you have a restful half-term and that the children come back ready for a fun-packed final half term.



In **year 3** this week, we have been completing our topic on the games children play and the history of toys. Over the last few weeks, we have learnt about the most popular 80s toys (e.g. Jenga, Polly Pocket, Pac Man), as well as, materials they were made from and similarities/differences with toys of today. We have finished writing reports on 80s toys in English and have also worked on a presentation about the 1980s era to perform on our Jubilee day.

Wow, what a fabulous week **year 4** have had. Our trip to Southend Pier was great fun! We learnt all about the history of the pier and the trains, sat on a really old train that once travelled the pier, had old pennies to play the slot machines of the 1920's and had a go at the signal levels that once controlled the pier trains. A very blustery walk to the end was rewarded with lunch and a huge ice cream each! The children's behaviour was exemplary. The teachers recorded 12km walked in the 6hrs we were out! Our Jubilee day was fantastic. Thank you so much to all our families support with costumes and practicing lines. Our performance was incredible and the children were able to wear their amazing 80's outfits all day! We wish you all a very happy half term and hope you enjoy some family time to celebrate the official jubilee weekend.

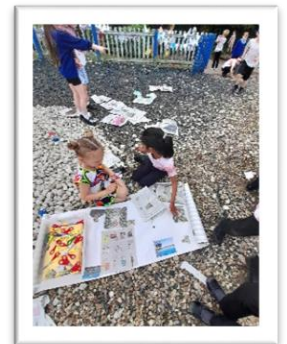
A big well done to **year 5** for their amazing efforts during the Queen's Platinum Jubilee day on Thursday. After the national anthem in the field, the children continued the morning with crown building, bunting designing and flag making. After break the Year 5 and 6 classes gathered together in the hall as we listened to two presentations. Year 6 focused on all things 1950s and Year 5 introduced the Millennium, the dome and development goals. Both year groups delivered well with clear voices and interesting information. Lunch was a picnic lunch outside with music and games to follow. For the afternoon the children watched a re-enactment of the coronation, took part in a Jubilee quiz and for the finale Miss Morris and children from across the school treated us to a fabulous dance which took snippets from famous dances and music across the many decades that the Queen has been monarch. A good time was had by all. Well done to all staff involved and Mrs Lee for organising all the events. Have a safe holiday and we'll see you all back on the 6th June for our final half term together in Year 5.

Year 6 have been researching the 1950s for the last two weeks. The children have worked in small groups to research an aspect of the decade: The Space Race, Inventions, 1950's artists like Jackson Pollock; singers like 'Elvis' and 'The Supremes' to name a few of the projects. The Year 6 children have presented their findings to Year 5 yesterday. Speaking in front of a large audience is not easy and most of the children are really having to push themselves and test their confidence when speaking in front of an audience. We have also re-enacted and videoed the coronation for the rest of the school, it was shown as part of the Queen's Jubilee celebrations. Thank you to the children who brought in outfits and learned their lines, you did a fabulous job! Well done to all of the children who have worked so hard this half term, particularly with the SATs. Have a wonderful half term break everyone!

Sporting news

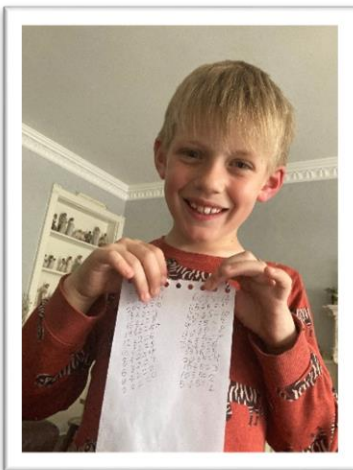
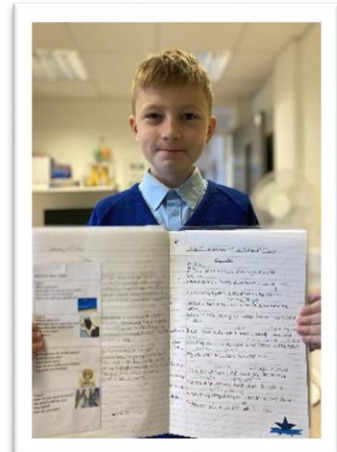
Our year 5 rounders team competed in their first ever tournament. The children had a terrific morning competing against some challenging schools. Their fielding skills were amazing today with plenty of catches! Mr Blewett said "I am so proud of the children, they showed resilience and determination throughout." Well done team!







Proud to be me



Attendance

KS1
Seagull 98%

KS2
Coral 99%





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.

Sports day

We are pleased to be able to welcome parents and carers back to our annual sports days. It will take place on the following dates Tuesday July 12th EYFS/KS1 (am) and Wednesday July 13th year 3 & 4 (am) and year 5 & 6 (pm). Start times will be confirmed after half term.

Darlinghurst Academy PTA

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day Sunday 19th June 2022.

Blind Bags for Father's Day are available to purchase until Midnight 6th June 2022.

The bags will contain a little gift to celebrate the Dads, carers and Grandads this Father's Day.

Purchase via ParentPay £2 per bag. Please order by the closing date as we are unable to process any orders placed afterwards.



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**.



What have
you missed
on Instagram
this week?

