



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

This week children have been exploring their new units of learning using poetry and art as a stimulus for their learning, across the curriculum. During discussions they have shared their knowledge of artists or poets with me and have enjoyed applying this to their own art or writing. I had the pleasure of seeing some of the children's writing and complimented them on their ability to capture the reader's interest through language choices and style. We have some budding authors and artists in our midst.



I also had the pleasure of sharing personal and collaborative achievements with sporting achievements in Cross Country finals and bronze medallists for a Boccia competition. Great determination and team spirits. I love hearing the positive news, including those who share their, 'Proud to be' moments with achievements outside of the academy, with trophies and awards for Kung Fu, litter picking and that special moment of learning to ride a bike. Children have also received academy postcards for showcasing their values.



Finally, this afternoon, Mrs Hahn, Mrs Grant and I took St Vincent house outside for their celebration as house point winners for last half term. I love the way the children and staff celebrate together in celebration assembly, every Friday afternoon, giving value to all of the above. The children are always enthusiastic and congratulate each other. This also includes celebrating attendance with our special attendance bears being shared for silver and gold attendance. Well done to Seashell this week 100% attendance. As we move forward this half term please continue good attendance and punctuality. Miss Davis our attendance officer and the pastoral team are here to give support, if needed. Please continue to share your children's achievements and interests with us and celebrate our values together.



Today, children shared their sense of belonging through the giving of cards to others in celebration of Eid-Al-Fitr. It was lovely to see children recognising others faiths and beliefs. An example of celebrating diversity.





This week, Mrs Powell provided a parent workshop for year one parents regarding the phonics screening check in June. If you missed the workshop and would like to know how to help your child at home, please get in touch. Over the coming few weeks, end of key stage assessments are carried out nationally and our children will be completing their SATs. Further information will be shared with parents via ping.

Enjoy your family time and Bank holiday weekend together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

This week in the Rockpool our topic has been life cycles and we shared the story 'The Amazing Lifecycle of plants' which shows the journey of a seed becoming a plant and what it needs to grow. This coincided with the Nursery children planting more bulbs in our fairy garden area and the Reception children continuing to help with the watering of our seedlings that are beginning to grow in our flower patch. The children have been very excited talking about the changes they have seen from seed to seedling, and have been considering what they will see when the plants are fully grown....these are very exciting times! There have been a few changes in the Rockpool garden, the water has been moved so that the children are able to access it easily and we have sand in our large sandpit, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. Please note that the children are spending increasing amounts of time outside so please make sure that they have sun cream applied in the mornings, and coats for when the weather turns.

Around the Academy

This week in **Year 1**, we have enjoyed becoming artists and have created detailed pictures in the style of Vincent Van Gogh. We learnt and discussed the techniques he used in all his paintings and looked at lots of different facts about his life. During maths, we have looked at two digit numbers within 100. The children used dienes to represent the two digit numbers and worked out how many tens and ones are in each number. We have also tried really hard to count the different objects remembering to count in tens and then ones to help us find the correct answer. In writing, we have discussed and read the story 'Katie and the Sunflowers' which is linked to our topic all about Vincent Van Gogh. The children made links from our topic and were able to create their very own version of the story remembering all the parts in detail. We have learnt so many new facts about Vincent Van Gogh and cannot wait to learn more.

Year 2 have been looking in more depth at the tracks that different animals make. We used pipe cleaners and card to replicate the feet of cats and owls so that we could use them when printing with paint. The children have also really enjoyed changing the story of 'Six Dinner Sid' this week in writing. They have produced some magnificent stories using their vivid imaginations to improve the story in their own unique way.

Year 3 have been learning about the faith of Christianity and how important this religion is to many people around the world. They watched children participating in their faith at church and in their homes. How they celebrate in a congregation inside a church or when they are praying at home, as well as looking at artefacts that are used as part of their faith.

It's been a creative week in **year 4**. The children have completed their second week of poetry, continuing to develop their poetic skills focusing on careful syllable counting as well as rhyming to create their own 'From a railway carriage' poem. The children have explored a range of paintings from artists famous for their paintings of railways. The children were fantastic at appraising the pictures and discussing which ones they liked the best and why. On Wednesday, the children spent the afternoon creating their own masterpieces using the famous paintings as inspiration. We were so impressed with their attention to detail and focus. Well done year 4 for another productive week!



A busy, but fun week in **year 5**. We have been converting units of measure, writing pirate stories with relative clauses, understanding the importance of the 5 pillars in Islam, learning the colours in French and exploring who Dick Turpin was. All of the children are constantly trying to meet and demonstrate the expectations of Darlinghurst and year 5. Enjoy your long weekend, the end of Ramadan and Eid.

Sports News – Tri Golf

Last week some of our children attended a Tri-Golf competition at Garons Golf Complex. There were two competitions, a solo event and a team event. In the solo event, Ella competed against children from other schools on the 9 hole par 3 course whilst at the same time our team competed in a variety of golf games including chipping into a target and putting accuracy games. Both Ella and the team demonstrated great skill and accuracy throughout the afternoon. At the end of the day both Ella and the team managed finished in second place, each receiving a lovely silver medal to take home with them. As always, our children played with respect for others and wore the Darlinghurst badge with pride, and above all had smiles on their faces all day. What a great start to what is promising to be a very busy term of sport.



Mr Felton PE Subject Lead

Proud to me

Mrs Nicholls was delighted to have a visit from Lotoya, Albert and Erin from Year 5 and Henry from Reception to show her some fantastic written work that they had produced in class this week. Well done!



Well done to Ted from Puffin class for making a difference and becoming a litter hero by taking part in a litter pick.



KS2 Choir club

Do you love to sing? Why not join the Darlinghurst KS2 Choir on Fridays after school 3:15pm till 4pm and end the week singing with friends.

Those children who attend the choir regularly will have the opportunity to participate in the Junior Music festival, performing on stage at the Cliffs Pavilion on Friday 17th June. The festival is well attended by schools in the local area and together they perform a selection of songs based on a theme. This Year's theme is, 'Musicals'.

They will be singing some great hits such as, 'When I grow up', from Matilda and 'The circle of life,' from the Lion King and more.



What have
you missed
on
Instagram
this week?

