



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping**. In addition, we use **Twitter and Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@Darlinghurstsch** on Twitter and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram

Message from the Vice Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week began with the return of our year six children and staff to Darlinghurst on Monday morning and ended with staff and children reuniting on Friday morning in the first transition session. All were given a warm welcome. We were thrilled to see them and enjoyed hearing their stories and chatter. Many have grown taller and seem ready for their next stage, especially some of the year six. The year six children are now busy preparing for their final weeks of Primary education and we look forward to giving them a fond farewell.

The Year six staff and children shared how great it is to be back and see so many familiar friends.

It's like reuniting with family. - Mrs Lee

It feels like we're back home again. - Mrs Powell

I'm so pleased the children had a chance to do PE again with our staff. Mr Felton, Mr Blewitt and Miss Morris are delighted. - Mr Turner

It's nice to be back but the tables are so small. - Millie

It's changed so much in some ways but it's also the same. - Roman

This morning the year three transition session was held on the school field. There was such a buzz of excitement and anticipation as the children were pleased to see their classmates and to discover that they would be together again next year. They also liked the news that a member of staff was going forward with them. We recognise the importance of positive relationships and belonging. Parents were delighted to see smiling, happy faces on their return. We have been giving careful consideration to the resettling of our children for the new academic year, focusing on their well-being and re-engagement into learning and academy life. We are pleased that, after the Government's recent announcement, we can now look forward to seeing all our wonderful children back in school next term!

The government has stated, 'Given the improved provision, the balance of risk is now overwhelmingly in favour of children returning to school. For the vast majority of children, the benefits of being back in school far outweigh the very low risk from Coronavirus (COVID-19). We are finalising our plans on how we are grouping our children together, to deliver curriculum provision that meets their needs, health and safety. We will maintain processes to reduce contact between groups of children and the stringent cleaning processes that we already have in place to ensure that Darlinghurst remains a safe place for all. I will be sending a letter to parents and carers outlining the full reopening of Darlinghurst for September, in due course.'



During this past week, children within bubbles at school and at home have been learning about multiculturalism. Multicultural week got off to a great start this week. Nursery have been learning a Spanish dance and made their own instruments which was lovely to see. It has been wonderful to see how enthused children have been to discuss the topic and create wonderful pieces of work. In year one, children have been counting numbers in Spanish, using body counting. Such amazing enthusiasm and fluency – super impressive! In reception, children have been writing sentences and incorporating colours written in Spanish to their writing. The children were excited to talk about the country and culture they have been learning about, including showing examples of traditional dress and musical instruments they had made, during role play.



In outdoor learning, the key worker children have been learning about India and how Divali can be celebrated through the use of bright colours and intricate patterns, drawing beautiful images on the playground in chalk.

Year 6 have been learning about Brazil and have learnt some phrases in Portuguese. We noticed some similarities between Portuguese and Spanish. Next week, Year 6 will be focusing on the Amazon rainforest by studying a remote tribe and looking at problems like deforestation which will inspire their story writing.

Our virtual, bubble assemblies have been encouraging children to reflect on similarities and differences, showing a mutual respect to others culture, identify and beliefs. Assemblies have focused on diversity, global citizenship and multiculturalism – we are one world, one love, one heart beating. We have built some new displays around the school to continue to share the message. Please also take a look at our Instagram where you can view some expressions of culture from members of our community, celebrating similarities and differences.



Our Eco –Team and UN accredited climate change teacher, continue to raise awareness about the dangers of plastics through sharing 'plastic free July'. Please take a look at the details further on in News & Views.



As we enter our final fortnight of this academic year, it leads me to feel reflective on the past year, considering the achievements and challenges that we have faced. At a time when we were physically unable to be connected, we have in fact stayed connected and I am proud to be part of our community. My passion for education and belief that a holistic approach in developing the whole child, has been strengthened as I have watched our children show empathy, character and resilience during these past months. Staff and parents have worked together to support them academically, emotionally and socially and will continue to do so as they adjust back into school life.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls, Principal

What have you missed out on **Twitter and Instagram** this week?





Plastic Free July

This month is plastic free July and we will be thinking about how we can reduce plastic in school and at home.

Why is it important to reduce the amount of plastic we use?

Although we can recycle plastic, only 9% of the world's plastic gets recycled. Since the outbreak of Covid19, we have seen an increase in plastic waste on our streets, in our parks and in public areas such as plastic gloves, masks and plastic bottles. Eventually, these plastics will find their way into our rivers and oceans, harming sea creatures and wildlife. It is estimated that by 2050, there will be more plastic in the ocean than fish but the harm of plastic waste inland is just as bad. Many creatures such as hedgehogs, deer and mice can be trapped in plastic-based litter.

What can I do at home?

There are many ways you can reduce the amount of plastic you use and it doesn't have to be all in one go. For example, switching to a reusable bottle or bag. There are lots of eco-friendly alternatives out there from reusable sandwich bags to bamboo toothbrushes. One simple act can have a huge impact on our environment. Teaching your child about the negative effects of littering and the importance of taking any litter home is an important life-lesson so that it does not end up harming our wildlife.

Check out this website for more tips on how you can take part:

<https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>



9 WAYS YOU CAN REDUCE OCEAN PLASTIC

- 1** **Boycott single-use plastic**
- 2** **Join the reusable revolution**
- 3** **Shop local & request plastic-free packaging**
- 4** **Minimise bathroom & cleaning products**
- 5** **Purchase second hand instead of buying new**
- 6** **Buy fewer, high quality items made to last**
- 7** **Choose products made from recycled materials**
- 8** **Consider sharing or hiring instead of owning**
- 9** **Lead by example to inspire others too**

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Transition

With next week's planned transition sessions, please can we ask that you arrive punctually at your child's allotted time and do not loiter on the Academy grounds.





Leader board 10.07.20

As most of Reception and Year 1 are back in school, we are no longer allocating rewards on DB Primary.

	Year group	Score
1st 	4	14,075
2nd 	5	11,190
3rd 	3	10,015
4th	2	3,595