



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 Principal

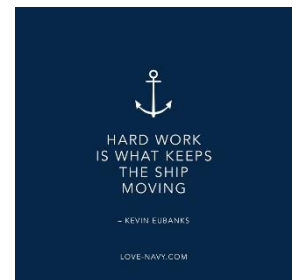
This week has been the final week of, 'Multicultural Fortnight' with children deepening their understanding of their chosen countries. I enjoyed watching a dance performance by Year 5 of traditional Bhangra dance moves and seeing colourful Saris and traditional dress around the academy. Children have shared aspects of their culture during lessons and eager to learn and embrace other cultures. What a sense of belonging – celebrating diversity together.

Year 6 have approached their SATs this week with academic resilience. They have been outstanding in their attitude towards learning and personal success. I am extremely proud of all our year six children, who have remained focused throughout this year, aiming high. Together, with their teachers they have shown an 'I can attitude' and worked hard here at the academy and within blended learning. We could not have asked for more.

Thank you to our staff, for your dedication to give our year six the best possible chances and experiences. Over the coming weeks, we continue to prepare them for secondary readiness but also to reflect and celebrate their time, here at Darlinghurst. I know, that when the time comes for them to set sail upon new horizons– they have the navigation tools for success. We recognise the importance of transition and induction for our children. Over the coming weeks, we will be preparing our children for their next phase and more information will be shared in due course.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



From The Rockpool

This week in **Nursery** we have continued our theme of under the sea, and have made special Father's Day cards for Sunday. We had a delivery of flowers last week so we have been making potions and perfume, using the petals. We have also continued our 30 days wild challenge by spotting bees in flowers, wiggling our toes in the grass in the field, cloud watching, identified wild flowers and identifying creepy crawlies, it's been a busy week!



On Friday we celebrated Miss Broom's 21st birthday. Happy Birthday from all of us Miss Broom, we hope you have a fantastic weekend!! Team Nursery.



This week in **Reception** we have started our new topic about 'Under the Sea'. Linked to the whole school multicultural fortnight we have shared and focused our learning around the story, 'The Rainbow Fish', written and illustrated by Marcus Pfister. The story is best known for its message about being kind to others, sharing and embracing different cultures, beliefs, religions and identities.

On Wednesday the children enjoyed completing part of the sponsored walk on the school field wearing their house team colours. Remember to complete those sponsorship forms.

On Monday 28th June, to celebrate the launch of Reception's new topic, we will be having a Pirate dressing up day! (But please no sword, pistols or cutlasses)

Everything needs to be named.

ARGH ME HARTYS!!

Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday, 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

This week in **Year 1** we have really enjoyed continuing learning about Bangladesh for Multicultural Fortnight and even got to learn how to do Bhangra dancing. We've explored London with Barnaby Bear for our writing lessons and have written recounts using past tense to tell about Barnaby Bear's great day out and then discussed our own great days out, thought about where we've gone, how we got there and what we needed to bring and drew some beautiful pictures of our brilliant days.

This week, **Year 2** have been exploring coastal features and enjoying retelling the wonderful story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. They have also relished the opportunity to learn about Hindu festivals, in particular Holi festival. We have had the chance to get creative with colour through creating our own rangoli designs and getting stuck into splatter painting. We have also been implementing our new learning and life skill 'Speaking and listening' by listening to the opinions of others and responding appropriately.

Year 3 have continued their exploration of Nigerian culture and celebrated the amazing life of actor John Boyega who holds his Nigerian roots very close to his heart despite being a Hollywood star and champion for racial equality and diversity.

A BIG congratulations to Year 3 for participating in the Big Sing/Sign on Tuesday. Everyone was very impressed with how the children came together in the hall and online (with permission) with schools from around the globe focusing at the O2 under the guidance of music legend Billy Ocean. Hopefully there were enough participants to break a new world record! A very lovely day was had by all.

Well done for all the children that participated in the sponsored walk in their house colours on Thursday a great way of raising money and keeping healthy at the same time.

In RE, **Year 4** have been learning about Hinduism and things that are special to them. The children found this very interesting and they loved sharing things that were also important to them. Victoria from GWS said that she had a special toy called Piglet that she had since she was three. Florence from GWS shared with the class that she had some photographs of her cat that had sadly passed away.

This is our second week of multicultural week on exploring Malta. The children have been looking at different geographical features of Malta. We all have agreed that it is a beautiful and interesting country to visit. Year 4 have also been learning about the weather and how to say this in Spanish. The weather has changed so much this week. It should give them a good chance to practice the new vocabulary that they have learnt. Adios Ms Levy and the Year 4 team.



Year 5 started off their week with an exciting trip to Chase High School. Whilst walking to Chase, Darlinghurst pupils demonstrated a growing maturity as they listened to instructions and carefully followed adults and prefects around school.

The children proved they were confident learners as they took up the secondary school challenges and participated in the range of activities.

Each group was composed of children from two or more of the year 5 classes giving the children an opportunity to work on their B for belonging value as they worked well with new children as a team. Each group continued to work as a team as they had a PE session held by Southend football club. In the food tech session the children followed instructions and my turn your turn to make a pizza roll from scratch- the results were very yummy! Other groups explored Shakespearean insults in a writing session as they developed their vocabulary choices. In the science sessions the children put their detective hats on as they determined which suspect the ink from the 'crime scene' matched- it turned out suspect D had committed the crime! Those who experienced the IT sessions got to put their computational thinking from before half term to good practice as they created algorithms from the computer bots to follow. Over all a great day had for all!

Back in school we have continued to explore Bangladesh during our multicultural fortnight. Beginning with Bangladeshi fight for independence we have uncovered why East Pakistan wanted to become independent and the independence war which lasted more than 9 months. To top the week off we practised the Bhangra dancing outside on the playground, performing the 16 count beat as a whole year group.

Year 6 have been working hard this week completing their final assessments. As a treat and as we would do for the real SATs, the children have been coming in early for a special breakfast. This has helped give them extra energy and focus for the task at hand. We are all really proud of our year 6s and how hard they have worked this year, the resilience they have shown and determination to do their best. As part of multicultural week, the children have been writing speeches based on that written by Dr Martin Luther King Jr calling for an end to racism and discrimination. Our children are so passionate about celebrating diversity and enabling equality for all. We have also continued to learn about India and understanding the differences between cities and the countryside.

The Big Sing

On Tuesday, Year 3 had an amazing opportunity to join thousands of other children from all over the country to take part in Young Voices – The Biggest Sing. The aim of the event was to set a new Guinness World record for the most children singing or signing the same song at the same time.





Outdoor learning

This week the children have been looking at South American and Mayan temples. The children had great fun creating these in the outdoor area.



Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to this week's winners, with a very special mention to Bembridge class as they are the only class this week to achieve 100% attendance showing that everyday counts!

EYFS

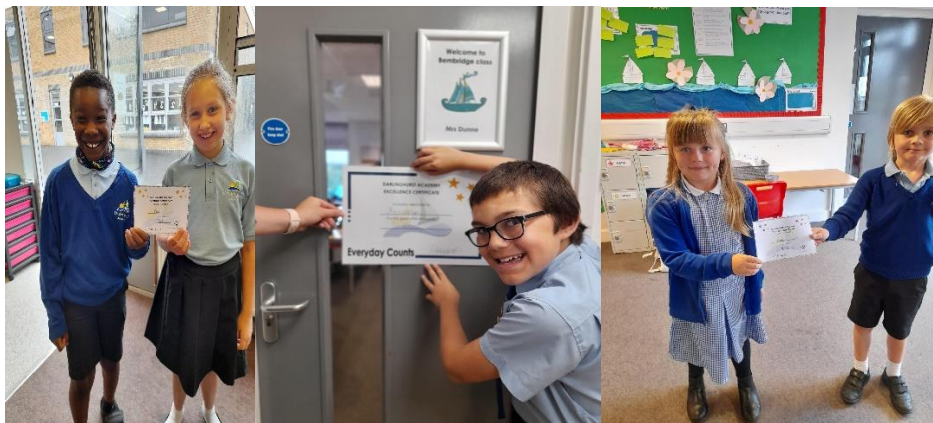
Jellyfish 99.2%
Starfish 96.3%

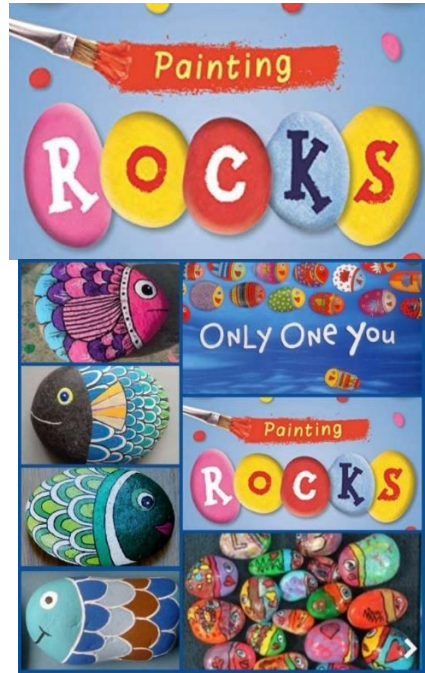
KS1

Lobster & Puffin 98.9%
Albatross 96.9%

KS2

Coral 98.1%
GWS 98%





Are you feeling creative? Find a pebble and make your very own rockfish – “only one you.” Join in with our special art project and add a rockfish to our growing collection. Also, find another special pebble and keep it safe, ready for our Shaping the Future event in September.

What have
you missed
on
Instagram
this week?

