



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,

A picture paints a thousand words. Our year one children participated in our mini shaping the future, 2020 to celebrate their start to Key stage one. I shared the story of 'Little Boat' and the importance of our academy logo. The children sang together, 'How Far will I go' from the Film Moana, reflecting our sense of adventure and determination. Each child received a special certificate for taking part in the house team activities and showing great team work! A great sense of belonging! Fun was had by all.

Shaping the Future
Special



As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls, Principal



Shaping the Future

*This is the best day ever, it's so much fun. **Henry***

*I enjoyed going up on the stage. **Evie***

*I really liked all of it. I liked the running race as I like running. **Tyanna***

*It was fun dancing. I could do the roller blade. **Oliver***

*I like 'the pancake' then he showed me how to do it. **Brody***

*We filled our cups with water and went over to the end without spilling a drop. **Estella***

It was a pleasure to see how the Year 1 children enjoyed the presentation ceremony. They understood the story of the Little Boat gave a message that determination would help them achieve their goal and they were proud to come onto the stage to receive their certificates. Afterwards, they threw themselves into the activities, working together to complete tasks. Well done Year 1 for making a great start to this year.

Mrs Dutton

*My best bit was the obstacle course. **Shayla***

The children loved going up on stage to collect their certificate and then participating in some amazing activities. They supported each other and worked really well in their house teams.

Mrs Haisman-Baker

I love seeing the children working together, they demonstrated great determination in all of the activities.

Mr Felton

*I felt a great sense of belonging throughout the afternoon. **Mr Blewett***

*It's great to see healthy competition between the house teams. **Miss Morris***

*This is much better than being at home. **Henry R***

*I loved the obstacle race, it was fun. **Mayda***

*I ran really fast through the obstacles and didn't drop any water! **Oliver F***

Around the Academy

This week in **Nursery** we have continued to welcome new children making Nursery such a fun place to be. We have been exploring our senses this week, talking about how our snacks taste, how things feel, what sounds we hear, and how things smell. At the beginning of the week we made the most of the beautiful weather in our courtyard, and spent time listening to the birds on the field. What a lovely week we have had.

Team Nursery.

The **Reception** team are so proud of all of the children in Jellyfish Class and Starfish Class as they have all settled into school routines and expectations so well. This has been our first week with everyone in together each day and new friendships are forming. The children are an absolute delight and the staff are enjoying getting to know all of them and their families. During the week the children have thoroughly enjoyed painting their own self-portraits, carefully thinking about their personal features to include in their picture. The display boards are looking amazing as they fill up each day with new portraits. We will enter photographs of them onto our Tapestry Learning Journal when they are complete. (Please inform your class teacher if you are not linked to Tapestry.) You will enjoy seeing them! On Wednesday afternoon, the P.E team spent the afternoon with Reception teaching gymnastics.

The P.E team thought it was really good because the Reception children really listened carefully to instructions and knew how important it is to keep safe. Well done Reception!

Have a wonderful weekend and we shall look forward to seeing you next week for another week of amazing fun learning! **The Reception Team**

*It was really good because we did some bouncing and jumping. **Alfie H, Starfish Class***



This week **Year 1** have been reading the story of 'The Three Billy Goats Gruff'. We have been thinking about an alternative way for the goats to get to the new grass using a form of water transport. We have experimented to see which materials would make a good boat in science by testing whether they would float or sink. Then we have drawn maps to show our new route to the fresh, new grass.

This week the **Year 2** children have been intrepid explorers! We heard that there was a tiger in our school garden so we went out to investigate. Amazingly, we spotted a friendly tiger and lots of other wild animals, including an elephant, gorilla, zebra and many more! The children are enjoying writing their own version of the story 'There is a Tiger in the Garden' and are thinking of some wonderful adjectives to describe the garden and the animals we encounter. We have also been sailing across the five oceans and are completing an Ocean Fact File on our way. So far, we have dived into the biggest and deepest of them all, Pacific Ocean and will be stopping at the other oceans next week.

Year 4 have enjoyed another busy week at school. This week we have used the picture book 'The Window' by Jeannie Baker as a stimulus for some writing. In maths we've been rounding 4 digit numbers to the nearest 10 and 100 as well completing our weekly time tables challenges – remember to log on to TTRS regularly so you can be practising your skills. In PHSE lessons we've continued to look at healthy eating and lifestyles – we were surprised to learn that 8 and 9 year olds should be exercising for an hour every day! In geography we've been examining old and new maps of Leigh and Essex to identify the physical and human features. Phew! Keep up the hard work year 4.

Year 6 have been busy learning about plants and trees. They have been labelling parts of a flower, we had a great time dissecting lilies recently. We also explored the trees on the school grounds, identifying them by their leaves. By the end of this week we will know the chosen nominations for Head boy and Head girl as well as the names of the prefects for this year. Thank you to all those that filled out an application form. We have a 'Proud to be me' noticeboard in the school so please encourage your children to share their talents with their teachers.



Reminder

For medical reasons we are a **nut free school** so please ensure that your child does not have anything in their lunch box containing nuts, including some chocolate spreads and cereal bars.



Please also cut up any grapes that your child may have in their lunch box as they can present as a choking hazard.

Harvest Festival

Whilst the children are unable to bring food parcels into school we still appreciate the value of harvest and we encourage families to contribute to our local supermarket 'donation stations' whom donate their food to homeless charities.



Sainsbury's

TESCO

Waitrose



Alternatively, you may wish to continue to support HARP, where donations can be dropped off at the Banbury Day Centre - 103-107 York Road, Southend-on-Sea, Essex, SS1 2DL.

Or, did you know that Mr Cauchi is president of The St Vincent de Paul (SVP) Charity based in Westcliff. Items can be delivered to Unit 9, Victoria Business Park, Short St Southend SS25BY. Visit www.svpwestcliff.org for further information.

Active Lives UK Survey for children and Parents/Carers

Our school has been selected to complete an Active Lives survey for Sport England. Some of our Year 2, 4 and 6 children will be completing the survey in the next few weeks. The purpose of the survey is to allow Sport England to measure engagement in, and attitudes to, sport and physical activity among children and young people. The survey is anonymous and your child will not be required to fill in their name anywhere. There will also be a survey for parents/carers to complete and for every completed survey, our school will receive credits which can be exchanged for valuable PE equipment. The more surveys we complete the more equipment we will receive, so it is well worth taking a little time out to complete. Once the survey is live, you will receive an email with the login details. My team and I would really appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete the survey as the chance to get our hands on free PE equipment as this does not come up that often.

Thank you

Mr Felton PE Subject Lead

Eco-Team

Our Eco-team have spent the last few years working hard to achieve the school's first ever Eco-schools Green Flag Award and during lockdown, we were able to do it! The Eco-team, children across the school and staff have all worked hard to help make our school more eco-friendly. To gain the award, we had to submit our action plan and show examples of the work we have been doing. The Eco-team also filmed a virtual tour of our eco-initiatives around school which was thoroughly enjoyed by Eco-schools.

Eco-Schools is a global program engaging 19.5 million children across 67 countries, making it the largest educational programme on the planet. For over 25 years Eco-Schools has been empowering children to drive change and improve their environmental awareness through the simple Seven-Step framework in order to achieve the international Eco-Schools Green Flag. Eco-Schools develops pupils' skills, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and creates financial savings for schools as well as a whole host of other benefits.

This year, we hope to continue our work through our recycling schemes, litter picking and saving energy and undertaking further projects involving our school grounds and the local community. The Eco-team are hard at work drawing up their plans. This week, we have been taking part in the Great September Clean Up by encouraging children to recycle in their classrooms and reduce waste, understanding the environmental impact of these. Next week we will announce the winners of the competition for the least wasteful and tidiest classroom in each year group. **Mrs Powell**





Special Lunch – Thursday 1st October

We will be offering a **special school packed lunch** on Thursday 1st October 2020 to coincide with the autumn term statutory school census which will take place on that day.

We would love as many children as possible to participate.

The packed lunches will include the children's favourites – wraps, sausage rolls (meat or vegetarian), homemade cookies and grapes and melon pots. Spot prizes will also be randomly allocated inside the lunch bags to add to the excitement, including 3 extra special prizes of Adventure Golf tickets!

The school receives funding from the government based on the number of children entitled to free school meals who order a school meal on census day.

To maximise the funding that the school receives, we would ask that all pupils who are eligible to receive a free school meal please order a school meal on Thursday 1st October. This includes all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 (who are entitled to a free school meal, irrespective of family income) and children in Years 3 – 6 who are entitled to a free school meal due to family circumstances.

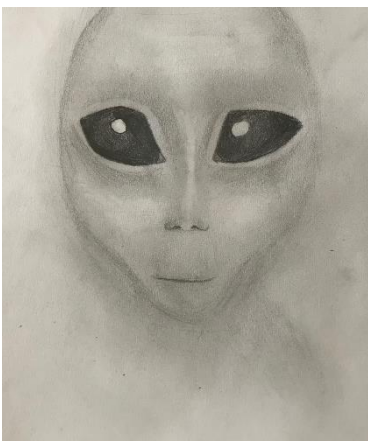
Thank you for your continued support.



Attendance

Attendance is at a high!

Daily attendance on Thursday 24th was 97.5%. let's continue to work together to meet our whole school target for the year. Thank you to all our families for your continued support.



Josh in year 6 Endeavour has produced some amazing art work to share.