



Communication is a priority for us and once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using the **SIMS Parent App** and **School Ping**. Please let the office know if you have not yet registered.

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

Dear parents and carers

It has been lovely welcoming back staff and families to Darlinghurst after the break. Everyone shared their stories of family and friendship during this time. The children's favourite things were still spending time together.

The first week back has shown a positive sense of belonging and achievements, here at Darlinghurst but also within our wider community. Children proudly shared their contributions to the community with me: Aaron, Galene class shared his framed certificate from the Cub Scouts naming him as Cub Scout of the Year 2019. Callum, also Galene class shared his medal and photograph with his Dad completing a 5K inflatable. During the staff briefing today Mr Turner and a team of staff shared that they are training for Tough Mudder again this year, what a great start to the new year full of community spirit.



Miss Buckley visited the civic center recently to look at the fabulous art work displayed there produced by our children. There is still time for you to go and see the exhibition and celebrate the work of our children.



We continue supporting the community this term with some planned events, the first will be the Darlinghurst Academy Community litter picking the first Saturday in February.

This half term the academy value is belonging, alongside the learning and life skill of becoming a better learner. During assembly the children and I considered the different ways to achieve these to the best of our ability.



As always, enjoy your family time together this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

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





EYFS

What a way to start the new year/decade! Our return to school has been filled with not only the happy smiley faces of our existing children, but also lots of new children that we are all very excited to get to know! The existing children have been so welcoming, showing the new children around, explaining what things mean and what happens during the day, we are very proud of you all. This week's topic has been The Jungle Book and we have been looking at different jungle animals, where they live and what they eat. We have also introduced powder paints, which the children have loved mixing with water, other colours and a little bit of glitter, well why not, it isn't just for Christmas! Happy New Year everyone, let's make this a memorable one!

The Nursery Team

The **Reception** team have thoroughly enjoyed welcoming the children back to school this week after our Christmas break. They have returned with exciting news about their holiday and presents that they received. We have discussed New Year resolutions and many children have written that they will tidy their bedrooms! Have a lovely weekend. **The Reception Team**

KS1

We have loved welcoming the children back to school in year one and hearing all about their Christmas holidays. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2020. This week we have introduced the year group to our art and history topic called 'Starry Night' in which we will explore the paintings of Vincent Van Gogh and learn about the night sky and the star constellations. On Monday we went to a 'Van Gogh Gallery' and viewed a range of his painting, looking at the subject of his art and the colours he used. The children all chose their favourite painting, including The Bedroom, The Chair and Sunflowers. We have also enjoyed learning some interesting facts about the artist and his life, which the children used to write a mini biography on the artist. The children are looking forward to recreating his 'Starry, Starry Night' painting in the forthcoming weeks. **Miss Adams, Seagull class**

KS2

Happy New Year! We had a lovely start to our new year **in year four**, with the children getting back into good learning routines. Thank you to all the parents who attended parent consultations, this was a good time to discuss progress and set learning goals for the new year. Please catch up with your class teacher if you haven't already, to ensure that you know what your child needs to focus on for the new year. Most children are focused on achieving the goals set for the times table test towards the end of the school year and lots of support has been given to parents to help their children do well. If anyone needs further support, please get in contact with me and I will endeavour to help you.

Christmas has ended but the chocolate continues to surround us as we scoff into our new topic about chocolate!

Crunching numbers has been heard around the rooms with counting sticks encouraging chanting of multiples to support children's times tables. Fun Fraction continues to unfold so that we can all be part of the whole. Have you ever wondered what is at the end of a rainbow? Ask your child, as this week we have looked at instructional writing, which focused on how to get to the end of a rainbow. Our Learning and Life Skills focuses on developing routines effectively. So please try that at home. Focus on a particular routine such as homework and provide a reward to achieve it. Developing this life skill will ensure that your child becomes a better learner. So let's work together to embed this important skill. Thanks again for your support and we hope that the new year brings happiness and a sense of achievement. **Mr Cauchi, Great White Shark**

This week, Sword Fish class have created a new set of class promises for a happy, successful learning environment. These will be coming home to share with parents next week, watch this space! **Miss Ludford, Sword Fish class**



Sports Clubs Information

Online sign up to sports clubs opens today at 7pm. Each year group, with the exception of reception, have a minimum of four clubs allocated to their children. Most clubs are free and are run by our PE team, however Karate and Street dance are run by external providers and have a nominal charge. If you sign up to one of the 'paid' clubs, you will receive a letter from the external providers with more information. You may sign up your child to more than one club. However, if there are children on waiting lists without a place in any club, we may need to move things about. We will try and make sure your child gets their first choice club. All sports clubs will commence the week beginning Monday 20th. A copy of the sports clubs letter can be found on the website following this link

<http://www.darlinghurst.uk/information/letters-home>

Reception will have sports clubs allocated to them later in the year. You may notice that there is still no running club this half term. At the moment, the field has not recovered enough from the levelling and re-seeding for us to be able to use it. We will assess this later in the term with the hope of starting the club again after half term. Thank you for your patience in this matter.

Mr Felton, PE Subject Lead

Tesco Donation

Thank you to Tesco, London Road for their donation of Christmas hats for the children.

Waitrose Community Matters

Don't forget to regularly visit Waitrose (London Road, Leigh) and keep posting those green tokens in the Darlinghurst box! No need to do the weekly shop-just the odd item will allow you to grab some of the lovely tokens.

Census Day

Thursday 16th January

We will be offering a special 'School Day Favourites' on Thursday 16th January, to coincide with this term's statutory school census day. The menu for the lunch is oven baked sausages (vegetarian sausages will be available), chips and peas followed by chocolate cake with chocolate custard. Pick n'Mix and jacket potatoes will also be available.

We would ask that all pupils who are eligible to receive a free school meal please order a school meal on 16th January, as the amount of government funding the school receives will be based on the number of children ordering a free school meal on that day.

Group	% Attend
JELLYFISH	93.5
STARFISH	96.2
SEAHORSE	95.3
PUFFIN	95.9
SEAGULL	95.4
LOBSTER	95.8
OYSTER	95.4
SHRIMP	96.7
DUNE	96.2
SEASHELL	95.6
CORAL	94.9
ORCA	97
GREAT WHITE SHARK	95.8
STINGRAY	93.3
SWORD FISH	96.7
NEPTUNE	96.6
POSEIDON	94.6
TRITON	93.4
GALENE	97.4
BEMBRIDGE	94.5
WILTON	95.4
MAYFLOWER	95.9
Totals	95.5



Celebrating Excellence

Megan C, Galene class had her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust. Raising nearly £400.00 and donating 12 inches of hair to make a wig for children who have lost their hair due to cancer or an illness.

Mon 13 Jan
School Nurse Drop In
Thu 16 Jan
Census Day Lunch
Mon 20 Jan
Eco Week
Fri 24 Jan
Parent Healthy Lifestyles Workshop

Congratulation to this week's Energy Challenges Winners

EYFS and KS1 – Tiddlers
KS2 – Orca



Have you a question regarding your child's health? The next school nurse drop in session is
13th January
9am.
In Little Mariners.



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Parent Healthy Lifestyles Workshop

Hosted by Health Improvement Practitioner—Deborah Hart

Friday 24th January 2020

9.00am—10.00am

Darlinghurst Academy

Learn about the importance of healthy living in children

Supporting children around Fussy Eating

Portion Control

Hidden Sugars in Foods/Drinks

