



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

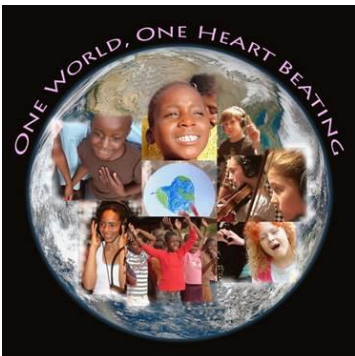
## Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have been encouraging children to show a sense of belonging to others, to our environment and the academy. We have shared the message that working together as a community has the greatest impact on others and the world around them. For example our Eco Team are keen to improve our environment, promoting the importance of picking up litter and preventing unnecessary food waste, especially at lunch times, in the hall. We are trying to keep our hall floor clear. Please encourage your children to put their wrappings into their lunch boxes or food waste into our bins. Also it is not too late to sign up to join our team this Saturday for our community litter picking event.

Our children talk positively about being active citizens and the parts they play, alongside the difference they can make. In assembly this week, we felt inspired from learning about one child's dream to share a global message of harmony and tolerance which led to the creation of a global music video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kY9HieCkT9c>



### Creating a loving world

Our own well-being is linked to the well-being of the world around us and making the world a better place



Believe in the power of possibility. Dream big!

Please encourage your child to be creative to produce an acrostic to represent our community or values.

*Help us believe in the power and the possibility that exist within our minds, our hearts, and our hands*



Let's get creative. Let's get active.



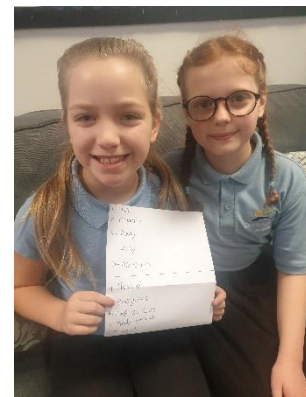
W – With  
O – Our  
R – Radiance  
L – Love  
D – Develops



H – Harmony  
E – Everyone  
A – Accepting  
R – Respecting  
T – Together



Achievement • Belonging • Confidence • Determination • Excellence



As the weather is still cold and we have not yet experienced any snow. Can I please remind you that black shoes or black trainers (without logo/colour) are to be worn. Should children need to wear boots to school, please bring their change of shoes in a bag.

Can I please remind you of our uniform expectations;

Black trousers and skirts (leggings, joggers and jeans are not permitted).

Jumpers with the academy logo are to be worn with our daily uniform and sweatshirts for PE only (with the exception of Nursery).



The children have been enjoying the fun videos and clever links in our new tool for spelling: Sir Linkalot. Its creator was delighted to tell us this week that it won the Bett Show's Educational App of the Year award – a huge achievement as the Bett Show is Europe's largest of its kind. Ask your children to show you some of the videos at home!



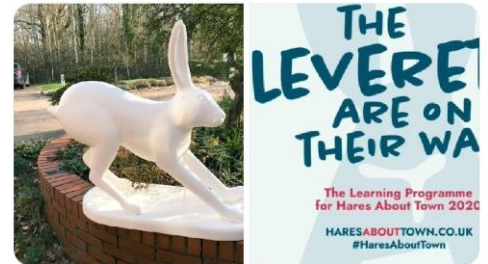
As always, enjoy your family time together this weekend.

Mrs Nicholls

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



**Darlinghurst Academy** @Darlingh... · 48m  
We are excited to be taking part in  
[#HaresAboutTown](#)  
[@HavensHospices](#) [#Southend](#)  
[@HaresAboutTown](#) [#communitymatters](#)  
[#primaryart](#)



## EYFS

In **Nursery** this week our topic has been The Lion King and we've also spent some time looking for different birds and watching a spectacular rocket launch. The children have delighted in looking at different African animals and discussing where they live and revisiting what they eat. They loved the small world tray with chickpeas and rice which ended up mostly on the floor! It is national bird watching week, so we encouraged the children to look for birds during Outdoor Learning through binoculars. They recognised seagulls, pigeons and magpies, well done! To finish the day off we learnt lots about distance, measurement, height and speed, when we launched a rocket (more than once - in fact about 6 times) in the playground. Next week is national storytelling week, so please encourage your children to bring in their favourite story book to share with us (please put names in all books) **The Nursery Team**

This week **Reception** have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the different types of animals that people keep as pets in their homes and discussed how they need to be cared for. The children have shown their caring nature looking after animals in our Vets Surgery helping them to get better from feeling poorly or injuring



themselves. Well done children! We have also been discussing how important it is to wash our hands regularly and stop those cheeky germs making us feel poorly in various ways. Have a lovely weekend.

**The Reception Team**

## KS2

**Year 6** have been creating narratives based on the land of Pandora. We have used lots of lovely descriptions to describe our settings and characters and focussed on using dialogue to move the action forward. There has been some excellent writing!

In Science, we have looked at evolution of plants and animals and learnt why woolly mammoths are no longer around. We were surprised to see the evolutionary journey of elephant! We have also enjoyed using Sir Linkalot to help learn our spellings – some of the videos make us laugh! **Mrs Stevens, Wilton class**

**Darlinghurst**  
ACADEMY  
**Parents, Carers and Staff**  
**Quiz Night**  
*Supporting the year 6 fundraising*

Join us **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** from **6:00pm** for an evening of quiz fun  
Tickets are £2.50 each  
Purchase from the school office  
Teams of up to 6

*This event is for parents, carers and staff only*

**Congratulation to this week's Energy Challenges Winners**

EYFS and KS1 – Seagull  
KS2 – Orca

| Group             | % Attend    |
|-------------------|-------------|
| JELLYFISH         | 92.8        |
| STARFISH          | 96.3        |
| SEAHORSE          | 93.2        |
| PUFFIN            | 95.8        |
| SEAGULL           | 95.3        |
| LOBSTER           | 95.5        |
| OYSTER            | 95.4        |
| SHRIMP            | 96.6        |
| DUNE              | 96.5        |
| SEASHELL          | 95.7        |
| CORAL             | 94.7        |
| ORCA              | 96.7        |
| GREAT WHITE SHARK | 95.6        |
| STINGRAY          | 92.8        |
| SWORD FISH        | 96.2        |
| NEPTUNE           | 96.5        |
| POSEIDON          | 94.2        |
| TRITON            | 93.3        |
| GALENE            | 97.3        |
| BEMBRIDGE         | 95.1        |
| WILTON            | 95.5        |
| MAYFLOWER         | 96.2        |
| <b>Totals</b>     | <b>95.4</b> |

**Reminder to parents please do not stand in the blue hatched area – this is a walking zone only.**

**Darlinghurst**  
ACADEMY  
**Community Litter Pickers**

Join us **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February**  
2:00pm-3:30pm  
For litter picking around our local area and our school field  
Please book in by emailing [generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk](mailto:generalenquiries@darlinghurst.co.uk)  
Parents, families and local residents welcome  
**Please meet at the Brook Gate entrance to collect your equipment**  
All children are the responsibility of their parents/carers



Congratulations to all of our 100% attendance children. Some of who enjoyed a special lunch with Mrs Hahn



**Messy Family Fun**

**THE LION KING**  
FAMILY FUN DAY  
Tuesday 18th February 2.30pm

We're going to have games, stories and craft activities! Then we'll show the film at 4pm with sweets and popcorn too! Half Term Fun for all the family!

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