



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping and My Child At School.**

In addition, we use **@DarlinghurstAcademy Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy

March dates

- Tea & Talk - Outdoor Learning & Art – Tuesday 14th March 8.45am
- 'Thank you for the love' event – during the school day Friday 17th March
- Red Nose Day – Comic Relief – Friday 17th March
- Tea & Talk – Phonics in Nursery – Tuesday 21st March 8.45am
- Pre-loved uniform, toy and book sale – Thursday 30th March 3.10pm

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week we have enjoyed sharing our love of reading with activities, special assemblies and events on World Book Day. It was wonderful to see parents join on us on Thursday afternoon, sharing books with their own children but also some class mates too. During assembly I was able to share with the children a special donation of books from Morrisons but also donations from the local community. We are keen to build collections of favourite books and also expose children to suggested and recommended reads. Teachers shared books that they enjoy to read to their class, their children or ones that were read to them and bring special memories. I shared the story of 'Green eggs and Ham' and we talked about the food we like and dislike and the food we haven't tried. I shared with them stories of meal times at home when I was younger and also how my dad, even now, tries to make you taste food you don't fancy.

The children looked great in their costumes and cosy clothes and there was lots of book talk! Thank you to those that donated books too. This was very generous.

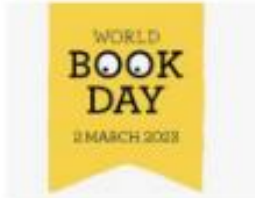
I enjoyed sharing books during lunch time with KS1, reading some old favourites written by Dr Seuss, especially as many of SLT were dressed in costumes from his books. I know that Mrs Hahn and I enjoyed being Thing 1 and 2 causing a little mischief. Mrs Grant loves to dress up as Little Red Riding Hood but also was thing 3 so decided that as we can be, whatever we want to be, she was both. Mrs Powell, being Eco and Green, adapted her costume being a green thing – Thing 4! Mr Turner, alas The Lorax enjoyed being in character too, but did take off the mask to deliver his Tea and Talk on e-safety. He is keen to communicate the key message of e – safety with parents and will be sending a survey to see the uptake for a workshop after school or one evening. Please respond to the survey and we hope you can attend.

We have another Tea and Talk on 14th March, with our Art and ODL specialists. Come along and join us.

The weather is predicted to get cold again with a mention of snow. It was this time five years ago that the 'Beast from the East' came! Should there be snow, we will follow our normal communication procedures and ask that you check the website.

Wrap up warm, and as always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls





A rare and exciting opportunity has presented itself for a professional to be part of our wonderful team at Darlinghurst Academy (age range 3 – 11 years) Do you have previous child care experience or are you have you obtained a Child Care Level 2 or more?



Do you have qualifications in maths and English?
Are you looking for a new challenge and a chance to support children in their development? If so, together with the Inclusion and Pastoral team, you could contribute to providing a holistic curriculum. In this role you will support two children with specific needs and personal development. This position is for 30 hours per week Monday to Friday.

If you feel that this could be the exciting opportunity and career advancement or change you are seeking and would like to find out more please apply to lindsey.corben@legratrust.org.uk

Darlinghurst Academy is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Following safer recruitment procedures, this appointment will be subject to an enhanced disclosure from the Disclosure Barring Service and satisfactory references. Darlinghurst Academy is an equal opportunities employer and we are committed to positive employment policies to promote equal opportunity in employment.

Pre Loved Sale

Our aim is for pre-loved uniform to be available to everyone. The pre-loved uniform can be purchased, for a small donation, in the main school hall on the following dates:

Date	Time	Area
Thursday 30 th March 23	3.30pm – 4pm	Main Hall
Thursday 13 th July 23	3.30pm – 4pm	Side Hall

We welcome donations of your used logo or non-logo school uniform, shoes or PE kit that are in good condition to the school office. By donating or using pre-loved uniform, you:

- support the school
- help others
- save good clothes from landfill
- help the environment

**Please note that stock may be limited*

We will also be including a pre loved toys, books and games stand. We would be grateful of any donations of these items and will gladly accept them at the Office.



Great British Spring Clean Litter Pick

This year again, we will be hosting a community litter pick as part of the Great British Spring Clean 2023. It will be taking place from Leigh-on-Sea train station on Saturday 1st April 10am-12noon. The Eco Committee would love for it to be a sponsored litter pick again, raising money for SVP St Vincent's Centre, Southend. You can find out more about this wonderful charity here: <https://www.svp.org.uk/st-vincent-s-southend> If your children would like to take part and require a sponsorship form, please email generalenquiries@darlinghurst.org.uk

PTA

We would love you to join our PTA, we are dedicated in supporting the Academy and most importantly the children. If you would like to be part of a very friendly group of parents to help and put your ideas forward we would love to hear from you. The more parents that join us the more fun events and good causes we are able to support. Please email generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk



We have the following tickets available, if you would like to purchase any of the tickets below please contact the PTA either by Facebook: @darlinghurstpta Or email to: gjabbott27@hotmail.com

- Adventure Island Ticket - £16.00 per wrist band
- Golf - £5.50
- Sealife Ticket - £7.00



PTA events coming soon

'Thank you for the love' Mother's Day event will take place in school on Friday 17th March. Your child can choose from a selection of gifts for £2 and can be paid via their ParentPay account.

Easter colouring competition with prizes



Attendance

EYFS

Jellyfish 97.5%
Starfish 95.9%

KS1

Lobster 96.7%
Puffin 94.8%

KS2

Victoria 96.9%
Billet 96.7%





Proud to be me



We have loved hearing how Huxley from Puffin class has been inspired to litter pick, as he has been on 2 litter picks in the past week: once around his local park, and one on the way home from school along the Prittlebrook Brook Greenway. He's collected 3 big sackfuls! At home he tells his family that "litter is bad for the environment and hurts animals" and encourages his Mum to use the washable nappies for his little sister at home as "they're better for the environment". Well done Huxley!

In half term Harriet, Ruby and Pheobe have all been helping those in need at the food bank that their Nan organises. Well done girls.



Congratulations to Roxanne in year 4 for gaining her 10 metres swimming badge.

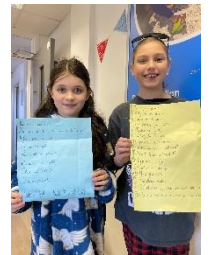


Well done to Mason and Abe on taking part in a football tournament



Miriam from year 6 is part of a choir who are performing to raise funds for the victims of the earthquake in Turkey and Syria.

Alexa and Isabella from year 5 wrote poems about our rainbow words and the personal attributes of trustworthiness and kindness.



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

