



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping** In addition, we use **Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram.

## Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

What an eventful and enjoyable week!

We have engaged in Induction and Transition arrangements, with last Friday evening sharing information with our new Reception Parents and today sharing news of classes and teachers for the next academic year. The children enjoyed transition morning, spending time in their new classrooms, with their classmates. The academy had a great buzz. Should you wish to put a face to a name and chat to the new teacher, please come along to the playground on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 3:20pm for a meet and greet opportunity. Transition to secondary also took place this week, for the majority of children transitioning within Southend. Children returned to the academy with positive feedback and eager for their next phase of their educational journey. I look forward to them coming back and telling me all about their first days and futures but before then, enjoying the final weeks with them as we engage in some of our traditions and reflections on their adventures at Darlinghurst. This year, in our end of term reports, our children share their own reflections of the past year. I know, that I am extremely proud of the children and staff as we have transitioned back for our first full year and some normality.



I would like to wish all the children in year five who have stood for Head Prefect, good luck. They are all showcasing academy values but also many leadership skills and qualities in this process. We are looking forward to the result and thank you to all the children for stepping forward. I would like to thank Max and Jemima for their commitment and representation this year. They have been a pleasure to spend time with. They would like to share a message with you too.

Head Prefect: My time at Darlinghurst Academy has been the best experience any Head Boy could ask for. From Reception to year 6, the atmosphere and smiles have been infectious in my 8 years at this welcoming school. P.E, Art and outdoor learning have been spectacular and a joy to wake up to each and every week.



My time as Head Boy has given me a duty that I look forward to every day and the role has given me important life skills. Soon, another two Head Prefects will take our positions. One piece of advice to them I would give is this; look at what you are doing now, or in the future, and if it seems scary or you don't or you don't know what's going to happen, swallow up that fear and go for it. Remember, it is so much better to try something and fail than to not try it!

Head Prefect: I have loved my time here and have been so lucky to have been taught by some brilliant, kind and inspiring teachers. I have always felt safe and happy and I have made so many friends across the school. Being Head Girl has been awesome and it was



such a surprise and honour when people voted for me. The experience has definitely bought some leadership skills that I didn't know that I had. It made me try things (like speaking at Open Day) that challenged me. Every important gathering, I have been to as Head Girl, has been such fun and enjoyable being part of this wonderful academy. If I could recommend the perfect place to go to school it would be 100% be Darlinghurst Academy. Thank you for everything and I will miss all the staff and teachers, so much.



This week has also been full of creativity and a celebration of art with our children's art work, alongside schools within Portico exhibited for viewing this week. Children, staff, parents and the residents of Admiral Court all had an opportunity to come and see the talent within primary art and view the work. Children's art from year 1 – 6 shows a breadth of talent and artistic styles, created with our specialist teacher, Mrs Buckley. Children develop a progression of art skills across each phase of learning, producing outstanding work. Having weekly art lessons with Mrs Buckley ensures that they develop their craft over



time and learn about art history, techniques in a range of media. They are most certainly, secondary ready and excited to continue art in secondary school. I have a love of the arts and enjoyed art within my own educational pathway and loved viewing the fabulous work here at Darlinghurst but also at Belfair's showcase this week. Both exhibitions were a great success, showcasing the imagination, creativity and innovation of our children. I firmly believe that art



holds a very important place in our curriculum and supports the development of the whole child. It develops self-confidence, critical thinking and resilience, as well as aiding relaxation and well-being'. During the visit from the residents and staff of Admiral Court, I was able to talk about how art in our curriculum is important to us and discuss their love of art within the care home. They shared stories of their past and own schooling, wishing they could be a child at Darlinghurst Academy. It was lovely seeing our youngest children talking and waving at our dear friends.



I am looking forward to seeing parents and carers next week during our celebrating together session and sports day (a very hot one).

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



## From the Rockpool

The Rockpool have thoroughly enjoyed our second week of focusing on pirates. We have been sharing lots of fantastic pirate stories and creating a few of our own too! It appears that everyone is always after the treasure! The climbing equipment has been turned into pirate ships, including the ropes to climb the rigging and the wooden steps to walk the plank! The teachers are amazed at what wonderful imaginations the children have and we love the opportunity to join them on their adventures. We hope that you all have an enjoyable weekend and may it be full of many adventures.

## Around the Academy

In **year 1**, we have had a great week of learning. During writing, we have written our own poems. We looked at a variety of poetry throughout the week and discussed what a poem needs and how some poetry can use rhyming words. The children then created their own acrostic poem using the names of their classes. We had some great ideas! During maths we have looked at division and sharing equally between groups. All the children have been able to share objects equally and used key vocabulary to describe their learning in the lessons. We have learnt about London landmarks in our topic lessons and the children could share their ideas about landmarks and draw their own version of a London landmark in their books.

This week in **year 2** we have enjoyed learning about what makes a good puzzle to then put our learning into action by designing and making our own puzzles. We relished the opportunity to visit the Portico Travelling Art Show and were wowed by the amazing artworks on display. In writing, we have been creative in making our own twists on the versions of either the story of The Lighthouse Keeper's Tea or Super Worm.

In **year 3**, the children have been making posters on how to stop pollution. We have been learning about the 5 main types of pollution (land, air, water, noise and light) and how this effects our environment. We've looked at how a poster can grab someone's attention with a catchy title or slogan, clear illustrations, symbols and colour. The children thought of some great titles such as, 'Stop Think, Stop Pollution!' or 'Beware - Pollution Police Zone!' They also produced some fantastic illustrations to show people how to practically solve pollution problems.

In **year 4** this week we have been investigating 3d shapes in maths and undertook a challenge to build a 3 x 3 cube. We investigated the culture of Denmark, in Topic, and the children had great fun designing their own Snorrebrod, if you're not sure what it is I am sure the children will love to explain. In writing, we continued the story of The Snow Queen and described the journey the Snow Queen and Kai undertook to get to her snowy palace. It was an exciting end to the week when the children met their new teacher for Year 5. Have an enjoyable weekend with your family.

This week in **year 5** the children have delved into the unexplained phenomenon of the Bermuda Triangle. They have written newspaper articles exploring some of the theories behind why planes and boats seem to go missing in that area. In Geography, the children have learnt about the physical and human features of a small town called Duluth in Minnesota. They have compared the landscape to Leigh on Sea and how both of their physical environments change what type of activities you can do there. In music the children have really enjoyed learning the song Living on a Prayer. They added the glockenspiel into their performance and experimented with how the rhythm can affect the speed of the song. It is set to be another scorcher next week so make sure you are coming to school sun safe- bring water, a hat and apply sun cream if you can!

In **year 6**, we have started to rehearse for our Leaver's performance, which will be on the last day of term. It is now that we see how much all of year 6 have grown in both their abilities and confidence and we look forward to sharing their achievements with you all. We have also been publishing their best pieces of writing and compiling them in a booklet that they will be bringing home. Parents are welcome to drop in for the book look on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> after school to look at all the work they have completed this year.





## Attendance

### KS1

Shrimp 98.1%

### KS2

Coral 98.7%

Wilton 97.6%



## Household Support Fund – Summer holiday allocation 2022

The Government has provided Southend Borough Council with additional grant money and therefore Southend City Council is continuing with the FSM voucher scheme over the Summer holiday period 2022. Southend City Council is awarding a single payment of £45.00 for each child eligible for Free School Meals. **This payment is a 'one off' payment to cover the whole of the summer holiday period.** The vouchers will be issued by the school via WONDE, the same method that has been used previously, by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022. This is the final round of the Renewed Household Support Fund, unless the Government allocates any further funding. If this is the case you will be informed by the school. Any queries please contact Miss Churchman, Finance Officer, [finance@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk](mailto:finance@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk)

## Sports day

This year we will be having four sports day events. They will be on the following dates:

1) Nursery/Reception	Tuesday 12th July	9.30am – 11.00am
2) Year 1 & 2	Tuesday 12th July	1.30pm – 3.00pm
3) Year 3 & 4	Wednesday 13th July	9.30am – 11.00am
4) Year 5 & 6	Wednesday 13th July	1.30pm – 3.00pm

In order for the day to run smoothly, we would appreciate your support in the following areas:

- Children to wear a shirt in their house colours

HMS Ganges	Blue
HMS Raleigh	Yellow
HMS St Vincent	Red
HMS Dolphin	Green

- Everyone should bring a named water bottle
- Please ensure your child has sun cream applied and is wearing a sun hat
- Spectators are to stay behind any taped-off areas

**The entrance to the school for sports day will be the gate at the back of the school field (Darlinghurst Grove). This will make things easier if you need to leave during the event and also help with safeguarding the children in school.**



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

