



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

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

What a great start to the final term.



30 days wild and Sports Days

We have been enjoying being outside supporting the 30 day challenge but also enjoying games outside with sports days for all to enjoy.

I would like to thank the PE team for two days of fun and activity. The sessions were great with all children joining in the games and cheering on their teams. The year six children led the game stations with maturity and encouragement. The sessions run like a well oiled machine receiving praise from parents, staff and of course the PE Team. For the UPKS2 session some of our year 11 friends from Belfairs came to support the stations allowing the year sixes to take part in their own games. I would like to thank the parents for coming



along and I know that several parents returned to the different session times to watch older or younger children. A lovely turn out!

Cricket Winners



In other sporting achievements, our cricketers achieved Excellence yesterday, bringing home the winning shield for the Southend Cricke competition. They played Southend borough schools and came against other elite schools in the semi-final and final. What an achievement! Our schools name will be engraved on the trophy as a new entry with previous wins since 2011 to only two other schools. Well done Team and good luck in the Essex finals. I know that PE staff from other schools even commented on your excellence. Ones to beat!



Outdoor learning surprise



I had a lovely surprise from Miss Arnold this week. She has built two lovely scarecrows within the grounds. I had mentioned, a while back, it would be nice to have a scarecrow. The two scarecrows are truly marvellous! What a talent.

We continue to develop our outdoor spaces and have some exciting plans for our beach hut area over the summer holidays. I know Miss Arnold would love some community support so if you have a love of the outside or skilled with a paintbrush or hammer please get in touch with her. I know she would be grateful for the support. Perhaps you could join her for a day?





Screening checks

Children in year one and year four have been practising their phonics and times tables ahead of their screening checks next week. The progress they have made is excellent. Should you have a child in year one and four, I wish them all the best. Take a listen to their recall of special friends or X tables this weekend ahead of the screens.

Summer term events

Over this half term we have opportunities to come together to celebrate the end of another academic year with traditions for year six, our summer fete and our summer production. This year the performance club are performing, 'A Bee Musical'. Tickets will be on sale soon.

Art events coming soon

In addition, we have an art exhibition for the second year with art work from across our year groups and entries for the Leigh art trail and more. This includes work from portico and also some Belfairs students.

We are planning to create an art viewing gallery on the upper floor of the reception block. This will include work from across the academy for others to enjoy. We would gratefully accept donations of picture frames to add to our collection and help to develop this area. The final art pieces are beautiful and can then be enjoyed by all. I look forward to seeing this development take shape over summer and next year.

Celebrating together – book look

At the end of term, you will be invited to look at your children's work to see the amazing progress they have made. In response to the recent survey I wanted to share that over the forthcoming year we will invite parents each term to come and look at books with their children during open door sessions. The dates will be shared to allow for parents to plan ahead. In addition, all reporting, consultation dates and information will be shared in advance. This will differ slightly in approach allowing of recent years providing the formal report at the end of the academic year. This summer you will continue to receive a reflection report to celebrate the end of year. This includes final outcomes and any formal summative test results.

Transition and meet the teacher

As you know, during this half term we also begin to look ahead at the following year. Children start to wonder who their new teachers will be and year six prepare for transition to secondary. Our whole school transition day is on Friday 7th July providing an opportunity for our year six children to attend their secondary school and for those still with us to meet their new teachers.

On Thursday 13th of July, you are invited to come in at 2.40pm to look at your child's books and celebrate their work with them. This is also the day of our art exhibition with Portico schools and a pre-loved uniform sale.

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ou as parents will also have the chance to meet your child's new teacher on Friday 21st July when all staff will be on the playground to say hello after you have collected your child.

I am looking forward to the final half term and continue to feel proud of Darlinghurst and our community. Thank you.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



LKS2 in the spotlight

As we start our last half-term this academic year, we have certainly started in a whirlwind of activities and new experiences. Already this week we have had Key Stage 1 sports day. The children worked really well in their teams and thoroughly enjoyed participating in all of the well planned activities.

The new Edison units, Year 1 – “How does our consumption affect plants and animals?” and Year 2 – “How did that food end up on our plate?” are linked closely with climate change. Both year groups are looking forward to finding out what they can do to help our planet to be a safe and healthy place for all of the life on Earth to live. The new knowledge organisers for the units will be coming home with the children in their purple homework books. Please have a look as it will help you to have an insight into the new learning that will be taking place this half-term.

The allotment plot that we have is flourishing and the children have enjoyed taking responsibility for weeding and watering. We hope to have a lovely crop of different varieties of beans and edible flowers towards the end of the half-term.



Maths this half-term in Year 1 is focussed on reasoning and multiplication and division. Year 2 are looking at all of the strategies that they have been taught so far and they are being encouraged to explain how they have found their answers.



Our new Learning and Life Skills is “Speaking and Listening”. We are thinking about what makes a good listener and a clear speaker. Year 1 have completed a marshmallow and spaghetti building challenge that meant that they had to listen carefully to instructions and communicate clearly in their teams. Year 2 have been playing listening games to promote the need for good eye contact and careful listening.

PGL residential 2024 (current Year 5s)

Thank you to the families who paid their deposit for next year’s residential before the deadline, the trip is now full. If you would like your child to be added to the waiting list, please contact Mrs Churchman by email: finance@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

There are fun activities planned for the children in Year 6 who do not attend. Details will be shared with you in due course.

Attendance

EYFS

Jellyfish 99.6%
Starfish 99.6%

KS1

Shrimp 97.6%
Albatross 96.5%

KS2

Bembridge 99.2%
Billet 99.1%





PTA Information

Upcoming Events

- Father's Day sale – Friday 16th June. Please collect your child at normal pick up time and enter the hall via the main office.
- Summer fete – Thursday 20th July



Wrist Bands available

- Adventure Island tickets are available to purchase at a discounted rate. If you would like to buy a ticket please contact Amanda on 07964243779 and the PTA can arrange collection.
- Also available are Sealife Centre tickets and Golf tickets. The prices are as follows:

*Adventure Island £16

*Sealife Centre £7

*Golf (2 courses) £5

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What have you missed on Instagram this week?

