



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 and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

This week began with the Prime Ministers announcement that restrictions will be lifted in time for the summer holidays and that future guidance to schools for September allows us to adapt our current control measures, in line with step 4. This information will be shared with parents, ahead of the September start. This academic year ends on Wednesday 21st, after lunchtime for our children. We are looking forward to the final week and half of this year, with learning and experiences planned up to, and including the final day. The importance of daily attendance remains.

Class	Depart pm	Exit via
Nursery am	11.50	Brook gate
R Jellyfish	12.55	Brook gate
R Starfish	12.55	Brook gate
Year 1 Albatross	13.00	Brook gate
Year 1 Puffin	13.00	Side gate
Year 1 Seagull	13.00	Side gate
Year 2 Lobster	13.05	Main gate
Year 2 Shrimp	13.05	Main gate
Year 3 Coral	13.10	Main gate
Year 3 Dune	13.10	Main gate
Year 3 Seashell	13.10	Side gate
Year 4 Stingray	13.15	Brook gate
Year 4 Swordfish	13.15	Brook gate 2
Year 4 White shark	13.15	Side gate
Year 5 Bell Wharf	13.20	Side gate
Year 5 Billet	13.20	Side gate
Year 5 Strand	13.20	Brook gate
Year 5 Victoria	13.20	Brook gate 2
Year 6 Bembridge	13.20	Main gate
Year 6 Endeavour	13.20	Main gate
Year 6 Mayflower	13.20	Main gate
Year 6 Wilton	13.20	Main gate

Our year sixes are continuing to engage in end of year traditions and transition, including developing their entrepreneur skills. They are currently working to order, with deliveries going out to year groups. They have also shown a great sense of belonging and generosity to their peers, with a special treat next week! The treat will have everyone bouncy with happiness. The year sixes, have had to wait a while for their inflatable experience that was originally meant to be a part of their residential@home. This was postponed due to the rain on the final evening. The inflatables are arriving on Friday 16th and the year sixes shared that they would like all the children to have a bounce on them! I would like to thank year six on behalf of all the children for this kind treat! I hope that Mrs Hahn and I get a quick bounce too. Our year fives are already aspiring to be year six and to follow the good example and role models of our year six children. In readiness for year 6, our year five children have been campaigning for the Head prefects. The academy voting process is underway. The candidates have produced posters and a video campaign to highlight their best attributes for the role. The quality of their campaigns has been incredible. Miss McCrory, shared how



the children had taken a great deal of time and effort to create humorous, informative and positive videos and that their efforts and creativity behind their campaigns had received high praise by the staff. There has been a buzz around the school from both staff and children when discussing their efforts. I would like to thank each and every child for putting themselves forward and for being active citizens. I look forward to working alongside you and making a difference in 2021-22.



Continuing with community spirit, this week we have seen the nation excited by the UEFA Euro 2020, especially the success of our England Team. I am sure many families have been watching the games and are planning to watch the match this Sunday evening. We cannot wait to talk about it with the children on Monday. There has been a buzz around the academy throughout the UEFA Euro 2020, especially after the semi-final win on Wednesday. Children and staff have been talking about the game and the forthcoming event this Sunday – on our home ground. Children and staff have been waving the flag and the PE team were at the academy gates, playing the anthem in celebration. Here are a few pictures of our children and take a look at our Instagram for our video message. We have been celebrating excellence together.



“After the win at the semi-final, the Captain of the England Team, Harry Kane shared that the football games are about character, digging in and belief. He praised the team for showing resilience and acknowledged that together they are a credit to each other. At Darlinghurst, we too encourage our children to believe in the power of possibility and to have the character and resilience to succeed. We know that great team work leads to positive experiences and outcomes. So in true, Darlinghurst spirit, we believe that ...Football is coming home!” Mrs Nicholls



“The England football teams’ determination to reach the semi-finals is testimony of great team work, steadfast focus and a sense of belonging. Values, that our children aspire to each and every day at Darlinghurst. Good luck, England for Sunday’s final. We hope to celebrate the value of excellence”, Mrs Hahn

“Year 5 have been so excited about the Euros this year! In Strand class, the children have been filling in our wall chart to follow the progress of each team, especially England! It has been an incredible atmosphere around the school and it has been amazing to see how many football songs the children know all of the words to! With a mixture of nerves and excitement, we cannot wait to watch the final on Sunday!!” Miss McCrory

“Very few people thought England would be able to make it this far but they have achieved beyond expectations because they have confidence in themselves and show real determination and belonging as a whole squad. Come on England!” Mr Turner

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

From the Rockpool

This week in nursery we are continuing our pirate’s topic looking at the story ‘The Pirates Next Door’. We have enjoyed time in the EYFS garden this week, in our wet weather suits in the rain on Tuesday and on Thursday in the gorgeous sunshine. We also followed a map around school to find treasure and enjoyed sitting in the sun eating the treasure that we’d found! Let’s hope we can enjoy more sun next week, but please make sure all children have sun cream applied before school. Thank you. **Team nursery.**

This week, **Reception** have continued our pirate theme. The children wrote some fantastic sentences about our visiting pirate parrots and were able to describe them extremely well. In maths they enjoyed creating their own co-ordinate treasure maps and had tremendous fun using the co-ordinates to discuss their map with a friend. The Reception teachers are so impressed with the children’s ability to use the displays and resources in our different zones that help support their work. Well done, children!



Please still check that your child's name is clearly marked on ALL of their personal possessions as it makes it easier to return them to their rightful owner. Many thanks for your support in this. As always, we hope that you have a wonderful weekend. **The Reception Team.**

Around the Academy

This week in **Year 1** we have enjoyed reading *The Cautious Caterpillar* and discussing Cody the Caterpillar's big change into a butterfly. We reflected on how we are all going through a change too and discussed how we should all be brave going into Year 2, just like Cody the Caterpillar when she became a butterfly. We also learnt all about the Olympics, we talked about how different it is now compared to the Ancient Olympics and got really excited thinking about all the different sports we will get to watch this summer during the Tokyo Olympics! For maths, we have been looking at money and thinking about the differences between each coin and note and sorting them from least to most value. We all found it very interesting to look at all the different shapes, colours and pictures that feature on all the money.

This week Year 2 have been working on designing their own games which they will write instructions for and create next week. We can't wait to enjoy and play all the different games! They have also been working hard, showing determination and belonging, through different team building, problem-solving activities within maths. Our learning and life skill 'speaking and listening' has been a continued focused and Year 2 have demonstrated wonderful learning behaviours being effective contributors whilst listening carefully to others and sometimes building on their own answers in response to other contributions.

The children in **Year 3** have been really excited about working alongside Year 6 and their Enterprise Activity this week. They enjoyed choosing from a selection of products they could buy, after viewing the Year 6 videos linked to each type of product being made and sold by Year 6. Year, 3 are very much looking forward to receiving their four products they have chosen, once they have been made by the pupils of Bembridge Class.

This week in **Year 4** we have been writing a travel guide to Europe, persuading the reader to visit the diverse physical geographical features it has to offer. Such as The Giant's Causeway and The Northern Lights. This week's geography lessons came in very useful as the children's knowledge of Europe came to the fore to enhance their writing skills. In geography we have enjoyed looking at how the climate of a country effects tourism. For the football fans amongst us, Italy was mentioned but we'll say no more. In computing we investigated if you can trust everything you see on the internet which opened up some informative discussions. The children also enjoyed meeting and spending time with their new teachers ready for year 5!

This week in **Year 5**, the pupils have been developing their map reading skills as we have examined the topography of North America which is made up of deserts, plains, mountains and forests. Using tracing paper the children created different layers of North America with physical features like forests or mountain ranges sketched on. This has also given the children a chance to compare where we live to America. Throughout the week Year 5 have developed their reasoning skills in maths as they went through their tests to self-evaluate areas of maths or questions that they wanted to go over in class. Allowing a child led maths lesson enabled the children to grow confident of methods they found tricky in the tests. In writing, Year 5 have been writing a descriptive piece, showcasing the skills and writing techniques that the children have worked on over the course of the year in different writing cycles. As we grow towards the end of the academic year during their specialist lessons with the PE team year 5 were given an opportunity to work with their new year 6 classmates, allowing them to develop a sense of belonging and come together as a team. We have been so proud of their hard work and hope it continues to blossom over the remaining weeks.

This week, the **Year 6** children have been extremely busy with their enterprise projects. Orders have been received from across the school and the children have worked collaboratively to manufacture their products. It has been really good to see them sharing their ideas and working as a team to track which orders have been completed. We hope the children enjoy getting their items next week! Thank you for you supporting this venture-it has been a huge success and Year 6 have loved it.



The children have continued to practise hard for our Leavers Assembly and hope to enjoy the last few days of term with their friends and teachers.



Over the Summer Term, the children at Darlinghurst have participated in the 'Dear Friend' writing project and 'Sunflower Project' with the residents of Admiral Court. The children wrote letters to the residents and then grew sunflowers at school to 'sow

a smile and spread sunshine and happiness'. They took their sunflower shoots to plant in the Admiral Court garden, followed by a sunflower art collage, taken this week, by our Head boy and girl. This brought further smiles and tears of joy from the residents. This was a wonderful moment for all involved and we were delighted to have regular communication with the residents, especially this year when many residents have been unable to see loved ones.

Children involved in the, 'Dear friend' project and the 'Sunflower project' have felt proud to be part the projects and enjoyed the contact between generations.

Feedback from our children: "It was great planting the sunflowers and meeting all those lovely people!" "I think it was a really kind idea to do, especially through lockdown because it shows a sense of belonging and that they are not alone." "I think it was amazing when I went there because when we went there, we planted sunflowers which made them smile, especially in lockdown, so they are not alone."

Feedback from Mrs Lee, our year 5 teacher who arranged the event: "Planting sunflowers for the residents at Admiral Court was such a beautiful event. It was incredible, seeing the future generation have such a great impact on the lives of those today. Smiles and tears all around!" The My Dear Friend project has been such a great success. The heart-warming letters were welcomed by the residents with such joy, especially after the loneliness they experienced during lockdown and Darlinghurst will continue to support others in our local community.

Feedback from the director of Hallmark Care homes, 'I am very impressed with the project and it is great to involve generations, working together. Admiral court believe they may be in for a chance to win the 'care in bloom' award, because of our work together.



TTRS Top Rockers - July Week 1			
	% of class that used TTRS last week	Average daily minutes	Average correct answers
1st	Stingray (100%)	Coral, GWS (4)	GWS (792)
2nd	Dune, GWS, Swordfish	Dune	Coral
3rd	Seashell	Stingray, Swordfish, Strand, Bell Wharf	Dune

Celebrating Attendance

Congratulations to this week's winners

EYFS;
Jellyfish – 96%
Starfish – 95.2%

KS1
Seagull – 96.7%
Shrimp – 96.6%

KS2
Seashell – 99.2%
Coral – 96.7%



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

