



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 daily and class and year group news on **DB Primary**

Message from the Principal

Dear parents/carers,

This week, my message begins with a thank you. Thank you to all the parents, children and staff for a positive start. I know that the start of the year can be a mix of emotions with new experiences and information. Communication is important and we want to ensure that parents and children are able to receive information easily and in good time. It is important that parents feel they receive valuable communication and feedback is always reviewed and considered. I know that parents would like to have key dates with as much notice as possible and we will be sharing event calendars and our uniform shop dates with you shortly.



We have used school Ping for a few years. This is our main source of communication with messages and letters sent via this system. This includes the sharing of our weekly News and Views. Please do keep an eye on your ping messages throughout the year for important communication and updates or reminders. At the start of term some key information is shared. Should you not have school Ping and would like information on how to activate this app, please contact ICT@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Many parents have activated the 'My Child at School' app and used this to select clubs for the half term. This app will be used for our other booking systems, such as parent consultation. Our club uptake is always positive with high club attendance. All of our internal clubs are free, providing access for all. It is wonderful that so many children engage with our extra-curricular offer and I would like to thank the staff for their additional time and for endeavouring to provide space or adding capacity for those on waiting lists. Staff have confirmed that should waiting lists occur in the future they will look at those interested and offer spaces for the following term to avoid disappointment.



DB Primary has been used as part of past homework and for sharing our blended learning packages. Most of our children are familiar with this software, including the e-safety modules. Staff will be sharing homework on DB Primary this week. DB primary can be accessed from our home page on the website. This includes a copy of the half termly overview, which is also accessible via a tab on their class homepage.



Numbots is being shared with year one and is an app for younger children ahead of TTRS. Children will also bring home a phonics or AR reading book to read each day with sharing books to promote a love of reading. Additional information on DB, AR, TTRS and Numbots is being shared with parents via Ping.



Tapestry is used as a communication platform and learning journey for our Early Years. Parents engage with the Journal and receive updates from the staff. We have used Tapestry for a number of years and allows parents and staff to work in partnership.

Should you have any questions regarding any of our APPs please contact; ICTsupport@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Shaping the Future

Today, we participated in our annual event, Shaping the Future. Children enjoyed coming together in their house teams for a special assembly that included a welcome to new children in year one and other new starters across KS1 and KS2. Parents of new children received a formal invitation with many attending their induction. This included Mrs Williams, our CEO, and Governors, Mr Hatton, Mr Zweista and Mrs Jenkins. Thank you to our parents and governors for joining us on this special event. The theme for this year was, 'The Proudest Blue,' taking inspiration from the book written by Olympic Medallist Ibtihaj Muhammad. The theme celebrates family and promotes self-belief. Together, we celebrated diversity and shared stories and songs. Noor Husin, from Southend United joined some of our children from Afghanistan to share their love of football. This was



wonderful seeing them engage in sport and talking their first language. We would like to thank Noor and his colleagues for their time and support. Everyone felt empowered and the house teams worked together, proud to be blue, green, red and yellow. It was a fun day.

We will be sharing footage and more information about the day via our



Instagram and in next weeks News and Views which will include a Shaping the Future special. During the assembly children enjoyed watching the academy at work video along with singing along to our song for shaping the future, 'The Power in Me'. Why not visit the website and take a look.

Starting School 2022/2023

Prospectus - Please click here to view our prospectus.
Please click here to read testimonials from parents, staff and the PTA.

Academy at Work 2022 / 2023



Shaping The Future Power in Me 2022 /2023



11+



Finally, I would like to say good luck to all our children who are sitting their 11+ exam tomorrow. Mrs Hahn has enjoyed working with them over the last year and we wish them all the very best!

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



Learning and Life Skills

Our first Learning and Life Skill of the year is 'Learning Together'. The focus skills for this half term are:

- Learning a part of a group
- Being a good member of a social group

The purpose of this unit is to help the children to build their skills of learning with other people. We emphasise to the children that not only will these skills improve their learning in the classroom but also in everyday life. To help the children improve their skills they will take part in a range of activities over the course of the half term as well as learning more in assemblies too. We talk to the children about what compromise and negotiation looks like and how to keep an 'open mind' about things others may say.

If you would like to help your child develop their skills in this area, please discuss with them how people in all walks of life work in teams in order to be successful. The most familiar way may be in sports such as football, basketball and netball. But consider how children see team work in other areas such as in school, on TV, in shops etc.

If you would like to celebrate any of your child's 'team work' activities please do share them with generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk as we would love to see and celebrate them too!

Mrs Cooke

Tea and Talk

Please save the following dates for our Tea and Talk sessions. Further information sessions to follow!

Tea and Talk 


Year 6 SATS
Year 6 parents
In the main hall

Mr Turner will be holding an information session to share information about the SATS tests and how best to support your child.




Date: 29th September
Time: 6pm
Location: The main hall
Duration: 45 minutes

Please RSVP to mrslowe@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Tea and Talk 


Times Table Rockstars
Year 2 - 6 parents
In the Harbour

Mr Turner will be holding an informal session to share information with helping your child with their times tables and how best to use the Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) app.



Date: 6th October 2022
Time: 8:45am after morning drop off, entry via the Brook gate
Location: The Harbour
Duration: 45 minutes

Please RSVP to mrslowe@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Tea and Talk 

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Mr Turner will be holding an informal session to share information with helping your child with their times tables and how best to use the Times Table Rockstars (TTRS) app.

Date: 6th October 2022
Time: 2:15pm before pick up, entry via the Brook gate
Location: The Harbour
Duration: 45 minutes

Please RSVP to mrslowe@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk



Proud to be me

This week, Mrs Nicholls was delighted to receive visits from Callum, Evie and Jai in Wilton class, William in Seashell and Anastazia in Victoria who were proud to show her their achievements. Well done!



Attendance

EYFS

Jellyfish 99.7%
Starfish 97.6%

KS1

Albatross 98.1%
Shrimp 98%

KS2

Stingray 99.3%
Coral 97.9%



Shaping the Future

Congratulations to our house winners HMS Raleigh!

- 1st HMS Raleigh
- 2nd HMS Ganges
- 3rd HMS St Vincent
- 4th HMS Dolphin

What have you missed on Instagram this week?

