



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,

This week we continue celebrating achievements and excellence and I am proud to share that our children were triumphant at the KS2 borough sports winning the event overall and bringing three trophies home! The PE team and the children were overjoyed as this success has led to the promotion to First Division. We cannot wait for next year! When Mr Felton began at Darlinghurst Academy he shared his vision for PE at Darlinghurst and his aim to move from the 4th Division to the top! He also shared that he would bring the trophies home and I would need to purchase a bigger trophy cabinet and this may now be the case! I tell the children to believe in the power of possibility and have the emotional resilience and character to succeed and the PE team is a prime example of this, demonstrating that belief, commitment and practice leads to success. They have influenced our children's confidence and self-belief, installing academy and sporting values that not only mean that they shine on the field but are role models – showing a positive sporting attitude. A huge well done!



I am also proud of our Sports and Eco committee who put their heads together to come up with the great idea to reuse sporting equipment and held their second hand sporting equipment sale. This was successful and the sports committee are happy that children will be active with their new equipment and the eco team are pleased to reduce waste and reuse toys.

Next week we are excited to begin an art project with a local artist who will be working here at Darlinghurst, alongside Mrs Buckley and Mrs Arnold to empower children. The project is called, Art makes children powerful. We are looking at incorporating natural sculptures and weaving within our environment.

Please continue to send your child to school in the correct summer uniform. This includes the academy PE kit. Cycling shorts and leggings are not part of our PE uniform. As the weather is hot children will need a hat, sun-cream and labelled water bottle. We are a healthy school and snacks should be fruit or vegetables and not packaged items.



We are also making preparations for a new catering company called Aspens. They will be launching with us in July. Take a look at the sample menu and check your ping for communication regarding this.



Finally, as usual enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls
Principal

From the Rockpool

The Rockpool started the week sharing the story, 'The Rainbow Fish' which is about feelings, sharing and kindness. This has led to the children amazing us with how very thoughtful they can all be as they have really looked after each other. For example, a few children have felt that it was too hot to go outside to play although they love being out there in our amazing Rockpool area. However, some of the children found many solutions to this problem and as a team made shelters that gave some extra shade from the sun. Well done children! We hope that you all enjoy the weekend. We are looking forward to hearing about the children's adventures next week. Have fun! **The Rockpool Team**

Around the Academy

Year 1 have continued to explore ideas about what would be a great day out using the story of 'Katie in London' by James Mayhew to think of where we would like to see and do if we went on a trip to a big city. This has produced some creative writing with children using adjectives to describe what they would see. We have continued this theme in our topic lessons by looking at the features on world maps and local maps using the keys. In maths we have been learning about the value of money and how we can use different coins to make the same amount.

Year 2 have enjoyed the sunshine by getting outside to explore coastal erosion. We created our own mini model of a cliff from mud and splashed water on it to see how, overtime, waves can break down a cliff edge and cause headlands, bays, stumps etc. We have enjoyed creating our own versions of the story 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Lunch'. There were lots of imaginative, pesky sea animals that came along to sneakily steal the lighthouse keeper's lunch! Year 2 have also started their journey learning to speak French. This is perfect for our current Learning and Life Skill topic 'Speaking and Listening'. Although we are only grasping the basics at the moment, we are looking forward to building on our learning and showing the school value 'confidence' whilst speaking the language.

In **year 3** this week, we have been continuing our geography topic on 'How can we make living here better for everyone?' and linking it to our writing. We have been writing poems about environmental issues and how to recycle, reuse and reduce. The children have been making acrostic poems using these key words and trying to include rhyming words in their poems too, which we've discovered, can be a challenge! Year 3 have thought of some great ways to stop littering and ways to reduce our use of plastic, such as having reusable cups and bottles



and buying food without too much plastic. Fantastic work Year 3, hopefully by sharing your care for the environment through your poems, it will help to inspire others.

This week in **year 4**, the children have been continuing to work on using Loops in scratch during computing lessons to draw different 2d shapes. This has given the children a great opportunity to revise the different properties of 2d shapes which they focussed on before half term. In Geography and connected curriculum lesson this week they focussed on their map skills and how to locate objects on maps using grid coordinates. This skill was then developed as the children discovered the difference between 'Human' geographical features and 'Physical' geographical features and how they could be presented on a map. Ask your child if they can give you an example of each. In maths the children have been examining patterns to writing and reading Roman Numerals, where each symbol can only be used a maximum of 3 times. As well as the importance of the ordering of the symbols as **IV** is a different number to **VI**. In writing the children have continued the Snow Queen story but with their own evil villain and wicked weapon. It has been amazing to see the children's writers voice come through in their work. We have also been extremely proud of the children who represented the school at Borough Sports and did the school proud along with the children's hard work in preparation for the year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Keep up the hard work!

This week in **year 5**, the children became geographers and mastered their skills in map reading. They were tasked with locating various objects using the co-ordinates and challenged themselves further by explaining how to get from one object to another using compass point directions. Inspired by the stunning island of Motunui, the children have been writing descriptive narratives about a young adventurer who yearns to travel around the world. They have focused on using prepositions to ensure they give more detail about where the different features of the island are compared to each other. A massive congratulations to those who took part in the borough sports competition this week, you encompassed what makes Excellence by revelling in achievement, supporting each other as belonging, shining in confidence and training with determination. We are all so proud of you and you should be incredibly proud of yourselves too! The sun is looking like it is going to continue shining so remember to be safe in the sun!! Have a lovely weekend. Miss McCrory

This week in **year 6** we have been preparing for Enterprise. Children have thought carefully about their new businesses and have enjoyed the experience of planning within a tight budget. We have also started to look ahead to the end of the term and start our preparations for the leaver's performance. This is a significant moment for all our pupils as it marks the end of their time at primary school but also the start of their time at secondary school and all the wonderful opportunities that are ahead of them. We hope you will be able to come and share in this celebration with us.

Proud to be me





Attendance

EYFS

Jellyfish 96.9%

KS1

Albatross 97.4%

Shrimp 96.9%

KS2

Coral 98.3%

Strand 98.1%



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

