



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**

November events

- Tea & Talk – Phonics in Reception – Tuesday 29th November

Save the date for December

- Winter Fest – Monday 5th December
- Christmas Jumper Day – Friday 9th December
- Christmas lunch – Friday 9th December
- Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert – Monday 12th December 9.10am – 10am
- Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert – Monday 12th December 2.10pm – 3pm
- Reception Christmas Production – Tuesday 13th December 2.10pm – 3pm
 - Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 14th December 10.10am – 11am
 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Wednesday 14th December 2.10pm – 3pm
 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Thursday 15th December 9.10am – 10am
- Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert – Thursday 15th December 2.10pm – 3pm
- Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert – Friday 16th December 9.10am – 10am
 - Pre-loved uniform shop – Thursday 15th December 3.30pm
 - Christmas Fayre – Monday 19th December
- Last day of term, early closure – Tuesday 20th December, time to be confirmed.

Message from the Principal

Dear parents/carers.

This week, there has been a high focus on personal development, behaviours and attitudes, supporting national campaigns, charities and events.

Our curriculum supports the development of the whole child including their empathy, sense of humanity and belonging. It is our intent, **The Darlinghurst Design**, to ensure that not only do we *develop our children's knowledge and skills but to possess the attributes to be good citizens, who show a sense of humanity, responsibility and belonging – succeeding in a complex world.*

This week our PSHE curriculum has been at the forefront of learning, supporting our children to be:

Successful learners, prepared for change, active citizens, confident individuals and effective contributors. We call this SPACE and celebrate these attributes together, knowing the **difference** they can make.



We have shown a great sense of **belonging** with acts of kindness, throughout the week and lots of bucket filling. Children and staff have given compliments to others knowing that kind words and kind acts bring daily happiness. We are a bucket filling school and believe that the





concept of Bucket Fillers comes from Carol McClouds book, 'Have you filled a bucket today?' and stems around the idea that everyone carries around an invisible bucket that throughout the day is being filled by the kind things that you do for others or that others do for you.



On Monday, children and staff wore odd socks to mark the start of Anti-bullying week and to celebrate what makes us all unique. Our school is full of individuality and expression. We have an inclusive nature where we celebrate commonalities and differences. Everyone belongs. The children listened extremely well to the key message of assembly this week – 'Reach Out'. I shared the motto for this years, anti-bullying week and we focused on how we can



reach out to give or seek help. We discussed friendship fall outs and how this makes us feel but also what bullying is and how repeated acts of unkindness, direct or indirect can impact on our emotional wellbeing. The children all knew our own message for Anti-bullying too, S.T.O.P – several times on purpose S.T.O.P – start telling other people.



We support our children to stay safe and happy, supporting their understanding of healthy relationships and lifestyles. This also includes staying safe in a number of ways; road safety, fire safety, on and off line safety, safe relationships to name a few. Next week I will be focusing on road safety and safe journeys to school during assembly. I was inspired to start with road safety after receiving a wonderful email from a parent this morning who has been teaching her child a safe route to school using the road signs, markings and the green cross code. This has increased her confidence and awareness of road safety. Well done Kiera and keep your head on that swivel as you cross the road!



I know that the start and end of day is very busy in the local area with traffic and pedestrians. Can I continue to ask for your cooperation at this time, respecting our neighbours and ensuring that we are courteous to others. At the start and end of school we have our crossing patrol officer to assist us in safe crossing. This is a busy time of day and we ask parents and carers to ensure that this area remains clear for visibility and safe crossing. If you drive into the area, please park in neighbouring roads and walk into school to avoid heavy traffic and congestion.

As we know roads can be dangerous places so it is really important that you know how to stay safe around them. I can remember learning about road safety during my own primary school experience and a special visit from a company that had their very own zebra crossing and cars. We even learned a song that I can still sing today. I passed this song on to my own children.

*Stop at the kerb, take great care,
Look all around and listen too.
When it's clear, no traffic near.
Cross now, all is well.*



I am sure you have your own memories and can remember the Hedgehog campaign and the Green Cross Code man (I am showing my age). Next week in assembly we will be looking at adverts from the past. I am looking forward to it, already! Remind your children, when you want to cross the road you should find a safe place to cross and always remember to stop, look both ways and listen for any traffic. The Child accident prevention trust share advice on teaching children to stay safe around roads and how to cross the road safely. Take a look at the following links for advice. [roadsfactsheet.pdf](#) ([capt.org.uk](#)) alternatively, why not watch Pip and Declan learn about road safety and have a go at the sorting game on BBC Bitesize [Road safety - BBC Bitesize](#). A safer world for all our children



Today, the week ended with Children in Need. It was 'Spotacular' with staff and children supporting the cause, with spotty accessories and activities seen. The last couple of years has been incredibly hard for children and young people. Living through covid has caused feelings of anxiety in many children and the cost of living is now pushing even more families into hardship. Children in need supports the challenges that children are facing. Thank you for your donations on parent pay and there is still time to donate. Across the academy we raised awareness and focused on how Children in Need helps others and communities and together, we can change lives.



This afternoon Mrs Hahn and I enjoyed celebrating our house points winners for last half term – Dolphin House. We danced and laughed together.

Finally, should you have any Christmas jumpers or wellington boots that you are able to donate, please can you send them into the office. Christmas Jumper Day is fast approaching and as an

Eco-school and to support the cost of living, let's pass on jumpers that our children have outgrown so that others can reuse them. It won't be long until I will be sharing, 'all things Christmas'. Take a look at the key dates and any pings regarding forthcoming events.



As always, enjoy your family time together.

Should you be in Southend High Street on Saturday, why not come along to the Ironworks 12:30pm and hear our Choir sing as part of the Southend Light Switch on!

Mrs Nicholls



Leigh Art Trail



Last Friday evening Rodi, Freddie, Ava, Thusanth and Marilyn all went to the awards ceremony for the Leigh Art Trail. We won an outstanding contribution award for all our work with Metal as well as our exhibition work, and Darlinghurst really shone brightly. Our school received some equipment for printing which we will make good use of in our art lessons. Well done Darlinghurst! We should be really proud of ourselves.



Learning and Life Skills

This half term our LLS focusing is '**It's up to me!**' The children will be learning how to become more independent both in and out of school. They will also be focusing on being taking individual responsibility for themselves and others.

Some of our targets in school for this half term are as follows:

EYFS: I can understand the difference between things that are fair and unfair

Year 1: I can suggest ways to help others

Year 2: I can identify ways of making unfair situations more fair

Year 3: I can make simple decisions about which activities I need to do and the order I do them in.

Year 4: I can adjust my behaviour to support the need of a peer e.g. to be quiet.

Year 5: I can take responsibility for keeping to the class and school rules/codes even when no adults are present.

Year 6: I can demonstrate various ways of caring and looking after others

At home, you could try the following:

- Encouraging your child to have an (age appropriate) 'job' at home such as clearing the table after dinner. Discuss why it is important for everybody to help.
- Ask the children open ended questions to develop confidence. These could be as unusual as you like! Try: where does the sky start? Or can you touch a rainbow?
- When the children are doing their homework such as learning spellings or playing on TTRS, encourage them to complete as much as they can independently. If they get stuck is there something they could try before asking an adult?

We would love to hear how your children are getting on with these fundamental skills so please share any successes or pictures with us at generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

HAPPINESS IS



...being independent.



Christmas at Darlinghurst

The dates and times for our Christmas productions have been advertised in our 'Save the Date' section above. Details on how you can secure a place will be shared shortly.



If you would like to order your child's Christmas card, please ensure you have placed your order online by the 23rd November.



On Monday 5th December we will be holding WinterFest! We look forward to welcoming all of our Tiny Tiddlers and pre-schoolers for lots of festive games and activities!



On Friday 9th December it is Christmas Jumper Day, children and staff will also come together for Christmas lunch. If you have any pre-loved Christmas jumpers, we would be grateful of any donations to the office.



Please join us on Monday, 19th December for our Christmas Fayre. Further details to follow in the coming weeks.



A message from Mrs Grant



It was fantastic to see so many children wearing odd socks as they came into school on Monday, despite the weather, to celebrate our differences and uniqueness as individuals at the start of a very busy **Anti-bullying Week**. No doubt you have all seen the photos on the Instagram page as well as the children as they **Reach Out** to each other, this year's important theme. We teach the children that they will all have friendship fallouts at various times in their lives and that this does not mean an incident of bullying has happened, rather that bullying is **Several Times On Purpose** and to put a **STOP** to bullying we need to **Start Telling Other People**.



Today is Children in Need day and it was great to see so many children rising to the occasion and accessorising their uniform with spots and images of Pudsey Bear. Tonight will be **The Great SPOTacular** on BBC1 highlighting all the good things this great charity does to help smaller charities throughout the country and ultimately helps our children and young people in need. We have so far raised £171. Thank you to everyone who has made a donation and Parent Pay will stay open for a few more days for anyone who still wishes to make a donation.





Attendance

EYFS

Starfish 98.6%

Jellyfish 97.4%

KS1

Shrimp 98.1%

Albatross 96.9%

KS2

Strand 98%

Stingray 97.4%



Proud to be me

This week Mrs Nicholls was visited by Ruby, Evie, Rudie, Lily, Tara, Freddie and Kenzie where she was told about all of their achievements this week. Well done everyone!



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

