



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 began by paying our respects to our late HM the Queen Elizabeth II. I know that many families and staff members watched the processions and funeral with some visiting London to lay flowers, visit Buckingham Palace or to queue to live 'real history' and see the late monarch resting in state.

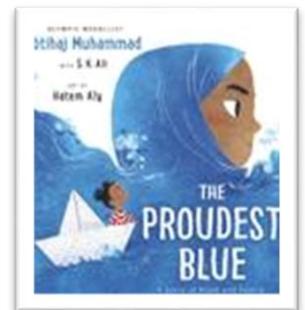


We are keen to celebrate our heritage and history and would like to extend an invitation to parents and carers to come and share their culture, religion and heritage. We were delighted that Mrs Ariyibi came to share her cultural heritage with our year 2 and 3 children. She was impressed with our children's knowledge of British Values. We look forward to her return in October to talk to year 4 and 5 children. Please do contact Mrs Lowe if you would like to come and share with our children, celebrating our cultural diversity generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk



Tuesday morning, Reception parents and carers, came together for 'Tea and Talk'. It was an opportunity to come together and get to know each other. It was lovely to pop along and say hello. Parents shared that they would like the opportunity to do this again and Miss Wise has prepared dates for future Reception Tea and Talks so that parents can pop these in their diaries. We will be holding other 'Tea and Talks' throughout the year and Mr Turner is hosting his first TTRS tea and talk on the 6th October.

Continuing on the theme of celebration, last week ended with our Shaping the Future event and we shared an extract about this. Within this weeks News and Views there is a Shaping the Future special, covering more of this annual event. Together, we celebrated diversity and shared stories and songs in the hall, with house teams engaging in related activities around the academy. If you want to take a look at some of the videos and songs shared on the day, visit our website, 'starting school' - 'The Power in Me' and 'The Academy at Work.' I would like to take this opportunity to thank the specialist team for organising the activities and all those involved on the ground and behind the scenes – a great team effort! In the afternoon we had a special guest, Noor Husin, from Southend United who joined some of our children from Afghanistan to share their love of football and answered questions from our Sports Committee.



Parent feedback;

'It was wonderful to be part of such a joyous, inspiring and uplifting occasion. It also meant a lot to see my son, (Year 6), formally welcomed to the school. Well done to all involved, especially the children for their beautiful singing and impeccable behaviour throughout'.

'I enjoyed the assembly and I am very impressed with how well the children know the Darlinghurst values. They are a credit to you and the staff'.

More celebrations took place this week, when a team of our cricketers returned from the Panathlon with 1st place trophies and medals! The excitement and pride was energising and such a moment of joy.



I really enjoy children sharing their trophies and achievements with me. It's great to see how many children enjoy pursuing their interests outside of school and also participating in our school clubs that started this week. Running club had over 50 runners this morning and Mr Felton is intent on returning to the heights of 100 runners! If your child would like to join you can book on your MCAS app.



As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Shaping the Future

On Friday, we celebrated our Shaping the Future assembly. Children new to the academy were formally welcomed into the Legra Trust and presented with a certificate and gift. All our children demonstrated exemplary behaviour and were fully engaged in the events of the assembly. Enjoying footage of the academy at work as well as joining in celebratory songs themed around diversity and inclusion here at Darlinghurst. Children joining the academy stood proud in their blue uniforms and enjoyed this special moment. Special guests and parents of new joiners attended these assemblies, participated in our sing-a-longs and expressed how much they enjoyed being part of this celebration. **Mrs Hahn & Mr Turner**

What our children thought

'Shaping the Future 2022 was lots of fun. Playing games and meeting new people was the best. Shaping the Future means new beginnings. Thank you to all the people who helped this year. It was so special!' **Finley, Head Prefect**

'Shaping the Future is a day full of celebrating. We had lots of fun taking part in lots of team activities which shows how well we all work together as a team. I loved the songs!' **Evie, Head, Prefect**

'I enjoyed Shaping the Future because we made hijab posters in class, had a mini sports day, made the new children feel welcome with an assembly and took part in outdoor learning activities' **Mia, Senior Prefect**

'I enjoyed Shaping the Future because we were able to make positive origami boats. We also took part in cloud based outdoor learning. We made sure all the new children felt welcome and showed our sense of belonging.' **Elsie, Senior Prefect**

'Shaping the Future was a delightful undertaking where lessons were taught, games were played and songs were sung. An annual assembly was hosted where our Principal read us a story called 'The proudest blue' that was about an Olympic medallist who wore a hijab. We also observed pictures of children and adults across the school in different activities like litter picking, playing air instruments and holding ducks! During the day, games were played like guessing yoga poses, shooting shuttlecocks into hoops and an obstacle course where you had to bring enough water to the end to fill up your teams bucket. Overall, I really enjoyed Shaping the Future.' **Ira, Senior Prefect**



The Rockpool

What an exciting day we had in the Rockpool joining in with the rest of the academy celebrating Shaping the Future. We shared a book which led to discussions, questions and some answers about how we are all different and unique. It was lovely to see the children feeling the sense of 'I am proud to be me'.

We learned about an important part of our Darlinghurst learning journey, House Teams! Our reception and nursery children learnt about how it is important to be independent in life but equally important to be able to work well within a team. Mrs Dennis explained about the idea and purpose of House teams and the teamwork that is required to assist them. Each child was given a coloured wrist band to represent their team that they will be involved with throughout their journey at Darlinghurst.



PE

On Friday 16th September, our academy was lucky enough to receive a visit from Southend United and Afghanistan International footballer, Noor Husin. During this visit, and along with some other Southend United community staff, he spoke to some of our new children and played some team games, ending with a football match. At the end of the session he answered questions from the children, who had been joined by our sports committee. Many of the questions were about being a professional footballer and the pressures that comes with this job as well as his experience of being a refugee, which many of our children could relate to.



We at Darlinghurst would like to thank Noor and the Southend United staff for an inspiring afternoon for our children. **Mr Blewett**

Art & ODL

Our KS2 children made Origami boats and added positive and motivational words to their boats. These were added to the Hijab of the character in the story which was depicted as a wave on the ocean, which the children designed and collaged. KS1 added to KS2's collage, with their own decorated boats and characters made from simple shapes. It was lovely to see skills being applied from art sessions as well as art work from year 6 which they did in class in the afternoon. **Mrs Buckley**





Sporting News

Cricket Champions

On Wednesday, I had the privilege of taking some of our children to a cricket competition held at Loughton Cricket Club. This was the first competition of the year and the children were both excited and a little nervous, especially as it was the first time some of them had represented our academy! As the games began, nerves were quickly dissipated and the children soon settled into the games proving what amazing little human beings they are. After demonstrating some great bowling, amazing batting and even better catching skills. Our teams took first and second place making Darlinghurst the overall winners of the day. Our children, as always, played the game with confidence, determination and respect for the game and their opponents. Well done team.



Mr Felton PE Subject Lead

Culture and Diversity

We would like to thank our parent visitor, Mrs Ariyibi, who came to visit our Y2 and Y3 children during this week's assembly to share her cultural heritage with us so that we too can learn, understand and celebrate differences within our school community. One of our British Values is Tolerance of Different cultures and Religions and this is a perfect way to discover more about the people in our world. Children were fascinated to learn about Mrs Ariyibi's Nigerian and American heritage and asked the most interesting questions. The children demonstrated in-depth knowledge of their Geography skills too. Please remember that if there is anyone else whose parent or adult would like to come in and share their culture with us, we would love to hear from them. Please email generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk.

Pre-loved uniform shop

Our aim is for pre-loved uniform to be available to everyone. The pre-loved uniform can be purchased, for a small donation, in the main school hall on the following dates:

Date	Time	Area
Thursday 20 th October 22	3.30pm – 4pm	Main Hall
Thursday 15 th December 22	3.30pm – 4pm	Main Hall
Thursday 30 th March 23	3.30pm – 4pm	Main Hall
Thursday 13 th July 23	3.30pm – 4pm	Main Hal

We welcome donations of your used logo or non-logo school uniform, shoes or PE kit that are in good condition to the school office.

By donating or using pre-loved uniform, you:

- support the school
- help others
- save good clothes from landfill
- help the environment



Tea and Talk

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

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

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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

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: 10th November
 Time: 6pm
 Location: The main hall
 Duration: 45 minutes

Please RSVP to mrslowe@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Harvest Festival

As Harvest Festival is approaching, Darlinghurst academy would like to support our local community by donating food and toiletries to St Vincent's Centre, Southend Foodbank. As many of you know, Mr Cauchi, who was a teacher at Darlinghurst, is now Centre Manager of the foodbank. He is very appreciative of the support our academy community has previously offered. If you would like to donate any items please send your donations in to your child's class teacher or bring to the office with your child's name and class clearly marked on the bag.



Proud to be me

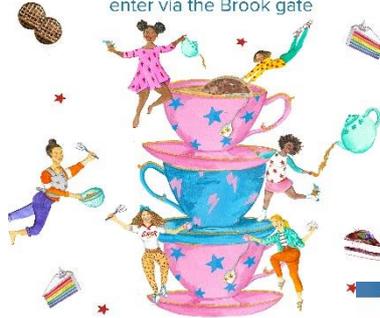
It was a busy week with lots of children wanting to talk about their achievements. Isabella in year 5 recently received a certificate for 4 years commitment to the Brownies, Tobias in year 4 received a certificate for swimming 1 mile, Harley attended a Southend United match and was able to have the team sign his football and Evie in year 3 received a 'Student of the week' trophy at Kung Foo. Well done everyone!!





Macmillan Coffee Morning Cake Sale

Friday 30th September 9-10am
enter via the Brook gate



Cake donations are welcome, please include a list of ingredients. Drop your cakes off at the office Thurs 29th Sept. We are a nut free school. Please bring cash for Macmillan donations or scan the QR code.

Hosted by Darlinghurst Academy PTA



Attendance

EYFS

Starfish 95.7%

KS1

Albatross 97.7%

Shrimp 96.9%

KS2

Dune 98.6%

Coral 98.4%



What have you missed on Instagram this week?

