



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

Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

As we approach the final weeks of term it includes celebration, transition and review. We reflect on the year and look ahead.

Our active citizen groups have been reflecting on their actions and sharing this with the academy community. This has included talks in assembly and planning for next year. The active groups are effective in their roles and demonstrate young leadership skills. I am extremely proud of their commitment and the difference that they make. I know that in September there will be many applications to be part of an active group and look forward to seeing those new in role next year. This week's news and views includes a focus on the Active Groups and we plan to share more information on their roles, aims and impact soon.



This year has many successes including renewal of awards – gold award in Sports and the Eco Flag with distinction. Next year we are going for Platinum in PE and after recent outcomes in sports I have no doubt that this is achievable.

The quality at Borough Sports and Super Sports was nothing more than excellent with our children winning first place in numerous competitive sports in track and field. In some races our children took first and second place! They were up against the elite across Southend and Essex and came out on top.

Year six have had a packed week of activities with their Residential at PGL and for those remaining three days of planned events. They had a fantastic time challenging themselves and pushing their limits. They show cased every academy value. Today they ended the week with their business enterprise with the whole school engaging in their activities and sales. They were able to plan and demonstrate money management, promotion and sales skills throughout.



In other news our Art work has been completed and travelling to the first school for an Art in Partnership Exhibition. The pieces are of extremely high quality with examples across all year groups. We cannot wait to see it return with our exhibition on July 13th 3:10 – 4:10pm. Pop into the hall after celebrating work with your children and see the quality of art. Celebrating together begins at 2.40pm.

Our elephant has also joined the herd. This is our second year of engagement with Havens Hospice. Thank you for all the money raised in supporting this charity. Mrs Hahn and a group of children went along to visit our baby elephant today and had a chance to see some of the other elephants. Over the summer you can enjoy the trail and see the elephants around the city.



Tonight we host our new reception intake evening with new starters for 2023. This is always a lovely event as parents are welcomed into the academy or up to Reception from Nursery. Despite a low birth year the academy is full for September with a waiting list. The Early Years team provide a great start to our children's journey and have enjoyed the come and play sessions with their future classes. I know they are going to miss their current classes as they transition to year one and mainstream. Year one parents will be invited along to Shaping the Future on the 15th September when they are inducted into KS1. It is a wonderful day where children engage in special activities within their houses. This year we focus on 'the Hero inside us all'.

Next week we have our internal transition day on the 4th July. Information will be shared on the class and teacher your children will have next year but also a chance to meet the teacher at the end of term. Please remember to take a look at the school pings as there are many events and it is a very busy end of term.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls

Active Citizens

Head Prefects



"Being Head Prefect is one of the best experiences you get to do at Darlinghurst. I really enjoyed helping with assembly and open evening" **Finley**



"I'm very glad that I was chosen to be a prefect because it is an amazing opportunity. I feel like I am part of something special and that we all care and respect each other" **Evie**

Sports Council

"I'm happy I am a part of this team as we all had a fantastic time helping out with PE. Meeting new people brought me lots of joy. We met so many faces along the journey and I am pleased I got the role" **Marilyn**



"I enjoy being part of all the PE decisions and it makes me happy to be one of the few chosen to be part of the sports council" **Rudi**

Play Leaders



"I love play leading because we don't just occupy people, we also help people with their problems. We get to know more and more people everyday. It is also very well organised, I like that. Mr Blewett always gives us a say in what games to get" **Scarlett**

"Being a play leader is fun because I help with the children's games and it was fun!" **Mansoor**



EYFS in the spotlight



Welcome to another exciting catch-up with the Rockpool, as we delve into the marvellous activities and adventures our Nursery and Reception have been engaged in this half-term.



With our commitment to fostering environmental awareness, we introduced the story 'The Life of a Little Plastic Bottle'. This thought-provoking story served as a gentle reminder of the importance of caring for our planet and making sustainable choices. Through this story, our children learned about the impact of plastic pollution and the significance of recycling. It sparked meaningful discussions about the ways in which we can all play a part in preserving our environment for future generations.

Continuing with our exploration of the natural world, we embarked on an underwater adventure with 'Commotion in the Ocean'. Through engaging poems and descriptive language, our children discovered the fascinating creatures that inhabit the deep blue sea. They delighted in creating their own imaginative sea creatures, using vibrant language and vivid descriptions to bring their creations to life. This imaginative exercise not only enhanced their reading and writing skills but also fuelled their curiosity about sea creatures and their environment.



Another captivating story that we enjoyed was 'Tiddler' by Julia Donaldson. This enchanting story took us on an aquatic journey with Tiddler, a fish known for his tall tales. Our children were enthralled by Tiddler's imaginative adventures and eagerly participated in activities that inspired their storytelling and creativity. This story not only sparked their imagination but also emphasised the importance of honesty and the power of story telling as a means of connection and engagement.



In our Reception mathematics lessons, we delved into the concepts of capacity, weight, and length. Through engaging activities with water, sand, and other materials, the children explored the concept of capacity, understanding how different containers hold varying amounts of liquid. They also had the opportunity to measure and compare weights using scales, fostering an understanding of balance and measurement. Additionally, we engaged the children in estimating and measuring lengths, allowing them to develop their understanding of measurement units and concepts. To make it even more interactive, we even measured the heights of the children and arranged them in order, creating a hands-on experience that brought our mathematical learning to life.



On the gardening front, our children had the pleasure of enjoying the fruits of their gardening efforts. We planted strawberries in our garden, and the children delighted in seeing their hard work come to fruition. From the initial planting to nurturing the plants and witnessing the growth, they experienced the joy and satisfaction of being involved in the entire process. This hands-on experience not only deepened their connection with nature but also encouraged a sense of responsibility and pride in caring for the environment.



We look forward to spending these last few weeks of term with excitement, as we continue to inspire curiosity, foster a love for learning, and empower our Nursery and a Reception children to continue to make a positive impact in their lives and the world.

Have a wonderful weekend, The Rockpool Team



PICNIC LUNCH
6th July 2023
ASPENS

We are having a picnic lunch on the school field on
Thursday 6th July 2023.

Your child can bring in a packed lunch from home or
order and pay for one of the following items from the
menu.

MENU

RED - Pizza, wedges and sweetcorn and a home
bake
Or
PURPLE - Warm tomato pasta with veggies and a
home bake
Or
BLUE - Pick and mix...
sandwich, crudité's, fruit, and a home bake.

Class photographs

You should now have received the link to order your child's class photograph. In order to qualify for free delivery to the school, you have until the 11th July to place your order. If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, please contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Scholastic Book Fair

On Wednesday 5th July – Wednesday 12th July, we will be hosting a Scholastic Book Fair. Please check out the attached dates and times. With all purchases, a portion will be donated to the school book fund which will enable us to buy some new and exciting titles for our library and classrooms. There will also be morning slots available for parents and carers of specific year group phases.

Payment will be by debit or credit card only.

Here is a link to some of the great titles available <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/bookcases>

SCHOLASTIC
COME TO THE
Book Fair

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE
OVER 15,000 BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

Wed 5th July	3.20-4.00- All Parents (PE Demountable)
Thu 6th July	3.20-4.00- All Parents (PE Demountable)
Fri 7th July	3.20-4.00- All Parents (PE Demountable)
Mon 10th July	8.45-9.15- EYF&KS1 Parents (Main Gate) 3.20-4.00- All Parents (PE Demountable)
Tue 11th July	8.45-9.15- UK32 Parents (Main Gate)
Wed 12th July	8.45-9.15- UK32 Parents (Main Gate)

AND EARN MORE BOOKS FOR OUR SCHOOL



A message from the PTA

Darlinghurst Academy PTA is proud to announce their summer fete!

We look forward to seeing you all on the 20th of July. We have lots of fun arranged from bouncy castles and rides to games and food!

We will be pre selling wristbands for the bouncy castles and rides. These are available via ParentPay.

If you have some spare time, we would love for you to volunteer on the day. If you are able to help, even for half an hour, please pop our Facebook page a message. Thank you



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What have you missed on Instagram this week?

