



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping**. In addition, we use **Twitter and Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily. Please make sure you are following us **@Darlinghurstsch** on Twitter and **@DarlinghurstAcademy** on Instagram

Message from the Principal

Dear parents, carers and children,

I would like to send a warm welcome to parents, carers and children as we enter the summer term. The sun has certainly been shining for us, which helps to brighten our days and allows for some outdoor learning too. It's been lovely to see some of your pictures of local walks. My family certainly enjoy their daily walk around the downs or glens. The teaching staff have sent their messages via DB Primary to the children and are keen to help them stay motivated and connected. There are targeted learning activities for your children alongside creative ideas too. We recognise the importance of a range of experiences, including supporting their mental and physical health too, take a look at Mr Felton's challenges, the Anchor room blog and the learning linked to current events, such as our VE Day, song. The song was poignant then and motivational now. Please do send in your extracts so we can share a video of us singing together.

Mrs Richards is keen for us to celebrate the works of William Shakespeare, to celebrate his birthday. Shakespeare was a visionary man who led a visionary life through his plays. His quotes can speak loudly to our hearts and souls and so I thought I would share some quotes with you all.

"We know what we are, but know not what we may be."
– William Shakespeare



"When sorrows come, they come not single spies, but in battalions."
– William Shakespeare

When it rains it pours. Obviously Shakespeare knew that. Sometimes your life delivers several blows at once with little room to breathe between them. Instead of one problem you get an entire host of challenges. Worry not, this too shall pass. Stay strong and you'll make it out of any sorrows.

"This above all: to thine own self be true."
– William Shakespeare

This is probably one of the most important quotes to live by. Being true to oneself does not mean being selfish and taking other people for granted, but that you care for and love yourself. Above all, it is the relationship you have with yourself that will influence every area of your life.

In this moment you know what kind of person you are, but knowing who you will be next week, next month, or next year is a mystery. To get around this mystery requires that you envision what you deeply, truly want to be like and work towards it every day.



There was a great number of children and staff, participating in Earth Day and I know that Mrs Powell, our UN accredited Climate Change teacher, was proud to see all the fantastic posters and pictures. So many children shared with her how they were going to save water and help protect our planet. Ella in Orca class says we need to "shower less to save water". Grace in Coral class is going to "Turn off the tap when I am brushing my teeth". Nina in Oyster Class thinks that "every day should be Earth Day" and I completely agree!





We continue to celebrate the children's excellence with you and it is the highlight of my day to read nominations from proud parents, carers and staff. The teaching staff are also sending rewards on DB Primary, as well as postcards home. Let's keep celebrating achievements, big and small.

Thank you for your engagement, your likes and comments on our social and online platforms are motivating to each other and to our teachers. It keeps us connected.

Stay safe,

Mrs Nicholls

TT Rockstars

Congratulation to all our winners. Remember the more you encourage everyone in your class to play the more chance you have of winning. In the next competition, let's see who has the most children playing TTRS in their class. Stay tuned for the next competition which will begin on the 4/04/20. So get practising by playing garage most of the time to get through the levels. Also, play studio at least 2-3 weeks and year 3 and 4 should be playing Soundcheck once a day. So come on Let's Rock On! **Mr Cauchi, Maths Lead**

Celebrating Success on DB Primary

We are so proud of how lots of children have responded to working at home using DB Primary. As a result of this amazing work, your children may have been collecting rewards given to them by their teachers. Each week we would like to share the DB Primary leader board to see which class has accumulated the most rewards.

Your child could be rewarded for engaging in online work, completing tasks set on DB Primary, responding to emails, blogs and forums, completing an AR quiz and using TTRS/Numbots regularly. They will also receive a reward if they are included in the weekly 'Celebrating Excellence Shout Out' video by Mrs Nicholls.

We have included a screen shot of the current leader board.

BUT...from Monday we will be resetting the totals for each Year group. All the previous rewards given will still stand but we are starting again so all staff and year groups can give rewards regularly and the comparison will be fair.

I wonder which year group will be top of our school leader board next week. Look out on N&V and Instagram.



SHRIMP	2,378	2,769	LOBSTER
OYSTER	5,563	2,378	SHRIMP
LOBSTER	2,769	5,563	OYSTER
SEASHELL	1,380	5,691	CORAL
CORAL	5,691	2,722	DUNE
DUNE	2,722	1,380	SEASHELL
GREAT WHITE SHARK	23,414	20,144	SWORD FISH
ORCA	13,127	21,867	STINGRAY
GALENE	9,579	3,582	POSEIDON
TRITON	8,096	5,119	NEPTUNE
BEMBRIDGE	2,236	1,265	MAYFLOWER
MAYFLOWER	1,265	5,038	WILTON
WILTON	5,038	2,236	BEMBRIDGE



Rank	Name	Reward Points
#1	Year 5	★ 19685
#2	Puffin	★ 2965
#3	Year 1	★ 2040
#4	Seagull	★ 1445
#5	Dunne/Carey Maths Group	★ 1175
#6	Year 3	★ 750
#7	PE	★ 480
#8	Mayflower	★ 475
#9	Wilton	★ 190
#9	Design & Technology	★ 190
#10	Miss McCrory, Ms Levy, Miss Ludford Maths Class	★ 180
#11	CORAL	★ 80
#12	STINGRAY	★ 70
#13	Year 2	★ 15
#13	Oyster	★ 15

At Darlinghurst we know that A to D leads to E and we want to celebrate excellence together. Your child's achievement could be anything from learning to bake through to playing a musical instrument or mastering skipping. You may want to celebrate their confidence or creativity, their determination towards trying something new or taking a risk. Let's give them a 'shout out!' If you would like to nominate your child for Celebrating Excellence, please send your nominations to mrsocarroll@darlinghurst.co.uk

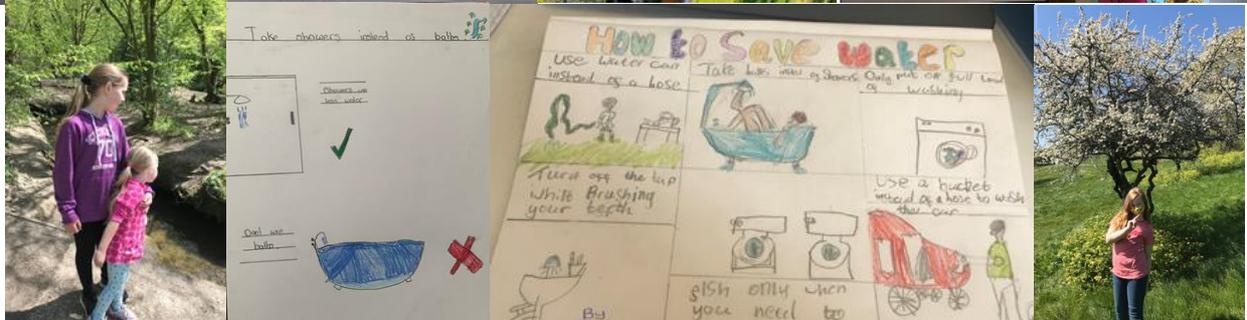


What have you missed out on **Twitter and Instagram** this week?





Learning at Home





Leigh's poster girl for the NHS

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MANY children who have had to readjust to home-learning have been using their lockdown time creatively.

Drawing on her art skills, Erin St. Rose, 8, who is a student at Leigh Darlinghurst Academy, has proudly designed a wonderful sign thanking NHS staff and key workers, for all their tireless efforts and bravery in keeping people as safe as possible in these unprecedented times.

Teamwork is the key here. The sign has been made with the help of her little brother, Max, 3, who attends Kingsway Preschool.

Erin explained: "I am enjoying working from home and get lots to do from my teacher Mr Dunne at Darlinghurst. For my art lesson at home I wanted to draw a picture for the NHS - to say thank you."

Going one step further, Erin decided to place the sign up in the bus stop opposite Southend Hospital. She wants key workers and NHS staff, who are depicted in the work, to see it when they use the bus - to and from hospital.

Erin continued: "I wanted to say thank you because they are helping lots of people and they are really kind and they have been helping my granddad for a long time as well."

This poster comes as children and their parents across the town continue to create artistic responses to the Covid-19 crisis.

Making artwork such as this has become an educative and positive activity during lockdown, as it helps children to contribute to the fabric of the community they live in.

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Erin St. Rose with brother Max