



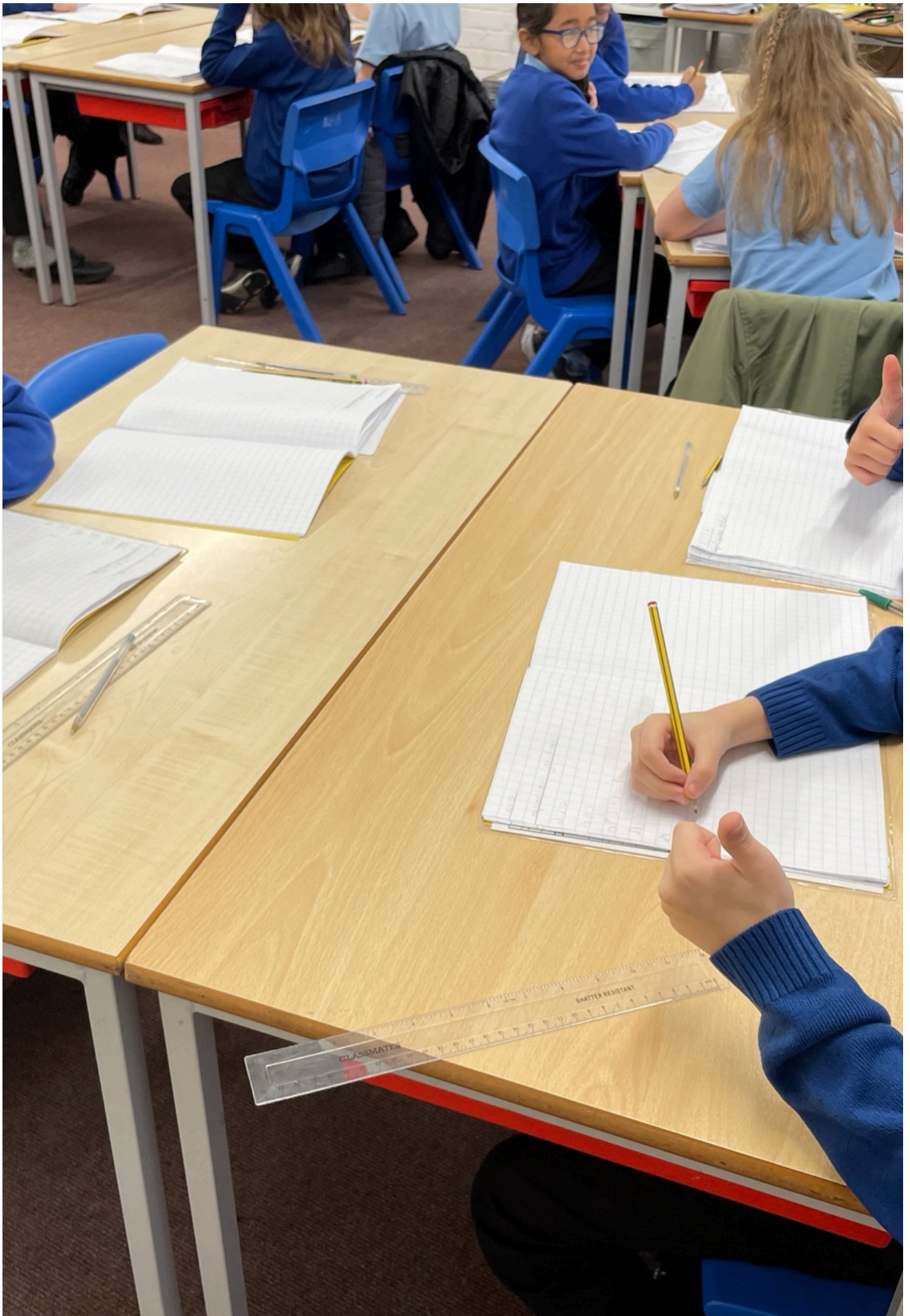
COMMUNICATION

arlinghur

ACADEMY

Achieving Excellence Together

13TH DECEMBER 2024



SAVE THE DATE

Every Thursday in term time – Tiny Tiddlers - 8.50am – 10.30am

Friday 20th December – Last day of term – 1.30pm collection – no after school provision

Monday 6th January 2025 – Academy open

Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th January – Year 1 – 6 Parent Consultations

Wednesday 15th January – Tea & Talk: Maths in Reception – 8.50am

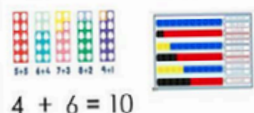


Tea & Talk

in the Harbour

Reception– Maths

Join Miss Wise to learn more about how we teach maths in early years at Darlingtonhurst and how best to support your child at home in these vital aspects of early learning.



Date: Wednesday 15th January
Time: 8.50am, entry via the brook gate
Duration: 45 minutes
RSVP: mrsalexander@darlingtonhurstacademy.org.uk

Tuesday 21st January – Tea & Talk: Yr 6 All about SATS – 8.50am



Year 6 SATs Information session

Join Mrs Hahn & Mrs Dunne to learn all you need to know about the Key Stage 2 SATs papers: when they are, what is expected, how papers are graded, how we support the children to prepare in Year 6 and how you can support your child at home.



Date: Tuesday 21st January 2025
Time: 8.50am - entrance via the brook gate
Duration: 1 hour
RSVP: mrsalexander@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Monday 10th February – Tea & Talk: Safer Internet Day – 8.50am

Wednesday 5th March – Tea & Talk: Phonics in Nursery – 8.50am



MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

It is beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

After all the Christmas productions across the academy, the choir have continued to sing and perform to those within the community. They have performed at local care homes and the Cliffs Pavillion. Huge thanks to Miss Salter and staff for making this possible. They have been singing throughout Advent.

INSTAGRAM

Yesterday we had our Christmas Dinner on Christmas Jumper Day. There were wonderful variations of jumpers and accessories. We were able to lend a jumper to children too due to the large collection of preloved donations. Children were delighted to pop on a jumper for the day. It is also lovely to see jumpers that the children have outgrown having a chance to be worn again too! This is something that we will do each year, if after Christmas you find you have jumpers you no longer need, please drop to the main office and we will gladly take them off your hands.



**CHRISTMAS JUMPER
DAY 2024**

Thursday 12th December 2024

PRY IN YOUR FUNDRAISING

**Christmas
Jumper
Day**





Parent Pay remains open for donations to Save the Children, the charity behind the event.



SHAUN THE SHEEP IS HELPING US MAKE CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY 2024 THE BEST DAY EVER!

He's encouraging schools and youth groups up and down the country to sign up and take part in Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday 12th December.

He has joined the charity as the new 'Head of Wool' to make the world better with a sweater!

NEW 🐑 The Knit Before Christmas 🐑 Help Shaun the Sh...



Christmas
Jumper
Day



Shaun the Sheep™

Registered with

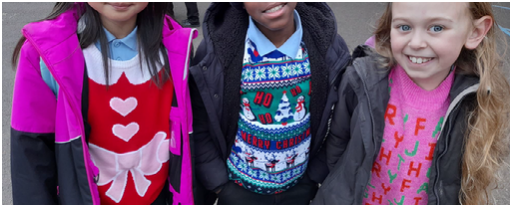


EYFS Christmas Jumpers





KS1 Christmas Jumpers





KS2 Christmas Jumpers

INSTAGRAM

We had a superb level of engagement and sponsorship for the Santa Run this year. The children lapped the circuit with flashes of festive colour. There were reindeers dashing here and there, elves, Santa's, even the Grinch took to the track. We enjoyed the festive tracks too! The level of sponsorship this year has been amazing with contributions close to £3,000 already with money still coming in. We will be taking final kind contributions on parent pay. The PE team and Sports Committee are delighted!

What a great demonstration of kindness and generosity (two of our rainbow attributes).



INSTAGRAM



shutterstock.com - 426732204



Tiny Tiddlers enjoyed their Christingle morning. Thank you to Miss Nixon, Mrs Gue and Mrs Grant for taking the session. I know that Miss Wise is extremely grateful.

Thank you to all the parents for a fantastic first term and looking forward to seeing your little ones next term. Wishing you all a magical Christmas with your little ones.



As we enter the final week of term, please can I remind you that the academy will close for the Christmas break on Friday 20th December at 1.30pm. There will be no after school provision on this day. Please collect your child at 1.30pm.

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

A MESSAGE FROM SLT

As the Autumn term draws to a close, we are very proud of our children who have worked hard during lessons and have made good progress since the beginning of the year. Children have recently completed their summative tests and have demonstrated determination to improve their outcomes. Teachers are very proud of the resilience shown in class, with learning and engagement every day.

EARLY YEARS

Wow! What an amazing term we have had! All the Reception and Nursery children have settled into the academy showing our core values of confidence and belonging. They have had a busy half term learning, and all the adults have noticed the progress they have made in their writing, number and of course their beautiful acting and singing skills which were showcased in our Christmas productions. Thank you to all the parents and carers that have engaged in our parent meetings either in person or over the telephone to discuss each child's individual progress and next steps forward. We hope you enjoy reading their reports and are as proud of every single one of them as we are. They really have worked their socks off this term. Have an amazing holiday with your families and we will see you ready to spring into Spring term.

Miss Wise

TINY TIDDLERS

It is sadly time to say goodbye to some of our tiny Tiddlers who will be joining Miss G and the Nursery staff in January. I know you

will be amazing and show what superstars you are and how ready for Nursery you are too. I will see you in the garden and at the gates each morning where I expect to see those smiley faces.

To everyone who is returning, remember we are now officially extending the session to 11am each Thursday and we will be returning the first Thursday of the term for birthday celebrations and lots of exciting activities. We will be introducing and hosting a toy swap/library session to support preloved and reduce, reuse and recycling of unused toys (date to be confirmed) and are also starting our sharing library, where books can be swapped each week. This is all alongside the fun and games we already have.

If you are interested about attending Tiny Tiddlers please contact misswise@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk or mrsalexander@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Have an amazing Christmas everyone Miss Wise and Miss Nixon

KS1

Children in key stage 1 have settled well into their new routines and expectations, showing a fantastic attitude to their learning. They have enjoyed engaging with the connected curriculum, handling different toys, learning about the Great Fire of London and walking around the local area. This has really brought the curriculum to life. The children have shown great enthusiasm in a range of hands-on maths activities and are also proud of the writing they have produced this term. The Christmas concerts were a delight and showed how confident all the children are.

What a great term!

KS2

Children in key stage 2 (Y3-6) have settled straight away into this academic year and have been proud to share their achievements in reading, writing, maths, faith and wellbeing and the connected curriculum. They have enjoyed engaging with hands-on lessons in Science and History. Additional celebrations throughout the term ranged from personal achievements in sports, within youth groups and associations, religious festivals to name but a few. Watching the year groups rehearse and perform their Christmas Light shows highlighted how confident and talented our children are. We wish you a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN AT HOME

Please see our website for resources: [How to help your child at home – Darlinghurst Academy](#)

We are looking forward to sharing your child's progress at our parent consultation evenings on the 14th and 15th of January. Please book your appointment as soon as possible. Should you have any queries, please direct them to Missdavis@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

ACTIVE CITIZENS

This Term our children have engaged in Parliament week and other schools as part of our Essex Schools Young Eco Protectors Group. Some of our active citizens showed real confidence when questioning and speaking to our local MP. Not only have our Eco Committee ran their own stall at the Christmas Fayre to raise funds for Oxfam, our Junior Governors have also been collecting donations of toiletries for Southend Hospital. The Sports Committee saw their idea of fundraising to buy new basketball

hoops come to life, demonstrating a sense of community and belonging.

YEAR 5 TRIP TO WESTCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL FOR BOYS

Year 5 were invited to a performance of The Box of Delights this week at Westcliff High School for Boys. So having eaten our lovely Christmas dinners and donning our Christmas jumpers we braved the drizzle and made our way to WHSB.

Once met by Ms Milner and Mr Jeffrys, the children filled the library auditorium and watched with wonder, curiosity and bewilderment as members of the cast performed the magic infused play (with a sprinkling of Christmas carols throughout). The pupils at Westcliff did an excellent job of conveying the story of Kay Harker and the box of delights embroiled in a battle between feuding wizards.

Our children loved every moment of it, even the spine tingling bits. They celebrated and applauded the WHSB pupils throughout and hopefully were inspired to one day become amateur actors and actresses at their future high schools.

A big thank you to all the cast and crew at Westcliff High for Boys for inviting us to your play and thank you children of Year 5 for embracing the cultural moment.

Westcliff High School for Boys Presents



The Box of Delights

By Piers Torday, based on the novel by John Masefield



Programme



ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,**

**ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

KS1

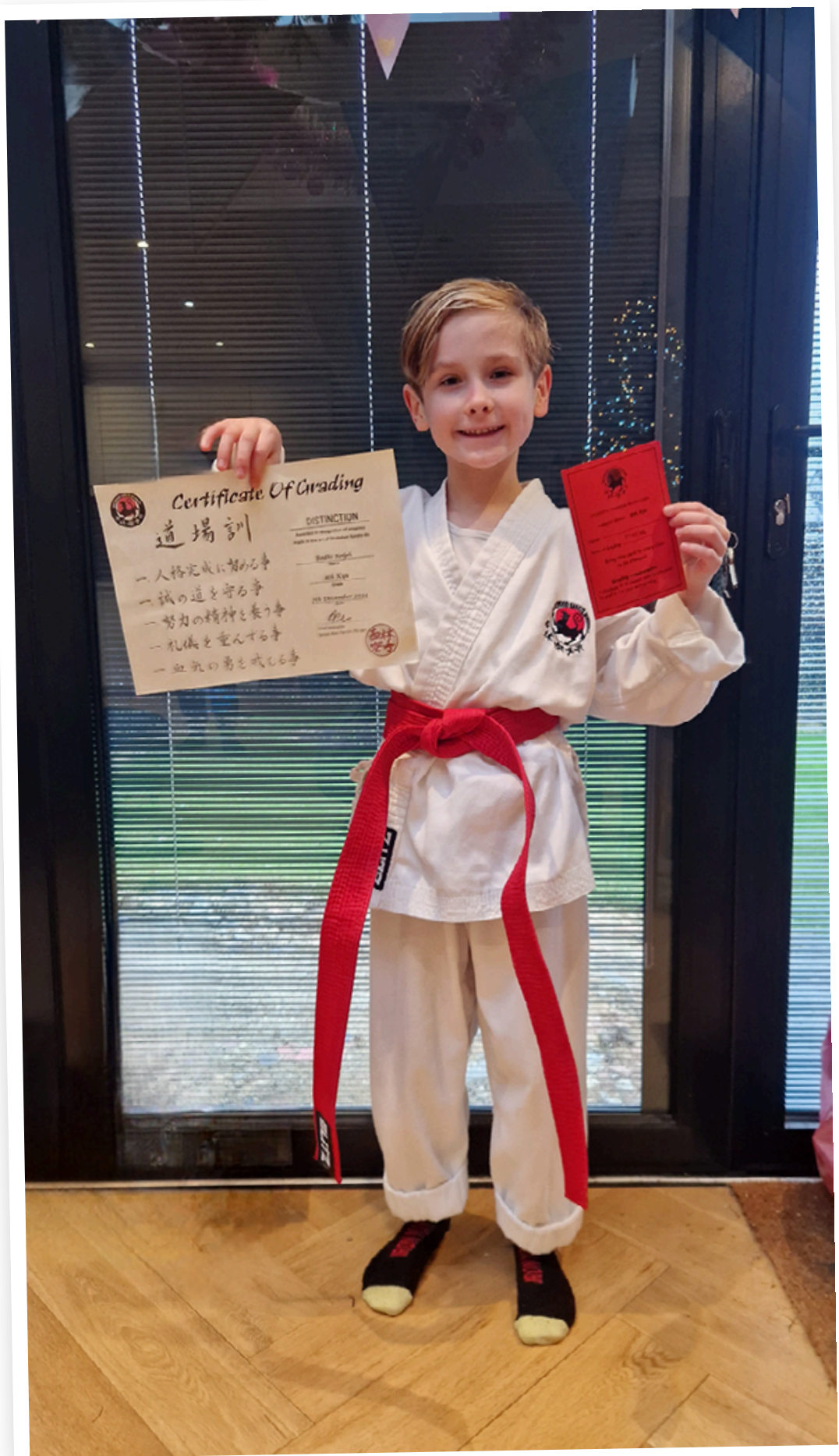
Puffin 95.6%

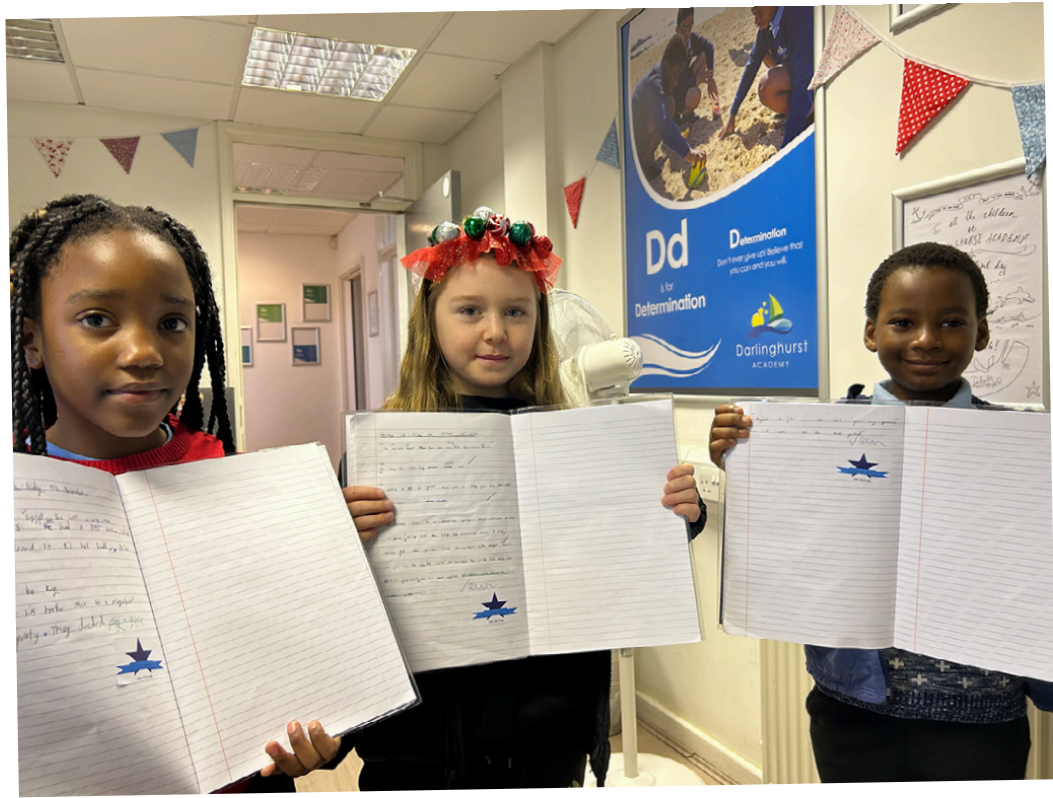
KS2

Dune 99.5%



PROUD TO BE ME









Certificate of Grading
道場賞状
CREDIT
Awarded in recognition of progress
made in the art of Shotokan Karate-do
Student's Name: [blank]
Age: [blank]
Date: 25th December 2021
Graded by: [signature]
Chief Instructor: [signature]
Sensei: [signature]

- 人格完成に努める事
- 誠の道を守る事
- 努力の精神を養う事
- 礼儀を重んずる事
- 血気の勇を戒める事



Darlinghurst Academy





DARLINGHURST ACADEMY

Pavilion Drive

Leigh on Sea

Essex

SS9 3JS

CONTACT US

T. 01702 478379

E. generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk