



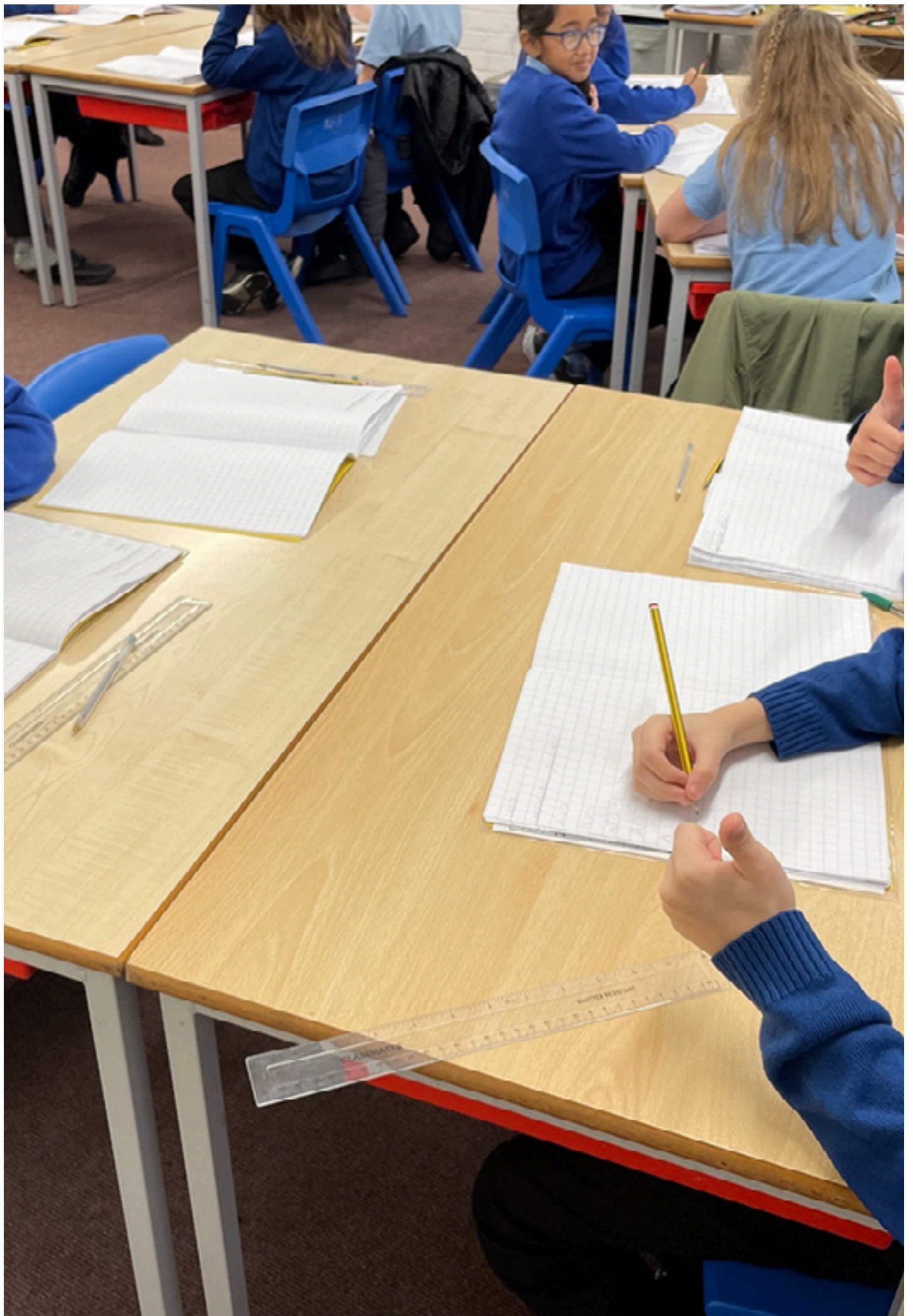
COMMUNICATION

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ACADEMY

Achieving Excellence Together

22ND NOVEMBER 2024



SAVE THE DATE

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

Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th November – Book Fair

Wednesday 27th November – Individual and sibling photographs

Friday 29th November – PTA Christmas Fayre

Friday 13th December – Year 6 Cake Sale

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

Monday 6th January 2025 – Academy open

CHRISTMAS AT DARLINGHURST

Around the academy there is a buzz as we are busy preparing for Christmas!! Please keep checking Keeping in Touch and SchoolPing for information on key dates over the next few weeks.



DARLINGHURST ACADEMY CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Friday 29th November 2024

15:15pm-18:00pm

TOMBOLA & RAFFLE

STALLS & GAMES

REFRESHMENTS

SANTA & ELF VISIT



Christmas Jumper Donations

We are accepting pre-loved Christmas jumper donations.

Donations will be accessible to all families who can give your old jumper a new home.



CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Please drop any donations to the main office

Christmas at Darlingtonhurst

Monday 25th November - 9.30-10.30am
Nursery performance 'A Christmas Nativity'

Tuesday 26th November - 9.30 - 10.30am
Reception performance 'Born in a Barn'

Monday 2nd December 9.15 - 10.15am
Year 6 Christmas Concert

Monday 2nd December 2.00 - 3.00pm
Year 5 Christmas Concert

Wednesday 4th December 9.30 - 10.30am
Year 1 Christmas through Song

Wednesday 4th December 2.00 - 3.00pm
Year 2 Christmas through Song

Friday 6th December 9.15 - 10.15am
Year 3 Christmas Light Concert

Friday 6th December 2.00 - 3.00pm
Year 4 Christmas Light Concert

This year our chosen charity is Little Havens. Donations are welcome via your child's ParentPay account.

Christmas at Darlingtonhurst

Friday 29th November 3.00pm

Christmas Fayre

Thursday 12th December

Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas Dinner Day

Friday 13th December 3.10pm

Year 6 Christmas Cake Sale

Friday 20th December

Last day of term 1.30pm finish
(no after school provision on this day)

Darlinghurst Academy PTA

Santa's Grotto

Book your visit to
Santa's Grotto at our
Christmas Fair, Fri 29th November
Meet Santa & get a special gift!



Please book in advance on ParentPay



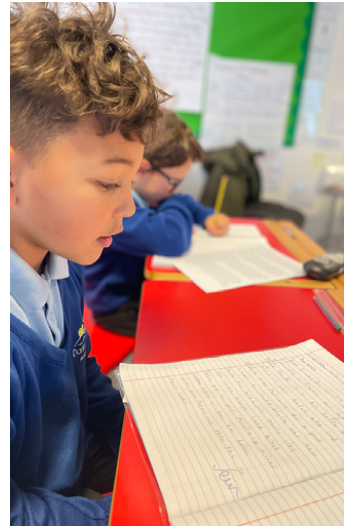
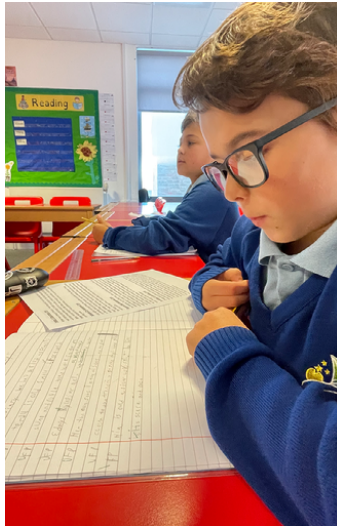
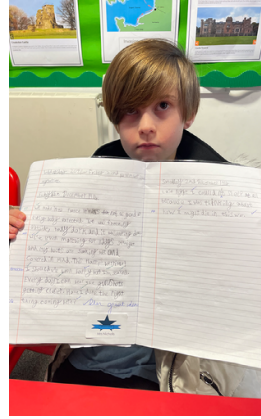
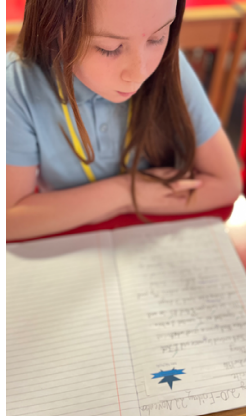
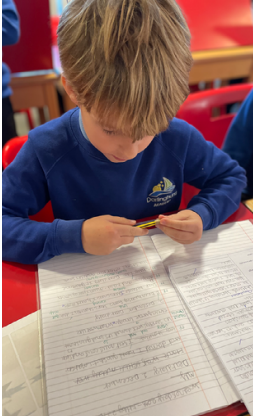
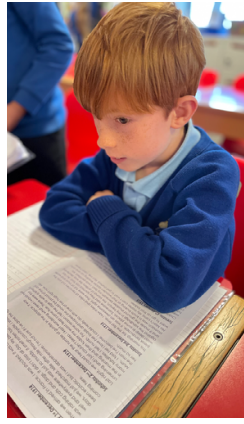
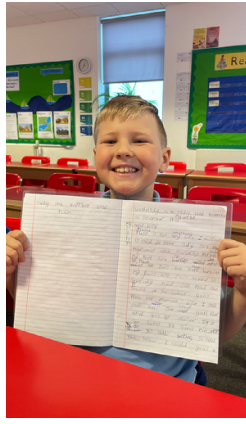
MESSAGE

Dear parents and carers,

This week I have been blown away by the confidence and determination shown by ALL of our children!



I have been invited to a year 5 writing class where the children displayed their love of being creative. I saw how confidently the children spoke to our governors about how they are taught maths at the academy and showed their work with pride. Finally, the year 3 & 4 dodgeball team returned victorious and were declared the champions of 2024!



INSTAGRAM

Well done everyone! I am so proud of the children, and I am sure you are too.

This week was Road Safety Week.

Remember!
THE GREEN CROSS CODE

▶ **Stop**
▶ **Look**
▶ **Listen**



- 1 Find a safe place to cross.
.....
- 2 Stop just before you get to the kerb.
.....
- 3 Look and listen all around for traffic.
.....
- 4 Wait until it is safe to cross.
If traffic is coming let it pass.
.....
- 5 Look and listen and when safe,
walk straight across the road.
.....
- 6 Keep looking and listening out
for traffic while you cross.

In assembly I shared that Road Safety has been included in assemblies in schools and on TV for decades.

While the Green Cross Code has undergone several changes over the years, basic tenets like **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE** have remained constant.



I shared a clip of the Green Cross Code – A lesson in Crossing the road from 1975 when I was born and then a song I still remember from a special school assembly in the 80's. The assembly continued with videos across the decades. The children enjoyed the videos and staff became nostalgic.

Green Cross Code 3



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I wonder what your Road Safety video was?

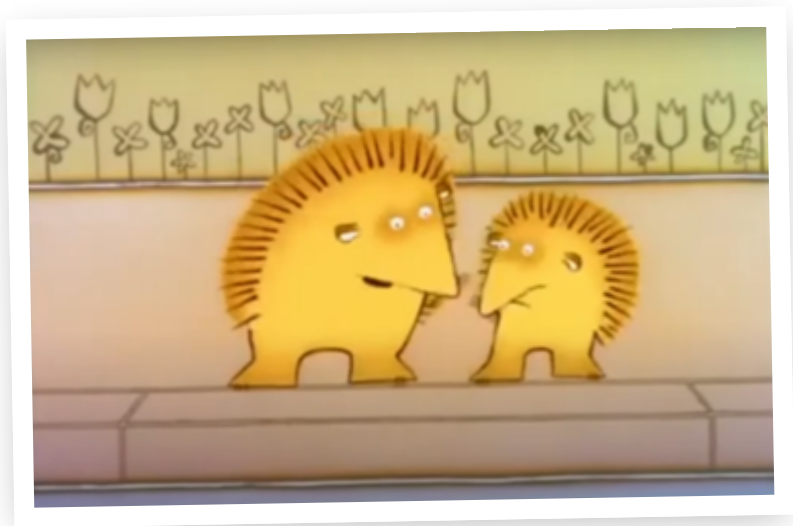


We watched the Hedgehogs – two classics: King of the road and Stayin' Alive with their special message – **STOP, LOOK, LISTEN, LIVE.**

Road Safety Hedgehogs - Stop Look Listen Listen Live







How Far We've Come | THINK! Road Safety



Now it is our turn to talk to the next generation!

Talk about the Green Cross Code at home

THE GREEN CROSS CODE



1. THINK FIRST



2. STOP



3. USE YOUR
EYES AND EARS



4. WAIT 'TILL IT'S
SAFE TO CROSS



5. LOOK AND
LISTEN



6. ARRIVE ALIVE

Here are some games your children can play:

Early Years & KS1

[Be bright be seen game – THINK!](#)

[Ted's Tumble – THINK!](#)



Age 3 to 6 #Game

Be bright be seen game

Play a game and decide if people are wearing the right clothes to make sure they can be seen.



Age 3 to 6 #Game

Ted's Tumble

Find out what happened to Ted in this interactive story.

KS2



Age 7 to 12 #Game

Game: Take The Lead

This game educates young children from ages 7 to 12 on road safety.

[Game: Take The Lead – THINK!](#)

Complete the challenge: POSTER Design, song, or rhyme!

I would love to set a creative challenge for children and parents to create a new Green Cross Code message. It can be a poster like the one below or a jingle or ditty!

Please share your creations via email to:

generalenquiries@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk subject: Green Cross Code

As always, enjoy your family time together.

Mrs Nicholls



IN THE SPOTLIGHT

PE AND SPORTS NEWS

Another busy few weeks for sports and has seen our Football, Dodgeball and our brand new Goalball teams in action. First up were the Goalball team. Goalball is a Paralympic sport where all players wearing blindfolds try to roll a ball (with bells inside) into the oppositions goal. Being visually impaired means the children must tune into their other senses to compete. Our children did this brilliantly and for their first time entering, represented our school fantastically. Finishing in the top half of the final table.



Next up were two of our Y3-4 Football teams. They visited Our Lady of Lourdes after school for a match in very cold conditions. One of our teams won 7-1 whilst the other lost 4-1. Our children, as always, played with respect for each other, the opposition and the referee's.



Finally, our Y3-4 dodgeball team were in action in a borough wide competition. There were 22 schools in total competing to win the championship shield. Our team got off to a great start winning their first two games and this momentum continued throughout the day with them making their way to the final! The final itself against Bournemouth Park was a very close game with both teams taking a game each and taking it to a final decider. With balls flying everywhere and our children dodging, dipping, and diving their way throughout the game the decisive moment came when Cooper hit one of their players in the dying seconds to win our team the championship shield. It will now take pride of place with our many other dodgeball trophies!



Well done to all involved. We are very proud of you all.

AUTUMN RECOMMENDED READS

EYFS



Children spill out from the tower block, and Amanda brings chalks. She draws a green shape on the ground, then others add details. More children join in to create a beautiful picture, and the concrete garden brings colours to everyone's lives.



Jamie and Abby's dad tells them a story about a villain who threatens to make the universe boring. Only Space Pirate Bears can save the day!

Abby wants the bears to be unicorn doctors, but Jamie wants them to be secret agents. Can they come to an agreement to finish the story?



When you think of hamsters, you might picture furry pets who snooze in sawdust. Well, these cuddly critters have a secret life...meet the Hamster Heroes! They face many dangers (including aliens and giant chinchillas), but by combining their powers, they manage to save the day.



Huxley the koala and Flapjack the penguin are best friends. Huxley is energetic and eager, while Flapjack is a little more cautious. When Huxley is mistaken for a robber in a department store, they need to think hard and come up with a plan to catch the relief.



Yomi and her brother Kay are spending the summer with their dragon researcher uncle. While in Gambia, she encounters Ninki Nanka the water dragon and becomes embroiled in a battle against the Beast Hunters who aim to destroy all the world's dragons.



Step in Mike Barfield's crazy world to find out the stories behind some of humanity's most groundbreaking inventions. This bright and engaging non-fiction text uses a comic strip format, and Hollbacher's comedic illustrations make it feel more like a rollercoaster ride than an ordinary science lesson!

UKS2



Demons fall to Earth from shooting stars, and they must be captured before they kill humans. Zed's dad is a Demon Hunter and Zed is expected to follow in his footsteps. But when Zed meets a Demon, he finds that it's just a frightened boy. Perhaps the myths about Demons were wrong?



Coll inhabits a futuristic world where vast technological 'Constructs' battle for territories. He and his mother are part of Wolf Construct and are fiercely proud of it. But, when Coll falls from Wolf in battle, he must learn to navigate the wider world, and to trust in new communities.

HUNGRY CUPBOARD

We are very excited to have our very own Hungry Cupboard which has taken up residency in the front office. This is to help us continually support the work of the SVP food bank.

Mr Cauchi (Centre Manger) explained why the cupboard is so important to our local community, "We invite the children to take part in our Hungry Cupboard Campaign and join us on our mission of ending poverty in the city of Southend-On-Sea. Our vision is a world where everyone in Southend has access to food, where our children understand the problems of homelessness and poverty, and where we can empower our children and local community to help those that need it most."

Over the next few weeks, the cupboard will be travelling around the classrooms to tell the story of how it came to be born.

Donations will be greatly received by the Hungry Cupboard at any time, it will be living in the front office waiting to be filled or the children can bring donations into class.

TEA & TALK

Tea and Talks provide an informal approach for parents and staff to come together to talk about the curriculum and how to support children in their learning. The sessions attended provide information on curriculum content and approach, they also provide the opportunity for parents to form friendships and parent networks.

Dates for Tea and Talk throughout this academic year are available on our website, invitations will be sent prior to the events via SchoolPing.



Tea & Talk Coming Soon Spring



15th January 2025

Reception: How do we teach maths and how can I help my child at home?

21st January 2025

Year 6: All about SATs

10th February 2025

Inspiring change - Safer Internet Day: A tool for parents and carers

5th March 2025

Nursery: How do we teach phonics and how can I help my child at home?

19th March 2025

Year 4: Getting ready for the Multiplication Check. How can I help my child at home?

26th March 2025

Year 1: What is the phonics screening check and how can I help my child at home?



Tea & Talk Coming Soon Summer



12th May 2025

Year 6: 2025 PGL information meeting

14th May 2025

Nursery: Transition - moving up from Nursery to Reception.

22nd May 2025

A tool to support parents and carers: keeping our children safe (NSPCC)

17th June 2025

Year 5: 2026 PGL information meeting

COLD WEATHER

As the weather has turned colder, please ensure that your child comes to school wearing a coat. We are seeing a number of children outside who are not wearing items to keep them warm. Please ensure all items are labelled so we can return it should they be misplaced. Thank you for your support.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

School photographs will be taken during the school day on Wednesday 27th November. Please ensure that your child comes to school on this day in their full school uniform. For those children attending sport competitions on this day, please refer to the letter sent home about if your child needs to come to school wearing their uniform or if they should bring it to change into.

Sibling photographs, of school age children, will be taken after school. Please collect your child at normal pick-up time and queue by the side gate along the front of the academy. Please do not block the side gate entrance.

BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be returning to the academy on Tuesday 26th November – Friday 29th November. This will be held from 3.15pm each day in the main hall. The Book Fair will also be available during the Christmas Fayre. This is a card only event.



Darlinghurst Book Fair

**When: Tuesday 26th to
Friday 29th November**

Where: In the hall

Time: 3.15-4.00

-Card only

-No CASH payments!



ATTENDANCE

**MOMENTS
MATTER,**

**ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

EYFS

Jellyfish 94.1%

KS1

Puffin 96.3%

KS2

Stingray 98.8%



PROUD TO BE ME



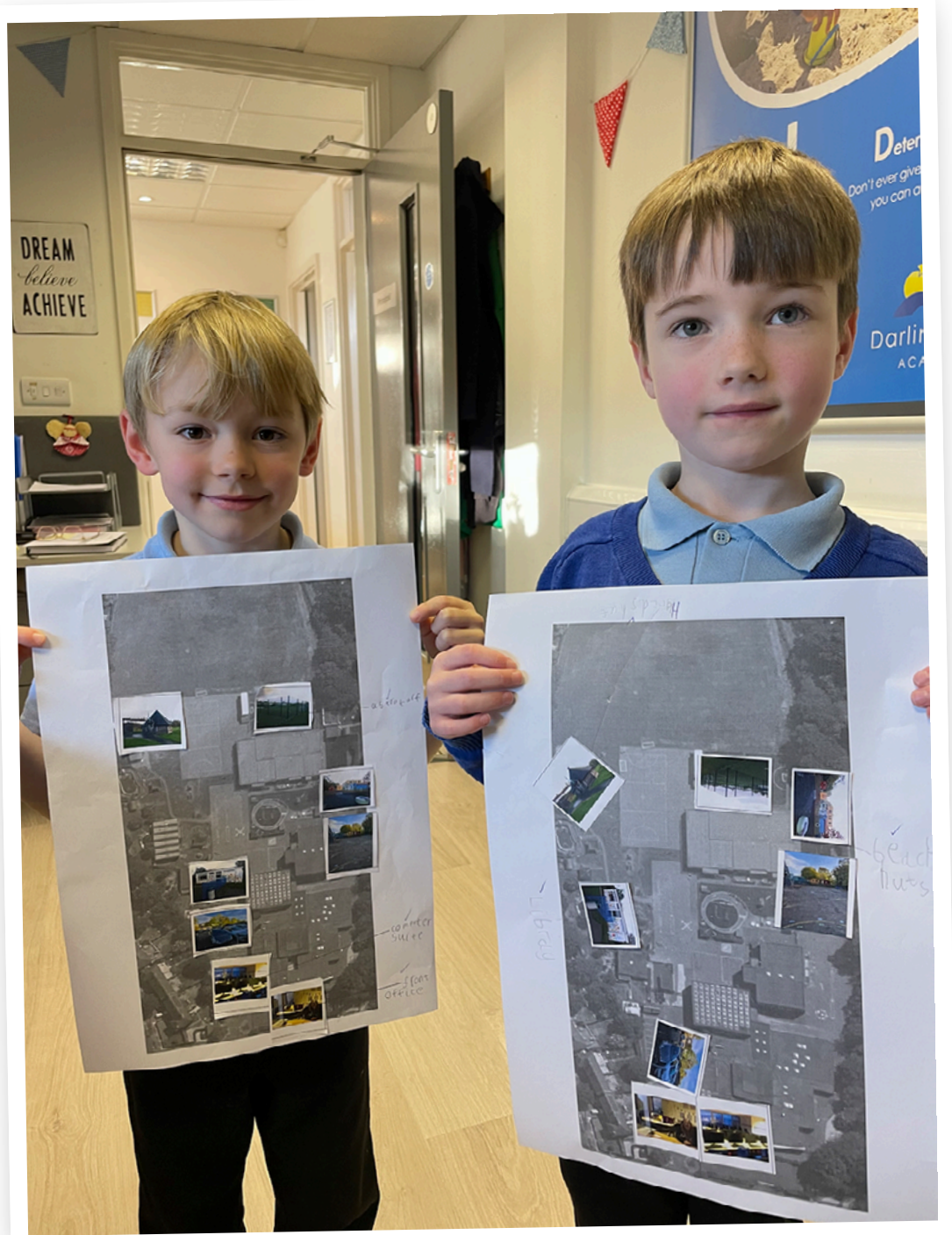


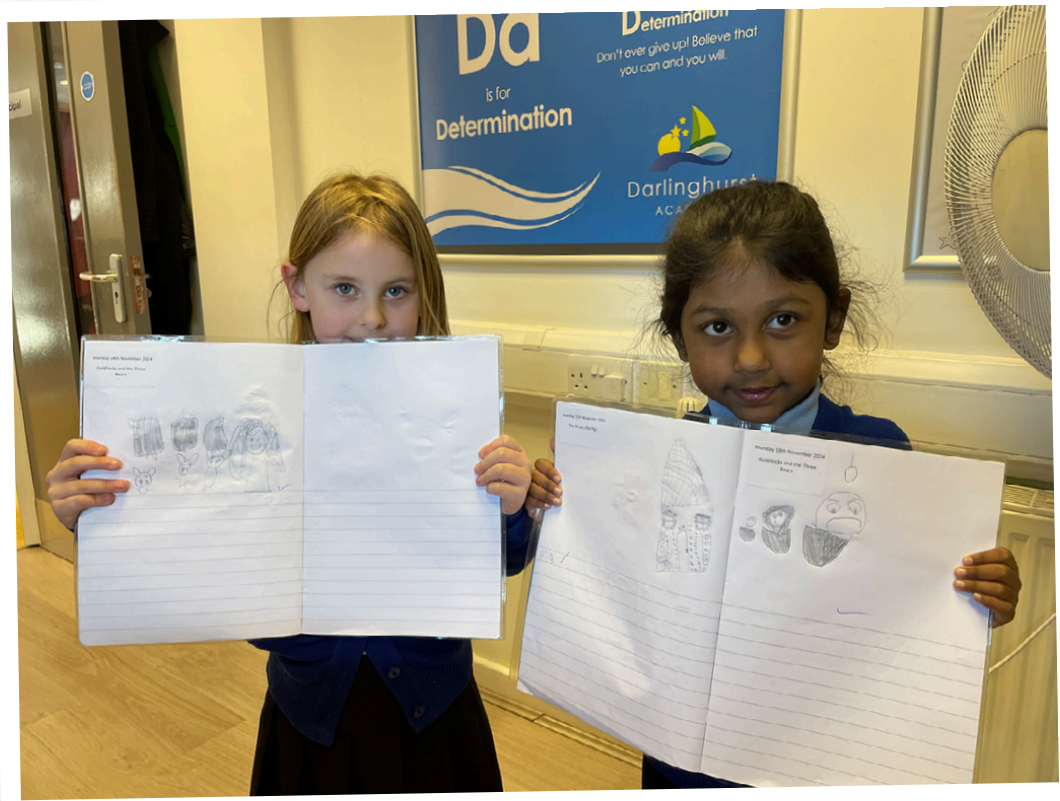


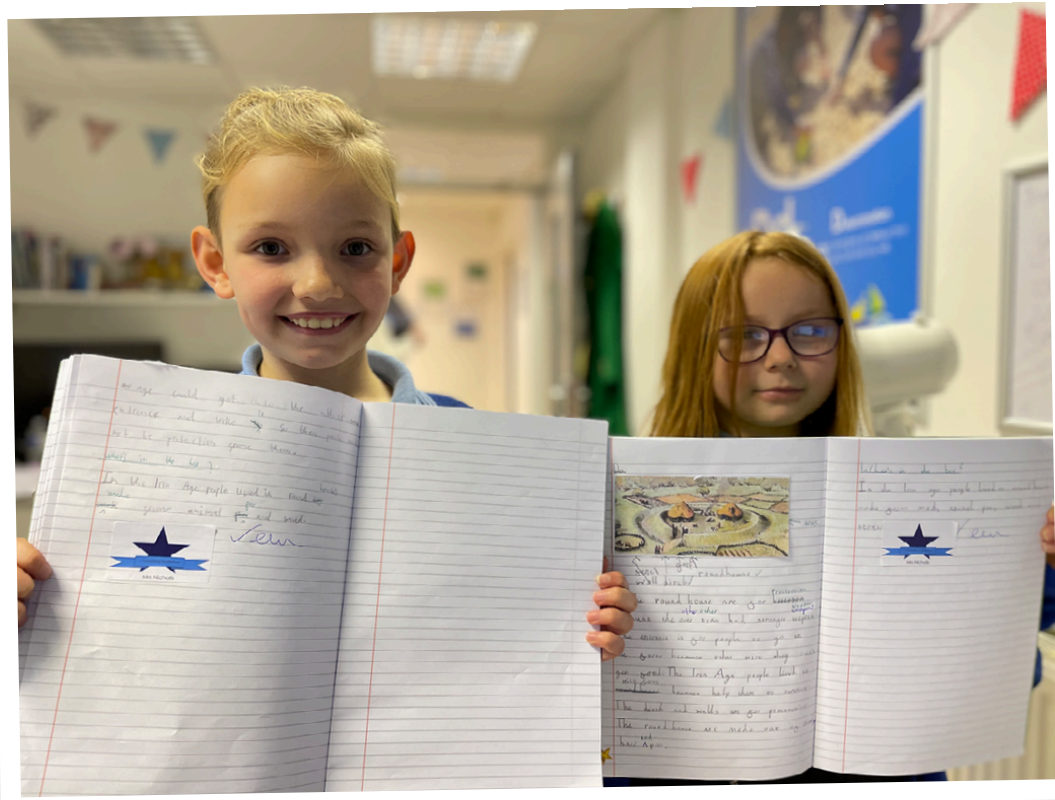
















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