



HEADLINES

Governors Morning

On Wednesday we welcomed a group comprising Members, Trustees and Governors to a special Open Morning.

The group toured the school, visiting classrooms and then spent some time discussing our self-evaluation documents and School Improvement Plan.

Overall it was a very productive morning from my point of view; the group was able to gain a good feel for the school atmosphere - which is so important to have if they are to fulfil their role of school oversight in an informed and knowledgeable manner and we were able to talk outside the bounds of an agenda about school improvement priorities for the future.

My thanks of course to all who attended for giving up their time to attend during the school day.

Sunil Chotai

Let's make some noise



On Friday 7 October, Bromley Carers arranged for Morgan Shepherd in Year 8 to visit Global Radio's Global House in London's Leicester Square to be interviewed on LBC radio drive time about being a young carer.

The interview was part of Global's *Make Some Noise* event raising funds "for those who don't get heard". So far over £2.8m has been raised.

Morgan was interviewed by Iain Dale during the last half an hour of a marathon 36 hour show, to raise awareness of what being a young carer is all about.



Sporting successes celebrated

Our annual sports awards on 6 October 2016 was a fantastic evening, when families and staff were able to come together and celebrate individual and team successes from the academic year 2015-16. Lots of sporting colours, medals and trophies were presented and collected over the course of the evening.

We were joined by international rugby player Maggie Alphonsi, who played for England 74 times, scored 28 tries, and helped England win a record-breaking seven consecutive Six Nations crowns. She was also a crucial member of the team that won the 2014 Rugby World Cup for the first time in 20 years.

Maggie gave a hugely motivating speech that will hopefully inspire our students to strive for even more success in the years to come.

Particular congratulations go to the following students who won trophies or sportswoman or sportsman of the year:

At Key Stage 3: Josie Kaufman-Hill and Harry Pointing

At Key Stage 4: Holly Wright and David Linekar

At Key Stage 5: Parris Johnson and Scott Gallagher

James Marshall Award : Scott Tiffin

Kevin Hammond Memorial Trophy: Parris Johnson.

Well done to all. We are looking forward to another year of sporting success!

PE Department

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 17 to Friday 21 October 2016:

- 18 October 2016—Year 8 Impact Factor Day
- 19 October 2016—Year 7 settling in tea, including
- 19 October 2016—E-safety talk for parents 6:00pm
- 20 October 2016—Sixth Form Business Studies trip to Thorpe Park
- 21 October 2016—INSET—school closed to pupils
- 24 to 28 October—half term
- 28 October 2016—Dance trip to Sadlers Wells

Forthcoming events

- 1 November 2016—Year 7 geography trip to London Zoo
- 3 November 2016—Year 7 geography trip to London Zoo
- 8 November 2016—Year 11 work reviews
- 10 November 2016—Year 12 photography trip to London
- 11 November 2016—ICT in Action Conference
- 17 November 2016—Sixth Form Open Evening
- 18 November 2016—Year 7 choir to perform at Polhill Garden Centre
- 23 November 2016—Chemistry in Action Conference
- 24 November 2016—Computing in Action Conference
- 26 November 2016—Senior choir to perform at Biggin Hill High Street
- 30 November 2016—Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church
- 2 December 2016—Year 7 Choir to sing at Waitrose
- 9 December 2016—Year 10 and 11 English trip to An Inspector Calls
- 12 to 15 December 2016—performances of the school production
- 14 December 2016—Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants
- 20 December 2016—Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants
- 4 January 2017—Start of spring term
- 9 January 2017—Year 11 Science ISA day
- 16 January 2017—Year 11 Science ISA day
- 25 January 2017—Year 13 Work Reviews

Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending
7/10/2016**

Megan Tokarski, Cameron Gifford
Cameron MacKenzie, and
Lauren Anderson from 8SCu

Mrs Mills

Geography Star of the week is awarded to Megan Thompson in 10SFe for consistently excellent effort with classwork and homework and an enthusiastic contribution to all lessons. She is a pleasure to teach.

Ms Kelly

Money Talks

Year 9 and 12 finance students were privileged to have staff from a local company, St James Place Wealth Management Plc delivering financial awareness conferences earlier this term. Our pupils explored a wide range of topics, from the value of money to the importance of budgeting, supporting both their qualifications and their future choices. Getting positive comments from the presenters was also very pleasing: "We all really enjoyed the day, the children asked some great questions and I thought that they were a credit to you and your school."



New logo for the Friends of Charles Darwin School

Many thanks to Ciara Fleming in Year 10 for her help in designing a new logo for the Friends. Whenever you see this logo, we will be "Fundraising for You".

The Friends will be at the Year 7 settling in tea next week, so please come and see us. We also have a new email address you can contact us on: friends@cdarwin.com. We look forward to meeting you soon.

PARENTS EVENINGS 2016/17

- Year 12: 24 November 2016
- Year 13: 24 November 2016
- Year 11: 19 January 2017
- Year 8: 9 February 2017
- Year 9: 9 March 2017
- Year 10: 26 April 2017
- Year 7: 3 May 2017

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Thank you to everyone who supported this event. A grand total of £242.10 was raised!



Well done and good luck to the following students in Years 10 and 12 who have signed up for the Young Reporter Scheme: Ella Shaw, Ciara Fleming, Charlie Leighton, Myles Daniels, Susanna Whitlock, Jean Luc Henri and Benjamin Reilly. The scheme provides work experience for students interested in journalism, by giving them the chance to write regular local-interest articles and see them published online. An important part of the experience is working to the deadlines

Good luck with submitting your first articles.
Mr J Simpson, ICT