



24/3/2017

The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Duke of Edinburgh Awards Evening

On Monday evening, I attended the annual Duke of Edinburgh Awards Ceremony at Bromley Civic Centre. It was a super occasion during which students from a variety of the Borough's schools were presented with their Duke of Edinburgh [DoE] award by the Mayor of Bromley, Councillor Ian Payne. Receiving the DoE award was a proud moment for our students who were an absolute credit to their families and our school as they collected their award with great dignity, confidence and composure. My congratulations to all the students for this super achievement.

H₂O Heroes

On Wednesday morning a group of budding scientists from Year 9 accompanied by Miss Candy came to talk to me about their exciting project on water sustainability. The students have put together a thought provoking presentation detailing the environmental need for thoughtful water usage.

As part of H₂O Heroes, a project sponsored by Thames Water, the students have been developing their thinking impressively on the needs and benefits of water conservation. The students, who were a bright, confident and articulate bunch, had some excellent ideas on how the issues surrounding water conservation could be shared and promoted more widely in school and beyond.

Sunil Chotai

Stop Press

Travel information

Please be aware that **Salt Box Hill** and **Oaklands Lane** will be closed on **Tuesday 28 March 2017** between 10:00am and 15:00pm.

What happened on the day?

BBC News School Report is a scheme which gives 11 to 16 year old students the chance to make their own news reports for a real audience. Harry Clarke, in Year 8, gave this account of his involvement in the scheme.



In January, 17 students volunteered to take part in the BBC News School Report - a truly amazing and engaging event that highlights the importance of the younger generation being aware of current affairs and the world around them.

The students generously committed their time, agreeing to meeting every Friday and Monday lunchtime to share ideas and complete practice runs ensuring all those involved were highly prepared for every aspect of the day and were fully equipped for any challenges that they might face.

On 16 March, the much anticipated day of reporting eventually came and we started to plan and draft ideas for the final report to be viewed by the BBC. Students commissioned a great variety of reports ranging from obesity to the significance of women all around the world. General news was also included such as the weekly weather as well as conversations on political and social issues in British society. All 17 students put great creative effort into the final work.

Although it was a time-consuming process, we produced written and filmed reports containing a balance of topical conversation and interviews spanning world news and local events generated here at Charles Darwin School. Mr Jones, (science) was interviewed about a recent more able Year 10 trip to the Al Jazeera studio which is located on the sixteenth floor of that glorious landmark, the Shard.

Neil Winn-Williams from Foal Farm came in to school to discuss and explain his job as a carer for the many abused and abandoned animals they rescue. In addition, two students who went on the Al Jazeera trip discussed what they had learnt from the experience and how their interest and knowledge of creative media has developed.

The excellent Mr Archer (film and media studies) was truly generous with his time, providing access to a green screen to add realistic features to filmed reports. Not only this, Mr Archer was remarkably enthusiastic and encouraged us in every way possible.

Mr Parris and Mr Nunn also deserve a great thank you for their constant enthusiasm and support as does Mrs Jewell for putting up with a squabble of teenagers in her library throughout periods 1 to 6. Most of all, a massive thank you to Miss Sales for her strong devotion to us and the project.

Year 11 Holiday Revision Classes will run over Easter and May half term holidays

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 27 to Friday 31 March 2017

- 27 March 2017 — Year 7 fundraising Maths-a-thon
 28 March 2017 — Drama trip to the Caucasian Chalk Circle
 29 March 2017 — Duke of Edinburgh training from 3:15pm—4:15pm in the Sixth Form hub
 31 March 2017 to 8 April 2017 — Ski trip
 31 March 2017 — Non-uniform day and Easter Eggstravaganza
 31 March 2017 — End of the spring term

Forthcoming events

- 3 April to 13 April 2017 — Easter break and holiday revision classes
 18 April 2017 — Start of summer term
 18 April 2017 — Duke of Edinburgh orienteering through local area
 20 April 2017 — Year 13 PE trip to Aquasports in Merstham
 21 April 2017 — Salters Chemistry Challenge
 24 April 2017 — Bromley Sharing dance performances
 26 April 2017 — Year 10 Parents evening
 27 April 2017 — Junior maths challenge
 27 April 2017 — Year 13 PE BTEC trip to Aqua Sports
 3 May 2017 — Year 7 Parents evening
 3 May 2017 — Year 10 geography trip to Stratford
 8 May 2017 — Friends meeting at 7:00pm in the Sixth Form hub
 8 May 2017 — Year 9 geography trip to Rottingdean
 9 May 2017 — Year 9 geography trip to Rottingdean

Please be aware: The school has been informed about an incident recently in the early evening in Biggin Hill when a car stopped and a girl was told to get in. Please remind young people to keep themselves safe on their way to and from school and if they are out in the evenings.

Year 7 fundraising Maths-a-thon Monday 27 March 2017

The mathematics department will be organising a range of fun mathematical activities, which will run throughout the school day and on until 5:30pm. Please sponsor a Year 7 student if you can. All proceeds will be shared between Great Ormond Street Hospital and the mathematics department.

Flowerpots wanted



Please send any spare small to medium flowerpots in to Mrs Owens in science for the students who will be propagating some cuttings.
Thank you.

Attendance update

Attend today: achieve tomorrow

Attendance percentage: by house
for the spring term 2017

Grant	95.1%
Henslow	94.9%
Lyell	94.5%
Wedgwood	95%

Congratulations to Grant who came top amongst the houses by a narrow margin.

Mrs Rees



31 March; Non-uniform day and Easter Eggstravaganza

Minimum donation: £1

At break-time the Friends will be selling Easter eggs in the foyer near Student Services. There will also be a suggestion box so that students can present their ideas for equipment for any subject or anything else that they would like the Friends to fund-raise for. All suggestions welcome.

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending

17/3/2017

Karisa Patel, Kacper Clark and Sarah Hudson from 8RB

Mrs Mills

Where are they now?

Ex pupil George Watkinson, who attended from September 1999 to summer 2005 is now rowing in seat three for Oxford University's Lightweight Eight.

History Star of the Week is awarded to Shae Rutledge. Shae has recently moved history groups and has impressed me with his hard work and commitment. With the exams on the near horizon he has a clear sense of urgency, and is working conscientiously to help him achieve his target grade. Well done Shae.

Mr Lamb

Congratulations to 8x/En1. I would like to let them all know how proud I am of them. They have persevered with some challenging GCSE style tasks in our reading lessons in the library. They were also all incredibly helpful on World Book Day when we ran our competitions and cake sale in the library. 8x/En1 are an absolute pleasure to teach.

Mrs Pitt

A huge congratulations to Kirsten Flaherty, Olivia Clark, Jennifer Turnham, Beth Evan, Josh Cook, Beth Foreman and Tommy Ledger for having their poems selected and published in a poetry anthology. A copy of the anthology is in the library so their wonderful poems can be enjoyed.

Very well done also to everyone who took part in the BBC School Report on 16 March. They all worked really hard and produced some great reports: Isobel Cairns, Natasha Swanson, Scott Strawson, Niamh Robinson, Harry Clarke, Isabelle Wilkins, Amira Keith, Paula Szczyrba, Jessica Bailey, Jean Batt, Sophie Hannaford, Daisy Allen, Tilly Marshall, Ermond Berisha, Tania Tsanova, Coskun Zeki, Drew Gerry and Charlie Dejonge. Thank you also to Ciara Fleming and Susanna Whitlock in Year 10 for being interviewed for a report.

Miss Sales