



HEADLINES

Year 9 Young Enterprise Finals

This week our team of Year 9 students attended the grand final of the National Enterprise Challenge, sponsored by Rymans. Out of 150 teams, four are chosen to pitch their idea directly to Theo Paphitis and senior managers from a range of renowned organisations. Much to the delight of Mrs. Mathieson and Mrs. Burge our team was selected to pitch their game style app called Ryman Rush to the judges in front of an audience of over 900 people. Although they were not the final winners this was a massive achievement for the students who were excellent ambassadors for our school. My congratulations to them all. See overleaf for Mrs Burge's own account of the event.

BHPS OFSTED Inspection

This week saw the publication of Biggin Hill Primary School's Ofsted report, it makes excellent reading. The report is full of very positive comments and its key judgments about the progress at the school are very pleasing. Overall the school is judged to now be Good, with the following individual judgements

Leadership and management: **Good**
Teaching and learning and assessment **Good**
Personal development, behaviour and welfare **Outstanding**
Outcomes **Good**
Early years provision **Good**

Congratulations to everyone for this excellent outcome.

Sunil Chotai

MORE NEEDED PLEASE

Parent volunteers

We need a dedicated team of volunteers to make costumes for the school production next term: auditions will be in September and performances are in December. If you are interested and can help, please email Miss Currie, Head of Expressive Arts on:

gcu@cdarwin.com. Thank you.

Students prepare for silver award



Students taking their Silver Duke of Edinburgh award completed a practice expedition at Bewl Water this week. They planned and walked two routes and camped for two nights in preparation for their qualifying expedition in the New Forest next week.

Their map reading was flawless which bodes well for the longer qualifying expedition they face very soon. What was most impressive was their group cohesion and ability to entertain themselves for two nights whilst camping. As seen in the picture we enjoyed marshmallows around the campfire on the second night. Unfortunately Mr Culver refused to sing Kumbaya!

I am looking forward to the New Forest.

Mr Simpson

Students prove themselves fighting fit



Recently Jess Greenslade, Kristiana Vani, Rosie Ball, Eve Weah, Aisha Imambacus, Angel Onye and Andrea Owusu-Adane Darkoh in Year 10 took part in a boxing competition at Harris Priory. This involved all aspects of boxing from fitness work to pad work and all the girls competed in a number of events in both fields. The girls worked extremely hard individually and as a team through each event showing real determination to succeed and their hard work paid off as they were crowned winners on the night. Congratulations to you all.

Mr Griffiths

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Monday 10 to Friday 14 July

10 to 14 July 2017 — Sixth Form Horizons

10 July 2017 — Bromley Health Bus on site in the upper car park

11 July 2017 — Year 9 performance of Too Much Punch for Judy

13 July 2017—Young Carers bowling trip

13 July 2017—Year 6/7 disco from 6:30pm, price £3.00

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Celebration of Success assemblies will be held on Friday 21 July.

Years 7—9 are expected in school at the usual time in full, correct school uniform. Year 10 attend by invitation only and pupils will be dismissed at intervals during the course of the morning as follows:

Year 10 dismissed at 10.20am

Year 9 dismissed at 11.30am

Years 7/8 dismissed at 12:15pm

The bus services have been informed and will adjust times accordingly.

Students pitch in National Enterprise Challenge final



For the third year running we have taken a team to the finals of the National Enterprise Competition. Just four of the 150 teams taking part are chosen to pitch their idea directly to Theo Paphitis and senior managers from a range of well known organisations. If this isn't scary enough, there were over 900 people in an auditorium the size of a football field. It came to announcing the last team to pitch and I thought it was another year where we had done well but not been chosen until Sam and Mark, the hosts, announced Charles Darwin School. Sadly Mrs Mathieson and I went absolutely wild, much to the embarrassment of the team. They were very nervous and had to manage using microphones for the first time but they did the most brilliant job - we were bursting with pride. They did not win but this is a massive achievement, 140,000 students took part in this national challenge and their new game style app called Ryman Rush was singled out to be presented. It really was better than the X factor!

Mrs Burge

Train to teach with us.

Do you have a degree in English, mathematics or one of the sciences? Are you interested in training to teach with us? Bursaries of up to £25,000 are available for your fully supported training year with Charles Darwin School where you can gain QTS and PGCE qualifications.

All enquiries to Mr R Jones rjs@cdarwin.com.

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending

30/6/2017

Abbie Muckle and Lauren Anderson
from 8SCu

Mrs Mills

Congratulations to Year 8 student Joshua Merchant. He has achieved 100% in all his spelling tests throughout the year as well as 100% in his grammar exam. Well done indeed.

Mrs Holloway

Congratulations to Izzy Franklin in Year 7 and Kadelia Wilkins in Year 9 who have both been selected to represent Kent Schools FA U14 and U16 girls squads for next season. Two very talented young ladies who have very promising futures.

Miss Curwood



History Star of the Week is

awarded to Lakeisha Richards in Year 7 for never failing to put maximum effort into all the work that she produces. Lakeisha has spent the year impressing me with her work ethic and commitment. Her conscientious approach has paid dividends, with an excellent exam result and homework which achieves grades consistently well above her target. A real star.

Mr Lamb

Congratulations to both Tara Langford and Joy Green who are the June and July winners of the Friends' 50/50 club respectively. The prize money is on its way. If anyone would like to join the 50/50 club, please complete the application form emailed home with the Link.

Karen Casey, the Friends

Learning Development

Learning Development runs a drop-in session for parents between 8:00am and 8:45am every Tuesday morning.

Parents must report to reception first.

LOCKERS

Advance reminder that all lockers should be emptied before the end of term as they are cleaned out during the summer holidays and anything left in them will be disposed of.

Thank you.