



07.12.2018

The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Christmas Concert

On Wednesday I had the pleasure of attending our annual Christmas Concert which took place at St. Mark's Church. It was superb occasion; speaking personally I find that music has a way of elevating oneself; children's talent (and teacher talent) also has a similar effect and so does Christmas. The combination of the three on Wednesday was therefore extremely uplifting. The various performances by the students and staff were excellent and I felt very proud as a Headteacher to witness such quality from our students and staff. I would like to thank all families who supported the occasion and particularly the students who took part.

Over the last few weeks, our music students have performed in a variety of locations and have raised the profile of our school enormously. I would like to say a big thank you to all the students who have been involved in the various events.

Sunil Chotai

Christmas Raffle

With the Christmas Draw taking place on Thursday 20 December, we hope that everyone already has or is in the process of returning their ticket stubs, monies and/or unsold tickets to the school. If you haven't as yet, please ensure sure that these are returned early next week so as not to miss out.

We hope that you will support this great fundraiser and wish you the very best of luck in the draw.

Please bring all the tickets/money in an envelope to Main Reception.
The deadline for return is



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On Monday Year 8 took part in a Growth Mindset day. Characteristics associated with growth mindset include a willingness to confront challenges, viewing failure as a springboard for growth, and a passion for learning. Not surprisingly, this type of mindset is strongly linked to greater happiness and achievement in life.

We all have beliefs about our own abilities and potential. These beliefs are part of our mindset which is so powerful, it can fuel our behaviour and predict our success. Mindset shapes our everyday lives, helping us interpret our experiences and future possibilities.

Developing the right mindset early on is crucial. When students know their brains are capable of growing, amazing things can happen and this is what happened on Monday. The pictures show what an improvement was made from one drawing to another when our Year 8's believed they could improve. Students were given a picture to copy, they did this four times however between each attempt they took upon feedback from their peers. This allowed them to develop and progress from their starting point. Alongside this activity, students practised the concept of growth mindset where rubbers were banned to emphasise that making mistakes is the building block to learning.



Growth mindset occurred when our students believed their intelligence and abilities could be improved upon with effort and the right strategies. A great day had by all with a lesson learnt that will help our students reach their potential.

Miss Dobney

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events

Autumn Term

- 7 December 2018** - Waitrose Christmas singing
10 to 16 December 2018 - Year 7 penny collection
13 December 2018 - Year 7 English trip to see The Lion King
13 December 2018 - Year 11 Biology trip to Body Worlds Exhibition
13 December 2018 - Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants, Thurrock
13 December 2018 - Young Carers Christmas trip to Bromley
13 December 2018 - Year 13 Apprenticeship Visit Celerity Talent Head Office
14 December 2018 - Year 7 Christmas Fair
14 December 2018 - Christmas Jumper Charity Day
17 to 20 December 2018 - Performances of the school production
18 December 2018 - The South of England Science & Technology Challenge Final
19 December 2018 - Christmas Lunch
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11 January 2019 - Year 9 DTP/MENACWY vaccinations
16 January 2019 - Dance trip to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake
25 January 2019 - Deadline for Sixth Form Applications

Year 9 Homework Achievement

Congratulations to all Year 9 English students, in particular Charlie Gardiner, Cyrus Goedhals and Chloe Dillaway for their outstanding homework. They were given two weeks to make a model of the Bunkhouse in of Mice and Men, a novel currently being read.

I was truly blown away by the level of detail and effort put in to all the models.

Keep up the good work.

Mr Nunn



Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending 07.12.2018

Joshua Watson, Brooke Carty,
Mollie Featherstone, Joshua Rea
and Jamie Sale

Mrs Mills, Reception

PARENTS EVENINGS 2019

- Year 11:** 24 January 2019 [2]
Year 8: 7 February 2019
Year 9: 6 March 2019
Year 12: 27 March 2019 [2]
Year 13: 27 March 2019 [2]
Year 10: 2 May 2019
Year 7: 8 May 2019



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 email: leisurecentre@cdarwin.com
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Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 14 December 2018

Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 14 December for a minimum £1 donation. If everyone gave £1, the total raised would be £1,300 and if everyone donated just £3, the total would rise to £4,000. Remember, you don't have to wear a jumper to donate.

The chosen charities this year are:

Year 7 - Crohns and Colitis UK

Year 8 - Help the Heros

Year 9 - NSPCC

Year 10 - Macmillian Cancer

Year 11 - The Lily Foundation

Year 12/13 - The Royal Marsden



Please support the day, feel festive and give generously.
 Thank you.

Amazon Smile – Have you signed up yet?

The Amazon Smile fundraising page is proving extremely popular with our supporters due to its ease of use and simple sign up.

Simply log into www.smile.amazon.co.uk with your existing Amazon Account to sign up and select Friends of Charles Darwin School as your supported charity.

In future do your shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and donations to our cause will be generated automatically. A very simple "How To" guide accompanies this week's Link.



Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.