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Headlines

Parent Survey – closes today!

My thanks to those families who have completed and returned the parent survey. The closing date for the survey is today so if there are some families who have not yet returned the survey please do so by the end of today.

This is your chance to let us know your views of the school and will inform our planning for next year. There is also an opportunity to put yourself forward to be part of our PTA or to be considered in the future for a Governor position.

Parents can access the survey on the link below:

https://forms.office.com/e/JB8JwcxjAG

Curriculum Information

The communication of our curriculum and what is taught is important to us. I would like to draw attention to the letter Mr. Boyden sent out recently, setting out how our website has been updated to provide a lot of information and detail. Parents can access the curriculum page on our website via the link below:

https://www.cdarwin.com/page/?title=Curriculum+Aims+and+Intent&pid=575

Uniform

A reminder that over the coming weeks there will be a specific focus on uniform and I would refer parents to pages 5 and 6 of the student planner which sets out our uniform policy. In particular hoodies, sweatshirts, trainers and jewellery are not acceptable.

Aston Smith

A reminder to parents that as well as the LINK and the 'latest news' section on the website, you can follow the latest events happening in our school community on:





Mr Jones

All students are requested to leave the school site promptly unless taking part in supervised activities after school. For safety and security reasons no casual or recreational activities should take place without direct supervision from staff.

The Darwin Leisure Centre fitness gym is open to student paying members only between 3.15-4.30pm who must then leave the premises as quickly as possible; from 4.30-6.00pm only School/Club bookings are allowed on the 3G, there are no casual bookings of the 3G pitch at any time during term times.

Mr Burtonshaw

Reading Corner at Charles Darwin

On Friday 19th May 2023, a group of our Y7 and Y8 students are visiting Orpington Library to take part in a workshop with Joseph Elliott, author of the Shadow Skye trilogy. This week's recommendation is the first book in the trilogy, *The Good Hawke.*



In mythic Scotland, two unlikely heroes must make a dangerous journey to save their people.

Agatha is a Hawk, brave and fierce, who protects her people by patrolling the high walls of their island home. Jaime, thoughtful and anxious, is an Angler, but he hates the sea. Worse, he's been chosen for a duty that the clan hasn't required for generations: to marry. The elders won't say why they have promised him to a girl in a neighbouring clan, but there are rumours of approaching danger. When disaster strikes and the clan is kidnapped, it is up to Agatha and Jaime to travel across the haunted mainland of Scotia to Norveg...

Book Club

Come along to Book Club

Every Monday lunch time in the library with Mrs Pitt ③



Sixth Form 5k Fun Run

Last week Year 12 and Year 13 students took to the field for their postponed 5k Easter Fun Run, raising funds for the Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust.

A great time was had by all, trying to catch the chickens! They raised just over £250, which is a fantastic amount. Along with the money raised on their O2 Climb, their fundraising total currently stands at £1949! Well done to everyone who took part and donated.

> Mrs Johnson KS5 Pastoral Support Manager





History Stars of the week

Well done to 8X/Hi4 who have been working fantastically well in history this week. All of the students produced fantastic extended writing on Leningrad. Students were required to use their prior learning to produce an empathetic and historically accurate piece. In addition to this the class have worked collaboratively to find out why the USA joined the Second World War. I have been so impressed with their hard work, good manner, cooperation and the want to do well in their history lessons. I hope you keep this up!



Miss Zysemil

Exams Time

Please see below ideas for a healthy, fulfilling snacks.

This week's recipe for Cod Fishcake and Chips is attached separately.



SNACK RECIPES

TRY SOME OF THESE DELICIOUS AND REALLY EASY TO MAKE SNACKS TO TAKE A BREAK AND BOOST YOUR BRAIN POWER

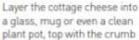
EDIBLE PLANT POTS

150g cottage cheese

50g wholemeal croutons, buy them and blitz them to a powder in the food processor your choice of vegetables; carrots, cucumber, things you can eat raw or lightly cooked.

METHOD-

METHOD:



to make the 'soil'. Push in the veggies to make it look like a garden, simple! Pretty to look at and tasty to eat, plus it'll give you a boost!

SOFT BOILED EGGS AND MARMITE SOLDIERS

2 eggs 2 slices toasted wholemeal bread Marmite

Heat a saucepan of salted water until it boils, add the eggs and set a timer for 6 minutes. Take your warm toast, spread with butter and Marmite and slice into 'soldiers'. Take the tops off the eggs and get dipping!

HONEY, FRUIT AND NUT GRANOLA BARS

Pre-heat the oven to 160°c.

100g butter, melted 200g porridge oats

200g mixed nuts and seeds, buy them already

done to save time and money

100g bag mixed dried fruit, cranberries, golden

raisins etc.

85ml runny honey

METHOD-



Mix everything in a large bowl, pour the mix into a baking paper lined baking tray and bake for 30 minutes, allow to cool before slicing.

COCONUT CHIA POT AND FRUIT COMPOTE

fruit on a plate or top the chia seeds with them

and finally top with the toasted coconut.

30g chia seeds

100ml coconut milk Your favourite selection of berries, lightly dusted with caster sugar and left for about an hour to

macerate (they will create their own syrup). Toasted coconut shavings

METHOD:

Soak the chia seeds in the







PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA WHOLEMEAL TOASTIE

melted butter and the oats. Put the apple and

plum mix into an ovenproof dish and top with the

oats. Bake for 15 minutes. Stir the vanilla extract

into the crème fraiche. Spoon the crème fraiche

on top of the crumble and get stuck in!

CINNAMON BAKED PLUMS AND APPLES, OAT

2 ripe plums, stone removed and guartered 2 red eating apples, cored and 1cm diced

CRUMBLE, CREME FRAICHE

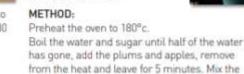
Toast 3 slices of wholemeal bread and make a triple decker, layering crunchy peanut butter with thinly sliced bananas



Hay Fever Season - Medication for Students

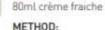
Hay Fever and the symptoms for children studying at school can be very uncomfortable, please ensure that if your child suffers with Hay Fever that they take any relevant medication/antihistamine before school. The school is unable to provide this medication to students. Thank you

Mrs Booth



¼ teaspoon vanilla extract





45g caster sugar

75g porridge oats

15g butter, melted

100ml water

Step Around Town

Thrive Dance Company perform at Step Around Town!

On Thursday 11th May, Thrive Dance Company performed at Forest Hill School for the Step Around Town event. Here, there were performances from Priory School, Townley Grammar, Forest Hill and Harris Girls' Academy Bromley. I was so proud of our students, they are such a strong performance group and they performed with such energy and love for this art form of dance. They danced to the song 'Joy' from Sister Act, and I can certainly comment that the audience felt as joyful as the dancers did. A massive well done for all of your hard work, it was wonderful to watch you on stage where you belong! Thank you to parents for your on-going support!

Miss Abbotts



Thank you PTA

I would like to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible support the PTA has recently given to the Mathematics department. Their generous contribution towards acquiring a set of scientific calculators has enhanced our teaching capabilities by allowing us to distribute these calculators to students who do not have access to one.



These tools are indispensable in teaching advanced mathematical concepts and problem-solving techniques, and thanks to your generosity, more and more students, regardless of their personal circumstances, now have the opportunity to utilize a scientific calculator during class and examinations.

We firmly believe that the PTA's support will continue to yield remarkable results. The scientific calculators will play a crucial role in enhancing our students' academic performance and nurturing their passion for mathematics. Your investment in their education is an investment in their future success, as it enables them to excel not only in their studies but also in their future careers.

Once again, thank you. Your contribution exemplifies the power of unity and collective commitment, and we are honoured to have such exceptional parents as part of our Charles Darwin School family.

Mr Ferguson



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Or add this text to your browser: https://tinyurl.com/34ys3t3v

ATTENDANCE	7PDg/STi	100%
Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 12th May 2023.	8RMo/STe	96.9%
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	10ADo/GJo	94.2%
	11WCa/LWr	97%
	12FSu	97.8%
	13ARo/MMe	100%

As you are aware attendance is linked to a student's attainment and at Charles Darwin we work closely with the parents to keep students' attendance levels as high as possible. Please could we ask that if your child feels unwell in the morning (headache etc.) and they do feel better later on, that you send them in. This will benefit them as they will not miss a whole days learning.

Please can we also remind parents to call in before 8.30am for each day of your child's absence and not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.

Thank you for your continued support.

Students Services Team

A reminder that pupils **should not** contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Mrs Booth, our Health Care Lead.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Mrs Booth in the first instance.

If your child contacts you directly, please phone the school to confirm whether they are unwell and have permission to go home.

Thank you

Student Services Team

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence before 8.30am. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible. Our Attendance Officer is having to spend an increased amount of time each day chasing for responses.

Thank you for your support.

A huge thank you, you all have been super amazing. Reception Team

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Ted Broder Lola Hall Emily Hartfield Evan Williams Kemp Brown Isobel Sandoe Noah Clarke Scarlett Stubberfield Amelia Sawyer Alex Cumber



Thank you to our duties:

Sophie Mason	Lily Ou
Vinny Tucker	Rukaya
Chris Panzi	Freddie

Lily Outrum Rukayah Bigby Freddie Fuller

They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable. Student Services Team

Dates for the Diary

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25-26 May - Trip: DofE Yr9 Bronze qualifying expedition
26th May - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ
29th May - Bank Holiday
29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

June

6th June - Trip: UCAS Conference, Excel Centre, London, Yr12
7th June - New Year 7 Induction Evening,7pm
13th June - Trip: Bournemouth, NEA Fieldwork (Geography), Yr12
14th June - Trip: Drama - Jack Studio Theatre, Brockley (Yrs 12 and 10)
16th -17th June - Trip: DofE Yr10 Bronze qualifying expedition
21st June - Rounders Tournament
20th June - Trip1: PE Year 10 Kayaking, Danson Park Lakes (GCSE practical grades)
21st June - Rounders Tournament
22nd June - Trip2: PE Year 10 Kayaking, Danson Park Lakes (GCSE practical grades)
27th June - Trip: Drama - Apollo Theatre (2.22 Ghost Story), Yrs12
28th June - Rounders Tournament
30th June - Sports Day

July 4th July - INSET DAY

Term Dates 2022 - 23

SUMMER 2023

Monday 17th April – Friday 26th May

Half Term: Monday 29th *May* – *Friday* 2nd*June* Monday 5th June – Friday 21st July

CDS INSET days: Tuesday 4th July 2023



As the weather is getting warmer please can all students bring in a reusable water bottle to school each day. The water bottles can be refilled at the canteen and near to Students Services at break time and lunchtime. We only have a limited supply of plastic cups for First Aid and use of students who forgot a water bottle.

Thank you

Student Services Team

KS3 Exams Dates

Year 7 and 8 – Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June Year 9 – Monday 12 June to Friday 26 June