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The Link

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Headlines

Last Friday I was lucky enough to join Mr Simpson and a group of year 10 girls at F1 Media and Communications.

The tour also included talks from a number of women in the F1 sector including a Production Executive, Social Media Executive, IT Security Analyst and Mechanical Apprentice. The day was to celebrate International Women's Day and to show young women the types of STEM based carers available to them.

During the day the students were able to see the incredible media suite where camera footage and radio recordings are edited as well as seeing an F1 car and listen to a recorded message from F1's CEO Stefano Domenicali.

The highlight was the F1 television studio and the way in which the girls overcame any nervousness to sit in front of the cameras and answer questions about the day. This took enormous amount of courage and composure and they were all amazing. A huge thank you to the whole team at F1 who made the day so special. Hopefully the trip will be the start of close partnership with the school which will lead to more of our students having the same opportunities that the girls had.

Aston Smith



Please see the link below if you would like to watch the footage from the day:

[Formula 1 on LinkedIn: #f1 #motorsports #iwd2023 | 10 comments](#)

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:

CDarwinSchool



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Mr Jones

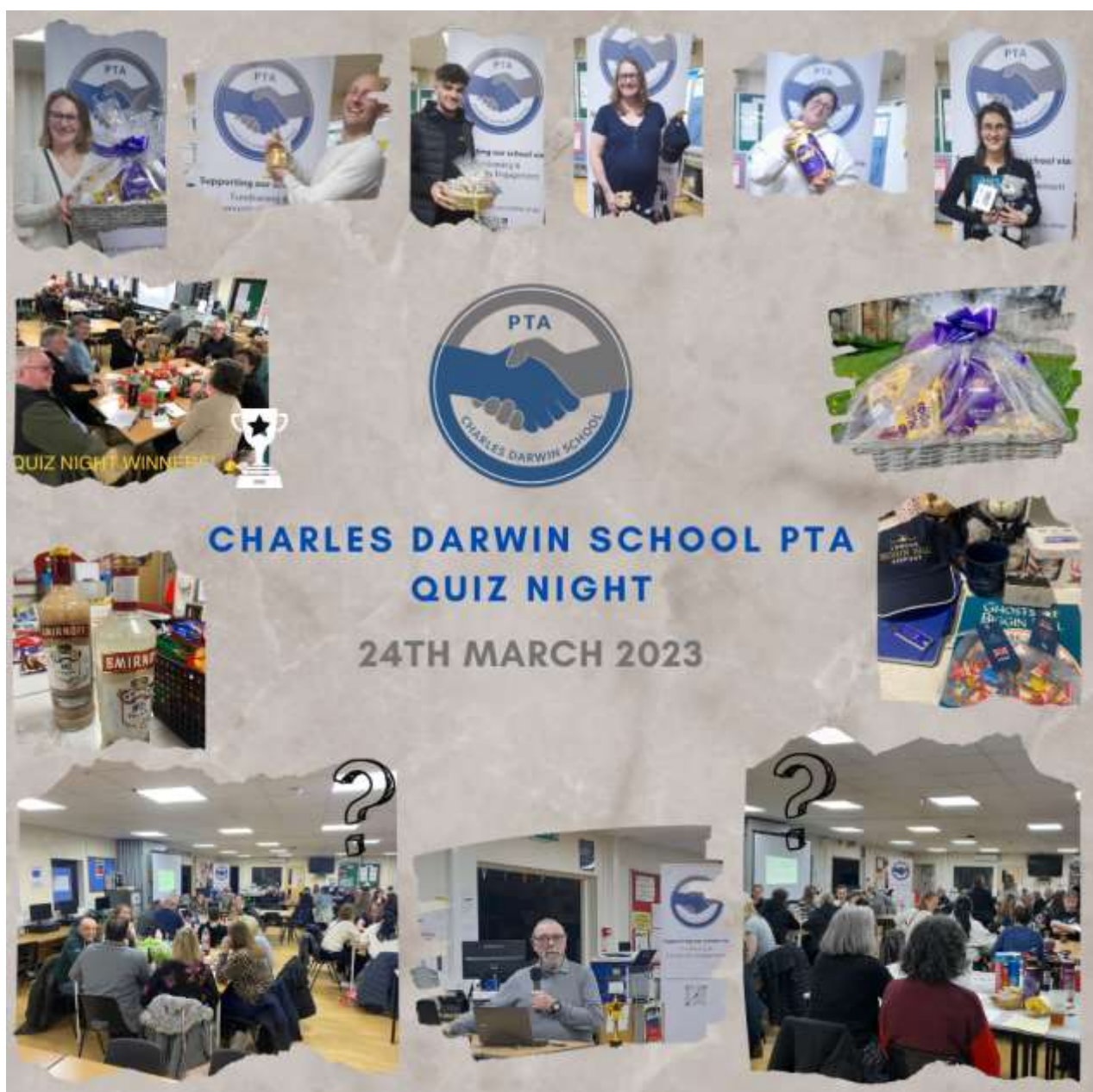
Update from PTA

Update from Charles Darwin School PTA

We would like to pass on our thanks to everyone who joined our quiz night on Friday night and contributed with such generosity and enthusiasm to the evening. It was a fantastic event and we are already planning the next one...possibly with a twist!

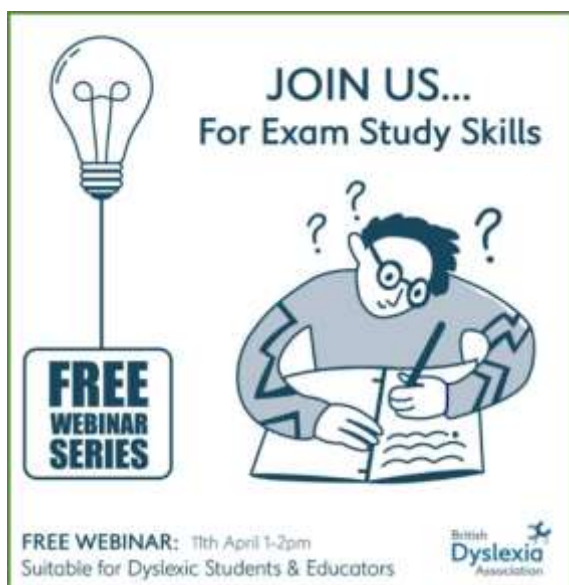
We are still collating receipts and card sales and can already see we have raised a really pleasing amount for our school. We look forward to being able to fund some projects around the school in the coming months as a direct outcome. Congratulations to our quiz night winners who were clearly an experienced and knowledgeable team and also the winners of our raffle prizes, all of which were kindly donated by our PTA members, Biggin Hill Airport and IdealHampers4All. Our thanks also to Mike (our quiz master) who kindly donated his evening to help us. We hope you all enjoyed the evening as much as we did and look forward to seeing you at the next one.

We look forward to bringing you some more events in the near future. If you have any requests, please e-mail us at friends@cdarwin.com or via our social media channels.



Free webinar from British Dyslexia Association

British Dyslexia Association is offering a free webinar taking place during Easter the holiday. Please see the links below for more information and to book your space. The details are [here](#) and [this is the booking link](#).



Blazers, school jumpers and PE kits needed!

Parents/Carers

We have had a quite substantial number of requests about school blazers, jumpers and PE kits. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son has outgrown, we would greatly appreciate donation of these.

All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Preloved Uniform Shop Team

Year 8 HPV1 Vaccinations

The Bromley School Age Immunisation Team will be visiting our school on Wednesday 17 May 2023 to carry out HPV1 vaccinations for **all Year 8 students**.

Please see the email sent out to all year 8 parents on Thursday 30/3/23, this had an attached NHS letter which **includes the link for the electronic parental consent form** along with a QR code for a direct link to the consent form.

Parents **must** complete the form using this link whether they are **consenting or declining** the vaccine. **Verbal/email consent responses are not acceptable**. The link will close on **Thursday 11 May**.

If you have any enquires please contact the Bromley School Age Immunisation team on:

HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBromleyMailbox@nhs.net or Tel: 020 3903 3375.

**Mrs Booth
Lead First Aid**

Trip to Trinity Laban

Thrive Dance Company meets Trinity Laban!

On 29th March 2023 Thrive Dance Company went to the 'Day of Dance' event at Trinity Laban with Step into Dance (Royal Academy of Dance). It was such an amazing day where 19 students from Year 7 to Year 11 did so many activities!

They:

- took part in a contemporary dance workshop
- watched a 1st year BA Hons Cunningham technique class
- observed a class where they were learning repertoire
- had a Q&A session with the students studying their degree there
- performed their joyful piece to other schools (which is to a Sister Act song)

I was so proud of them all, they were polite, sensible and hard working. They asked thoughtful questions in the Q&A session, performed with a real passion and energy (the organisers loved our performance piece) and they were so well behaved. A walk around Greenwich market really finished off the day nicely with students purchasing food from all over the world! Well done to all involved!

Miss Abbotts



ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 24 March 2023.



7RMk	97.3%
8GAn	93.3%
9SFe	95.6%
10ADo/GJo	92.5%
11PEI	92.2%
12DWa	98.3%
13ARo/MMe	97.1%

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:

Kaliyah Gordon	Neev Patel
Alfie Baker	Spencer Deeney
Lenny Turner	Roy Leahy
Jemiah Gravesande-Brown	
Ruby-Leigh Sheehy	Cailin Fleming



Thank you to our duties:

Robert Brooks	Toby Bird
Devhante Logan	Alfie Hora
Ella Hawkrige	

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

Dates for the Diary

March

28th March - Trip: Year 8 Rewad Trip, Bowling Bromley

29th March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

29th March - Trip: Trinity Laban Conservatoire of Music & Dance (Thrive Dance company) (Yrs 7-13 8:30am-3:20pm)

30th March - Trip: Churchill Theatre Bromley, Year 11

31st March - Trip: Geography - Stratford (Urban Fields), Year 12/13

31st March - Trip: Austria, Saalbach, Ski trip

31st March - End of Term

April

17th April - Summer Term start

26th April - Year 7 Parent's Evening

28th April - Trip: Netball Tour, Liddington (28-30 April 10:00am-5pm (Yrs 7&10))

May

1st May - Bank Holiday

2nd May - Year 10 Parent's Evening

8th May - Bank Holiday

Term Dates 2022 - 23

SPRING 2023

Wednesday 4th January – Friday 10th February

Half Term: Monday 13th February – Friday 17th February

Monday 20th February – Friday 31st March

Easter Holiday: Monday 3^d April – Friday 14th April

Notes: Good Friday 7th April 2023

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

+ 2 inset days as twilights

Achievement Points

Top highest achievers per each year for the period 01.09.2022 – 30.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	214
Leo Currier	8HBu	159
Deborah Chapman	9SCu	121
Rex Antepim	10IJo	107
Chloe McGonigal	11KWo	103
Ciara Bain	12MCR/MMe	61
Abbey Leonard	13ARo/MMe	32



Top 10 achievers across the school for the period 01.09.2022 – 30.03.2023

Catherine Seidler	7RBr/RSi	214
Lucas Nagle	7RMk	172
Leo Currier	8HBu	159
Alexander James Hannaford	8JHd	156
Phoebe Vincent	8RMo/STe	150
Harriet Downer	8RMo/STe	148
Jenson Ladd-Talbot	7TMi	142
Chloe Cocker	8RMo/STe	141
Hannah White	8GAn	139
Leo Nagle	7RMk	137



Easter Soccer School for Years 9-11

We are pleased to announce a Soccer School for Y9-11 during the Easter holidays.

Our Soccer Schools have been specially designed by coaches at Palace for Life Foundation and Crystal Palace FC to provide the best football experience for players in South London. **The course runs during the school holidays from 9:00am to 4:00pm for Young People in Year 9-Year 11.**

The Soccer Schools provide a fun and enjoyable experience to learn new skills, play in competitions and make friends! As well as improving as a footballer, each child will learn vital social skills. Young Players will be coached by FA and UEFA licenced coaches with vast and different areas of expertise.

The course will include:

- A mixture of technical sessions focusing on learning new techniques and skills, learning how to attack and how to defend!
- Competitive and fun tournaments.
- Games based challenges.
- We will also have Crystal Palace goodies, with medals and prizes also up for grabs!

Please see more details on our Website and our booking details:

<https://palaceforlifefoundation.sportsfusion.uk/soccerschools/courses/courses.htm>

Caterham School
Harestone Valley Road
Caterham
CR3 6YA
6th April
9-4pm

Cost: £28

We look forward to seeing you there!



The Football Development Team



OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

READY TO TAKE THE NEXT STEPS IN YOUR CAREER?

Explore 40+ stalls with employers, training, and education options. Connect with experts to advance your career.



 **Selhurst Park Stadium**

 **16+ Years Old**

 **10am-2pm**

 **Wednesday 5th April 2023**



SCAN THE QR CODE TO REGISTER

PALACEFORLIFE.ORG

TOMRICHARDSON@PALACEFORLIFE.ORG

A still life photograph featuring a light blue egg in a small, woven twig nest. In the background, a pink egg and another light blue egg are visible, along with a branch of white blossoms. The scene is set on a light-colored, textured surface.

HAPPY EASTER

from Charles Darwin School