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Headlines

Teacher Champion Nomination

Congratulations to Mrs. Kearney who has been nominated for a University of Bath Teacher Champion Award 2023, under the "Never Alone" category. Mrs. Kearney has been nominated by an ex-student and has reached the final three. We are of course extremely proud to have her as part of our leadership team and the positive impact she has in her role as Head of Sixth Form is extraordinary. Well done Mrs. Kearney!



Half Term

It has been an extremely busy half term. The year now seems to be flying by and when we return there are just seven weeks until the end of this school year. I know many students will be coming into school for revision sessions next week and my thanks to those staff who are giving up their time to support our examination students.

I would like to wish all families a restful and enjoyable half term.

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:

CDarwinSchool



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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



Half term is the perfect time to enjoy a good book. If you're not sure what to read, check out the reading lists provided by different subject areas on our school website.

I would love to hear about what you're reading - students, staff and family members! Feel free to send any comments or recommendations to me at: spi@cdarwin.com

Exams Time

Please see below ideas for a healthy, fulfilling snacks.

This week's recipe for Florentine Pizza 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:

Layer the cottage cheese into a glass, mug or even a clean plant pot, top with the crumb 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

METHOD:

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

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 coconut milk for about 20 minutes. Arrange the fruit on a plate or top the chia seeds with them and finally top with the toasted coconut.



CINNAMON BAKED PLUMS AND APPLES, OAT CRUMBLE, CRÈME FRAICHE

2 ripe plums, stone removed and quartered
2 red eating apples, cored and 1cm diced
45g caster sugar
100ml water
75g porridge oats
15g butter, melted
¼ teaspoon vanilla extract
80ml crème fraiche

METHOD:

Preheat the oven to 180°C.
Boil the water and sugar until half of the water has gone, add the plums and apples, remove from the heat and leave for 5 minutes. Mix the 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!



PEANUT BUTTER AND BANANA WHOLEMEAL TOASTIE

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

Library Trip



Last Friday Mrs Holloway and I took eight students to meet an Author at Orpington Library. I purchased a book for each student to take with them to get signed by the author as a surprise! Before we went to the Library we went to McDonald's!

Mrs Adams



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.



CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL PTA
**MONTHLY
DRAW**



WIN cash AND fundraise for our school

Card payments or bank transfers accepted

To join, scan here with your device camera:



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

ATTENDANCE

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 19h May 2023.



7PDg/STi	96.6%
8EKa	93.8%
9LDa	93.3%
10HCo/VMa	91.7%
11NYe	98.8%
12DWa	100%
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

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

Year 8 Duty Pupils:

Gracie Mercer	Hannah Weedon
Harry Holden	Sarah Woods
Thomas Hamer	Joe Sonalti
Leo Currier	Harry Selwood
Evan Williams	Bobbie Messenger

Thank you to our duties:

Rahand Kader	Alex Vamen
Teddie March- Hemple	Olli Barton

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



Dates for the Diary

May

29th May - Bank Holiday

29th May - 2nd June - Half Term

June

6th June - Trip: UCAS Conference, Excel Centre, London, Yr12

6th June - Trip: British Film Industry (BFI) 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

KS3 Exams Dates

Year 7 and 8 – Monday 5 June – Friday 16 June

Year 9 – Monday 12 June to Friday 26 June

July

4th July - INSET DAY

6th July - Trip: Science & Technology Challenge Day at Bromley College Yr9

6th July - Trip: Science Yr8 KS3 Stem in Action, London

16th - 21st July - Trip: Normandy & Paris KS3 History

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

Chess Tournament

We would like to invite students from KS3 – KS4 to join us in a 3-hour online chess tournament taking place on Monday 29th May from 1pm – 4pm.

We are dedicated to fostering the intellectual growth and strategic thinking skills of young minds. This is an opportunity for students to showcase their chess prowess and compete against their peers on the online Chess Lite platform. Students will join the tournament via our Ms Teams link where they will be provided with instructions for joining the tournament.

Students should register for the tournament by 6pm on Friday 26th May.

Registration link: <https://forms.office.com/e/Yqi2Kbghs3>

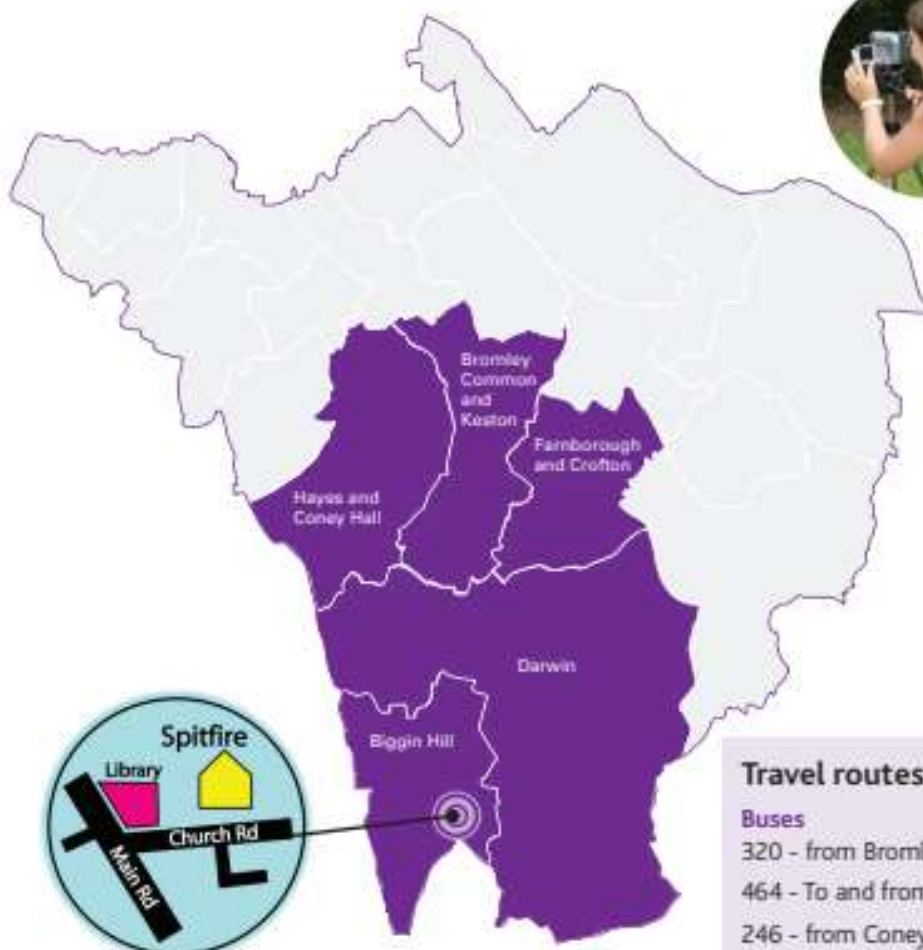
This tournament aims to ignite their passion for chess, encourage sportsmanship, and enhance critical thinking abilities with the added incentive of Amazon gift vouchers for the winners. There will be an opportunity for students to compete with other students of similar ability ranging from beginners to advanced.



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Youth centre

BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

Be ACTIVE Be INSPIRED Be INVOLVED Be INFORMED



Travel routes: South Hub

Buses

- 320 - from Bromley North to Biggin Hill and return.
- 464 - To and from New Addington
- 246 - from Coney Hall to Biggin Hill to Westerham and return.
- R2 & R8 - Orpington to Biggin Hill and return.

Contact details:

Spitfire Youth Centre, Church Road, Biggin Hill, Kent, TN16 3LB
Tel: 0208 466 3080 www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport

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BROMLEY YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

What's on and when

TUESDAY

7.00pm - 9.30pm: Seniors youth group for
School Yrs 9 +

WEDNESDAY

6.00pm - 8.30pm: Inters youth group for School
Yrs 6 - 8

THURSDAY

6.45pm - 9.15pm Young People with Disabilities
Session for Phoenix youth group School Yr 11 -
age 25

Bromley Youth Support Programme through its **South Hub** can help you if you want something to do or need extra support.

For more information contact:

0208 466 3080 | www.bromley.gov.uk/youthsupport

Find us on Facebook: facebook.com/BromleyYouthActivities





Join us for
the big lunch
in
Queens Gardens

Saturday 17th June 2023

11 am to 1 pm

It's free and open to everyone
- just bring your own lunch and picnic essentials!

Arts and crafts
Local community groups
And more...

Queens Gardens
Kentish Way
Bromley BR1 3EA

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