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Year 7 Newsletter

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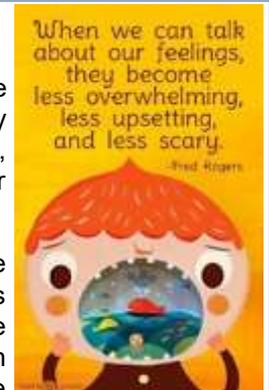
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Year 7 Welcome

I hope you all had a great half term and enjoyed the lovely weather. I can't quite believe that we are now in June and have been away from school for 7 weeks (plus the 3 weeks of holiday time). The final half term of Year 7 would ordinarily be a busy one: end of year exams, fundraising events, sports day, Year 6/7 disco, celebration assemblies and a reflection on your first year at CDS!

I want to reassure you that your teachers are continuing to work hard for you and appreciate the time and effort you are spending on home learning and challenges that are being set. It is not easy to be distanced from friends and relatives but as the lockdown measures start to be relaxed please make sure you continue to follow advice and ensure your reintegration with society is gradual. It is going to be more challenging for some and everyone will want to take these steps at their own speed. Talk to your family about what interactions you are going to begin to have and how it is making you feel - it is ok to feel a mixture of emotions about seeing people you haven't seen in a while and to go to places you haven't been to in months. It might be that you are feeling happy and relieved but also have some worries about what used to be familiar situations. It is alright to feel this way and you certainly won't be alone in the way you feel! Please remember there are members of staff available in school (your form tutor, Mrs King, Mrs Wheeler, Mr Bidwell) to talk to about this as well as your family and friends.

Take care, stay safe, work hard.



Mrs Wheeler

SUPERSTARS

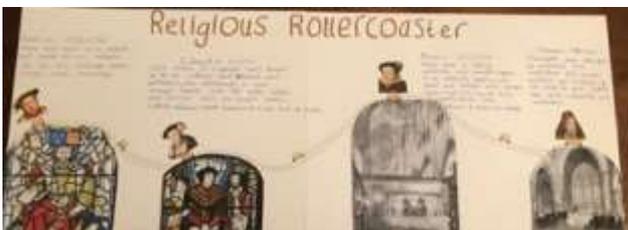
Science

Miss Bailey and Miss Sampson are very proud of the individuals in 7x1 who have been completing all or the majority of the work set - Oliver Rogers, Malachi Cole, Oliver Adler, Callum Smart, Sergei Shkirpanov, Alex Steer, Kiarna Williams, Yazmin Ali, Ava Bolton, Ellie Delaney, Ronnie Nicholas, Ethan Norsworthy and Olivia Cuddy.



Religious Education

Michael Gewitzke



If you have a concern regarding your mental health or that of another student please email Mrs Wheeler: swh@cdarwin.com or Mr Bidwell: jbi@cdarwin.com

English

Mrs Woodcock

Charlie Brown, Billy Hudson and **Grantas Zirgulis** for continued excellent effort and commitment to keeping up with your studies.

Geography

Mr Goss

Louis Simons, Hannah Smithson and **Barbara Boye** for continuous good effort and work.

Race for Life

Well done to everyone who completed the 5K Race for Life Challenge over the past couple of weeks. It has been fantastic to read all of the good wishes from friends and family who have sponsored you all, and to read how proud they are of you raising money for such a good cause.

I am really proud of all of you who have risen to the challenge and sent me your results. I am amazed and humbled that you have collectively managed to raise **£1320** (so far)! A fantastic amount of money to add to our charity total this year. Well done to you all! There is still time to participate and have friends and family sponsor you if you haven't done so already!!

My family and I also took part and walked 20 miles over 4 occasions during half term!



Student	Distance	Time	Money Raised *Plus Gift Aid
Finley Powell	5km	51 mins	£30
Charlie Rea	5km	61 minutes	£20
Olivia James	5.4km	28 minutes	£270
Freddie Sinclair	5km	33 minutes	£115
Jedd Hobbs	5.24km walk 5km run 10.25km cycle	80 minutes 28 minutes 26 minutes	£110
Siena Hobbs	5.24Km 8.8km cycle	80 minutes 26 minutes	£110
Katie Gibbons			£145
Michael Gewetzke			£20
Iestyn Copestake			£85
Ella A			£20
Georgia Robinson			£60
Louis Simmons			£10
Demi	3km	42 minutes	£5
Callum Lambert	5.8km	70 minutes	£125
James Shanks			£75
Oliver Adler			£40

This month is the second opportunity to nominate Year 7 students for their efforts and contributions with school and in the community. Mrs Rees will be receiving nominations from your teachers over the next week for those showing outstanding commitment to learning, supporting others and thinking of others during these exceptional times.



I look forward to being able to announce the nominations and winner in a few week's time. The winner will have £250 to spend in the school department of their choice, will receive the Jack Patchy certificate and pin badge and be invited to the Awards Presentation later this year.

This Thursday (4th June), CEOP are releasing a new activity pack for parents and a video to help 11-14 year olds with safely sharing images online and the risks and consequences involved. Please take a look! This will be a good reminder about online safety.



<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/>

Weekly Challenges

Just before the half term break I received this photograph from Maddie Kadshaw, taken with her new camera whilst out walking. I hope you agree it is has captured a lovely scene and I particularly like the varying degree of focus in the depth of the picture.

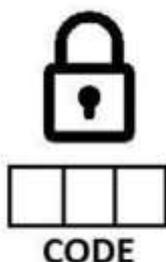


I also received an amazing email from Eva Ruby. She has taken it upon herself to make, package, advertise and deliver dog treats as a focus for her own charity work. I am very proud to say that a week ago she had raised over £400 for the NHS! A fabulous effort and very thoughtful act for those in her community.

Well done Eva! Keep up the baking!



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