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Year 10 Newsletter

Charles Darwin School

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Dear Year 10

I know I don't look it, but I was teaching for many years before you were even a twinkle in your parents' eyes. I remember secretly listening to England win the Rugby World Cup Final whilst I was overseeing a Saturday morning detention at a previous school, I remember watching the Twin Towers in America come down whilst I was in my classroom, I remember when Blackberrys were all the rage in schools and the iPhone was simply a crazy idea in Steve Job's imagination and I remember discussing with my Year 12 class in 2003 the pros and cons of Britain invading Iraq.

Yet I have never lived nor worked through anything that comes near to the events of the past few months. Public exams abandoned, jobs lost, economies crushed, people in lockdown, families suffering bereavement...these have been unnerving and unprecedented times and have impacted, without exception, on everyone. What is so difficult now perhaps is not what has gone, but the uncertainty of the future. Many of you might be feeling low and despondent, many of you will be worried about your future exams and the work that you are missing. It probably doesn't help when you are told 'everybody of your age is in the same situation.' But it is true and you need to keep that in mind. Returning to 'normal' will take a long time, but it will happen and when it does, if you have made the most of these challenging circumstances through using your time as wisely as possible, doing your best with your school work and supporting your family through your consideration and thoughtfulness, you will undoubtedly come out a stronger person for it.

So many of you have had a successful half term and can view your achievements with an immense amount of pride. Your hard work and commitment has helped prepare you for the future and has reflected your resilience and determination. For those of you who know you could have done better; it is never too late. Use this break to spend just some of the time trying to catch up with your work and keeping your teachers up to date. Remember that in the future you will want to look back at this period in your life and think that although it might have been a challenge, you can say with honesty, that you did your best.

I hope you all have a good half term and are able to make the most of it. Finally, don't forget to get out there on Thursday and clap for those Key Workers, many of whom are part of our own community and deserve our thanks.

My best wishes to all of you.

Mr Lamb

5K Challenge

Ben Norsworthy had been challenged to complete his 5K run (or walk) by Oscar Godwin and has now completed this challenge in double quick time. He has decided to nominate Sydney Codali and Jason Hall to do the 5K Challenge and we wait to hear from them in the near future.

Meanwhile James Kennell has informed me that he will be completing the challenge over the half term break.

Anybody else want to do a 5K run, walk or crawl and nominate another pupil or two – they are more than welcome to do so.



In the meantime any extra exercise or challenges that any of you are doing, do keep me informed. I'd love to know what you are getting up to.



We have had a few birthdays this past week which we have missed. So, from all of us to all of you:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Tiegan Barnes
Ria Peters
Nanci-Mae Powley
Lauren Rufford
Imogen Seaton-Allen
Grace Stacey
Jack Woods
Sam Woods

We hope you were able to celebrate in some way.

If you have a concern regarding your mental health or that of another student please email Mr Lamb on dla@cdarwin.com or Mrs Gater on jga@cdarwin.com

Wonderful news from Mrs Athwal this week to bring a beaming smile to all our faces.

'Our baby girl made a slightly early appearance last week Tuesday 5th May weighing 6lbs3oz. Her name is Ayla Kaur Athwal and we are both doing really well. Attached is a photo of the new addition to the family...'



And to all in 10CAh – a message from Mrs Athwal

To all the lovely form members of 10CAh,

Almost four wonderful years we have spent together and I feel so sad to not finish our journey together next year. I remember the first day I met you all, baby faced, pristine uniforms and bags bigger than you could carry! Little did you know I was just as nervous as you all were. You were my very first tutor group and for that you will always hold a special place in my heart.

There is so much about you all that I will miss, Ollie's cheeky smile before he tries to explain why the detention he got wasn't his fault, Josh and Harry's stories that go on forever only for us all to say "yeah right as if that happened", Jeyda and her daily supply of sweets and treats, telling Izzy C to roll down her skirt, complimenting Chloe on her makeup skills before sending her down to take it off, overhearing the girls complaining about how their hair just doesn't look right today and even listening to the boys talk about football as if they're Gary Neville or Jamie Carragher and not 15 year olds sitting in form time. I could go on forever but what I will miss the most is being your form tutor for another year and seeing you grow in to the hardworking, kind, determined Year 11s I know each and everyone of you will be.

Best of luck from here on out, we have discussed over and over again the importance of Year 10 and the impact it has on your future GCSE grades. Don't let something like a global pandemic stop you from achieving your full potential. I believe in every single one of you and I'll be checking up on you all throughout Year 11 so be warned! Take care of yourselves and I'll hopefully see you all soon.

Mrs Athwal

A message from Mr Lamb

I know that all in 10CAh will want to join me in saying a huge thank you for all the hard work and commitment that Mrs Athwal has devoted to the form group. We have been so fortunate to have her in our tutor team and I know the difference that her support, kind words and encouragement have made to so many of you. This is not the way we would have liked to have said thank you and congratulations, words in print don't seem to do justice to the message that we want to get across. But as there is no alternative in the present circumstances, THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS MRS ATHWAL from all in 10CAh and from all the Year 10 tutor team. You will be missed by us all during your absence.

A message from Ms Woods and the Languages Department

Most of us use social media every day, especially Instagram, so why not get even more out of this and follow some great French/German news/cultural Instagram pages?

I can recommend for German: Tagesschau, German Embassy London, ZDF heute, Der Spiegel and for French: France 24, rfi (Radio France Internationale) Le Figaro, Le Point, Paris Match. I also follow both Angela Merkel and Emmanuel Macron on Instagram! These pages are often not too difficult to read and understand, often posting a picture/graphic with a short statement/statistics in French/German and are not too wordy. Tagesschau/France 24 especially put up great images with some bullet points summarising the day's or week's news with accessible French/German. Remember to download the Word Reference/dict.cc app to your phone for a handy online French/German dictionary!

And an interesting factoid.....

I learned a really interesting new fact this week in German from the German news Instagram page Tagesschau (see attached picture)... It was Saint Corona Day on 14th May! 'Sie soll die Schutzpatronin gegen Seuchen sein. Der 14. Mai ist Tag der Heiligen Corona'. She is the patron saint of epidemics. She is thought to have lived (and been persecuted and killed very young) in the first century in what is now Syria. Her relics were



supposedly then brought from Rome to Aachen Cathedral in 997 AD (years 9, 10 & 12 German pupils visit Aachen each December on our Christmas Market trip). The Cathedral had actually been planning an exhibition this summer to display to the public the freshly cleaned gold, bronze and ivory Corona shrine. I will look forward to seeing this when we are able to travel to Aachen again in the future. Did you know there was a Saint Corona?

Danke, merci, thank you, take care.

Ms Woods and the Languages Department

Diversity Week

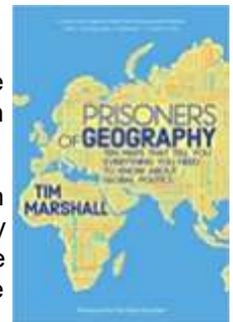
Every year in the Summer term, schools across the country spring into action in support of LGBT+ equality. In 2019 almost 2000 schools and organisations signed up to take part, representing 1.4 million young people. This is a message from Ms Samson regarding the upcoming Diversity Week, which is something we at Charles Darwin School feel very strongly about.

Last year CDS ran Diversity Week raising money for the diversity charity Justlikeus.org by selling rainbow ribbons and having assemblies, lessons and tutorial activities around the theme of diversity. This year Covid-19 has obviously had an impact on the activities taking place, but this does not mean nothing is happening. On the attached PDF document you will find how this year there will be a 'School Diversity Week Home Edition.' Please do read this attachment and see what you can do to support this week. You can start by making your own short video. All the information is on the attached flyer.

A book for curious learners

Last week there was an attachment to the Newsletter with some advice for those of you who are curious learners. I also recommended a book and promised (threatened!) that I would do so again this week. So this week the book is called 'Prisoners of Geography' by Tim Marshall.

A combination of History (yipeeee!), Politics (interesting!) and Geography (oh!). In ten chapters, on key areas of the world, it explains how Geography determines war, peace and politics....why Russia wants the Crimea, the USA is a global power and China continues to expand...here lie the answers. For any budding Historian, Politician, Geographer or simply someone who wants to rule the world.



Some special mentions

As we know from previous Newsletters many of you in Year 10 are helping parents and siblings as we all struggle through this virus. A special mention here for **Evie Dyer** whom I am reliably informed has been at home completing all her work **and** assisting her younger brother whilst both parents have been at work. **Olivia Gewitzke** has also been amazing with her younger brother. I am informed that she has been keeping on top of his work, helping him, supporting him and sending everything in he has done. Ms Zysemil says that 'lots of it has been really good and creative that I'm most certainly sure she has also helped him with it.' Well done both of you.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This week is Mental Health Awareness Week and interestingly enough (for me anyway) the focus is on kindness – which has been our mantra since Year 8! As we continue to cope with the changes to our lives Mrs King our School Counsellor wanted to share with you some useful ideas.

It is important to talk to others; members of your family, friends, colleagues....even pets. Expressing how we feel enables us to connect to others and feel understood... and not alone. This difficult time is passing and now more than ever it is important to maintain good relationships. The Mental Health Foundations top tips for nurturing healthy relationships are:

- **Give time** – put more time aside to connect with others.
- **Be Present** – this means really paying attention to the other people in your life and trying not to be distracted by your phone, work or other interests.
- **Listen** – really listen to what others say and try to understand it and focus on their needs in that moment.
- **Let yourself be listened to** – honestly share how you are feeling, and allow yourself to be heard and supported by others.
- **Recognise unhealthy relationships** – harmful relationships can make us unhappy. Recognising this can help us move forward and find solutions.

This is a difficult time for many and the need to be kind and considerate should be uppermost in our thoughts. Don't forget if you are struggling and feel that you are not able to talk to someone, school is always here for you and both myself and Mrs Gater can be contacted via email. A problem shared is a problem halved!

Food Bank

Another reminder that we will continue to collect food after the half term break to distribute to families who are vulnerable at this time. It is clear what a wonderful community we are when you can see all the generous donations people have made. I do know that in Year 10 there are some parents who have gone above and beyond in helping organise these hampers and ensuring that there is always sufficient food to be distributed. They know who they are and I would like to thank them for their support and generosity. Meanwhile if you and your family are in a vulnerable position at the moment please do not hesitate to contact myself or Mrs Gater in strictest confidence to have access to this Food Bank.

A recommendation from Ms Abbots

Something I'd like to add to recommend is Yoga for Adrienne on YouTube. She does a 30 day opportunity and she's great for beginners too! Good for mind and body!

A message from Mr Desai and something about Maths...

Hope you and your families are all keeping well and safe. I am still trying to stay at home as much as possible. Maths, who likes Maths? Not me, I don't like Maths and I don't like kids but it pays the mortgage and the bills!!!!

On a serious note though I just want to reassure all of you that if you are finding Maths difficult Online please continue to do your best and do not WORRY or STRESS. Dr Desai here will run Maths Clinics everyday before Registration in the mornings and everyday after school to iron out any issues you have had with Maths during Lockdown. Also after February half term in 2021 we will be running Maths Sessions on Saturdays. Yeeeeeeeeesssssss I hear you say.

In the mean-time please drop me an email whether I teach you or not if you have any Maths issues. I promise you I will be in touch only when LFC are not on TV or Master Chef (my mum) is cracking the whip in the kitchen.

Peace, Good Health and Happiness to you all.

Mr Desai

Year 10 become teachers.....

Another special message. This time it involves one of our Year 10 who has been going to school during this lockdown and this week was given the opportunity to take a lesson with a small number of pupils. Callum Bloomfield delivered a very thorough revision quiz on An Inspector Calls. He certainly impressed Ms Mace who was in the class at the time and writes 'As a teacher, he is thoroughly fair, explaining facts very clearly, and very encouraging to the others. He even resolved conflict without missing a beat, by getting two students who put their hand up at the same time to resolve it with a game of rock, paper scissors! I'll be honest, Callum did as good a job as a trainee teacher might in this situation!! I have been blown away by him taking this session this morning. And he really stretched the other students in the class too!'

Thank you for this Ms Mace and well done to you Callum – you appear to have a possible career ahead of you.

A message from Mr Jones and the Geography Department... (What did the rock say to Mr Jones? 'Don't take me for granite')

After half term Year 10 Geographers will be starting a new GCSE unit about Nigeria. It is important that all students work hard on this. To support you, your teacher will post more interactive lessons with them talking through parts of the work. As well as this, Mr Jones will hold a voice call every Wednesday at 11am on Teams for you to ask questions and discuss the work set.

Keep up the hard work and Geog On!

Contact us

Please remember that myself and Mrs Gater are here if you need help with work, everyday issues or mental health or just to say a general hello, we do miss you all. Our email addresses are:

Mr Lamb: dla@cdarwin.com

Mrs Gater: jga@cdarwin.com

Mr Yerassimou's Recipe for Jelly Yogurt

- * Take a packet of jelly (Raspberry works best but it can be any flavour you like).
- * Cut up the chunks and put them in a microwaveable bowl with just enough water to cover them.
- * Put in the microwave for 45 seconds full power.
- * Take out and stir to make sure all the jelly is dissolved. If it needs a bit more time put it back in another 20 seconds.
- * Take out and mix 500g of natural or Greek yogurt (use low fat to keep the calories down if you want).
- * Mix thoroughly until all the yogurt is combined with the jelly and put in the fridge until the jelly has set.

A dessert by itself or a great accompaniment with a fruit salad.

Whilst waiting for your jelly yogurt to set, work out the following (answer at the bottom of the last page)

Can you make 534 with 50, 10, 7, 3, 2, 8

MR LAMB'S SHOUT OUT'S

Nanci Powley - is first on our Shout Outs this week. She has kept up with her GCSE PE work alongside completing revision posters for each section of the course - going above and beyond! Ms Dobney is really impressed.

Alex Squires – has pleased Ms Kelly with his work in Geography and although he hasn't managed to do everything he has kept in touch by email when unsure what to do. Well done Alex

James Oakes – gets his mention from Mr Eckersall because he has completed all the Sports work that has been asked of him during the lockdown. Usually within a day of it being set. A very impressive achievement.

Holly Doyle, Isabella Cass, Ben Burgess, Megan Chenery, Melissa Hewitt, Connor Hill, Christian Ioannou, Megan Lewis, Amy McCarthy, Jake Sinclair and Geena Wood. These students all completed exam questions as part of their revision and Mr Jones is really impressed with their performance in them. It must have been hard to complete them in these conditions. Well done to all of you.

Sam Woods, Maddie Clements, Lizzie Fox, Erin Hartley, Billy Seddon, Andrew Handley, Lauren Rufford and Jack Woods. All of you have delighted Mr Doig; completing presentations on the old and new atmosphere, the human impact on the environment, atmospheric pollutants from fuels and completing GCSE questions on those topics. You have also been completing some Physics Seneca revision plus old GCSE questions on those revision topics. Phew! You are all stars!

Ben Riches - Ben has a shout out from Ms Zysemil for defying technological issues and making an effort to catch up on History work that has been missed. Great to see this Ben.

Tiffani Edwards – Mr Nunn writes 'Another great week in English for Tiffani who continues to impress with her dedication and work ethic'. Keep it up Tiffani.

Amber Boswell – another shout out here from Mr Nunn who says that Amber has produced some exceptional writing in English this week and continues to get all her work in.

Isabelle Cass – also has a mention from Mr Nunn for a very well-written speech that has great style. Well done Izzie.

Amy Glossop – Amy has impressed Ms Dobney, 'keeping up to date with all her GCSE PE work- alongside this she has been creating revision flashcards. Amy was also organised enough to take her folders home with her before we were put into lockdown which has allowed her to keep all her work together in the correct folders. Amy is always so polite and respectful in school and this is shown over her emails also - well done Amy – keep up the hard work.' Really impressive Amy!

Yasmin Cazelet-Smith, Leon Hickman and Abbey Leonard – all have a mention from Ms Zysemil as a result of their History work in which they achieved 'super scores in their knowledge recall test'. Congratulations to all three of you.

Erin Hartley – also has a mention from Ms Zysemil for meeting all deadlines, producing outstanding work and eagerly approaching new topic.

Joel Berry – has pleased Mrs Mote with the increased effort that he has been putting into his English work.

Ethan Ferguson and Ellie Johnson - have a shout out from Mrs Mote for trying so hard to work through everything at home. They have done really well with their English.

Amber Boswell – Ms Gillespie wants a mention for Amber for her fantastic work in Finance this week. She submitted her work so quickly after it was set and it was done to an excellent standard!

Isabella Amankwah-Antepim, Lily Ash, Ermond Berisha, Yasmin Cazalet-Smith, Megan Chenery, Maddie Clements, Andrew Handley, Melissa Hewitt, Louis Ince, Ilona Mailet-Elzein, Nam Nguyen, Grace O'Rourke, Ria Peters, Mantha Radford, Jodie Shillito, Sam Sleath, Ellie Stanmore, Jake Stirrat, Emily Turnham, Jack Woods and Sam Woods – 'All of these Year 10 students have really stood out this half term for their continued hard work and excellent effort. They've all sent Romeo and Juliet essays and speeches to me - often, more than one draft'. Mrs Pitt is delighted with your diligence and effort. Well done.

Lucy Rooney, Jemma Teal, Ellie Hollman and Charlie Payne - all these students have delighted Mrs Doig with their Art work. 'They have shared amazing examples of their journal task with me. I have been so proud of the quality of this work and the time and effort that students are putting in, managing this task independently' writes an extremely pleased Mrs Doig. .



Jemma Teal



Elley Hollman



Charlie Payne



Lucy Rooney

Mr Damoo is delighted with so many in his class and has some messages for many outstanding students:

Connor Gifford – what a fantastic move Connor. When you hit that 100% in the last task (which is Grade 8/9), I could feel that you are becoming a more confident and independent learner. Well done

Sam & Jack Woods – great individuals. These boys are firm believers that education will give them the best chance to achieve their potential, and lead the way forward to a successful career. Quality of work is EXCELLENT.

Lily Ash – that's just impressive; the most improved student in Ma10Q1. Don't you dare give up now!

Megan Chenery – consistently attempting the homework assignments. Thank you for putting time and effort into achieving the best grade. Top class.

Billy Seddon – he should be commended for his ability to work through a solution to a problem in a clear, efficient and organised way.

Jodie Shillito – for being well motivated and always meeting set deadlines. Star student.

Maddie Clements – for showing a determined approach to tasks presented to her and for displaying an excellent level of self-discipline.

Andrew Handley – Thank you for your HIGH level of commitment. He needs to be applauded for working through the tasks with efficiency and grace.

Elley Hollman - she seems to be the first one in the group to begin working on the tasks that are set. She needs to be praised for being well organised, keeps to deadlines and for displaying an excellent level of self-discipline.

Kirsty Hunt – an exemplary student. She is consistently attempting the homework assignments; and the end product has been pretty impressive. Well done.

Emily Turnham – the saying “The price of excellence is self-discipline”, truly applies to Emily. She has never failed to complete the tasks on time.

Well done to all of you above and to all those who are managing to stay on top of the Maths work which is being set.

Ms Foy also has a class which she feels has worked really well this half term. In her English class she would like many messages to go home... I'm overwhelmingly proud of the effort my class have made and the work they have sent in to me this half term. **Isabel Doyle, Eddie Foster, Lizzie Fox, Elley Hollman, Abbey Leonard, Liam Ricketts & Lauren Rufford** have already handed in the second drafts of their Spoken Language speeches - and **Erin Hartley's** handed in her third!

As for Romeo and Juliet, **Isabel Doyle, Lizzie Fox, Erin Hartley, Elley Hollman, Leila Lagder, Amy McCarthy, Lakeisha Richards, Liam Ricketts, Lauren Rufford & Billy Seddon** have all sent in some great essays.

The Language GCSE isn't easy but **Isabel Doyle, Laila Duffell, Lizzie Fox, Erin Hartley, Elley Hollman, Caitlin Joseph, Leila Lagder, Amy McCarthy, Freya Philip, Liam Ricketts, Lauren Rufford & Billy Seddon** put a lot of effort into answering questions on Section A.

We also returned to some An Inspector Calls revision on GCSEPod (which we're planning on beating Miss Playle's class in!), and **Finn Barden, Isabel Doyle, Laila Duffell, Lizzie Fox, Oscar Godwin, Erin Hartley, Elley Hollman, Caitlin Joseph, Leila Lagder, Abbey Leonard, Amy McCarthy, Freya Philip, Lakeisha Richards, Liam Ricketts, Lauren Rufford, Nyah Sawyer, Billy Seddon, Lauren Ware and Alex Wilkinson** have all been doing well there.

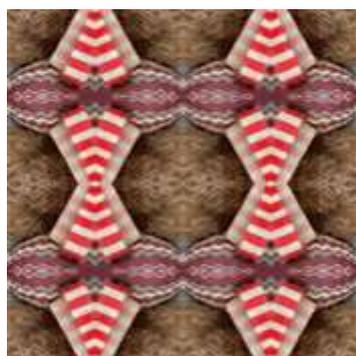
An extra mention must go to **Erin Hartley, Elley Hollman and Liam Ricketts** who are currently topping the class leaderboard in the amount of work they've sent me, but they're very closely followed by **Isabel Doyle, Lizzie Fox and Lauren Rufford**.

Tobi Oluwatobi, Evie Dyer, Izzy Franklin, Holly Doyle, Harry Payne, Ben Sarll, Ben Seaton, George Sheldrick, Frankie Rodway, Megan Lewis and Erika Jiminez – more English pupils here, this time from Mrs Holloway's class. They have all impressed Mrs Holloway with their work ethic and the quality of the work produced.

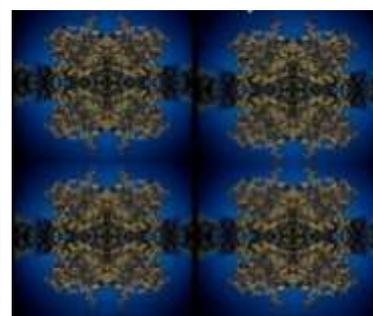
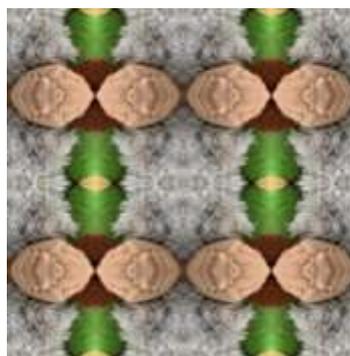
The following thank you from Mrs Davies goes out to all the students who are up to date and have reached and completed the Social Anarchy section of the course. Enjoy your half term and the sunshine: **Thea D'Apice, Tiffani Edwards, Ethan Dante-Galpin, Ellis Hollam, Amy McCarthy, Freya Phillip, Lauren Rufford, Christopher Shanks, Jemma Teall and Emily Turnham**.



Kirsty Hunt Textiles
response to rusting
artist Jennifer Coyne



Chloe Dillaway
Textile repeat patterns



Millie Hall
Textile repeat pattern



Caitlin Chambers



Amber Boswell



Calley Fossey

Kirsty Hunt Textiles work



In a world where you can be anything, Be Kind!

And finally possibly something to make you smile...

A couple are going out for dinner, and she's in the bathroom trying on a new dress, and she came out of the bathroom and said to her husband, "Does my bum look big in this?" He said, "Oh be fair, love, it's quite a small bathroom".

A turtle is crossing the road when he's mugged by two snails. When the police show up, they ask him what happened. The shaken turtle replies, "I don't know. It all happened so fast."

A parrot joke (of course)

A magician was working on a cruise ship. He was very successful, but there was one problem: The captain's parrot saw the shows each week and began to understand how the Magician did every trick.

Once he understood, he started shouting in the middle of the show, "Look, it's not the same hat!" or, "Look, he's hiding the flowers under the table!" Or "Hey, why are all the cards the ace of spades?" The magician was furious but couldn't do anything. It was, after all, the Captain's parrot.

Then one stormy night on the Pacific, the ship sank. The magician luckily found himself on a piece of wood floating in the middle of the sea, as fate would have it ... with the parrot. They stared at each other with hatred, but did not utter a word.

This went on for a day... and then 2 days. and then 3 days. Finally on the 4th day, the parrot could not hold back any longer...

"Okay, I give up. Where d'you put the ship??"

One for the parents.....

A priest, a vicar, and a rabbi want to see who's best at his job. So they each go into the woods, find a bear, and attempt to convert it. Later they get together. The priest begins: "When I found the bear, I read to him from the Gospel and sprinkled him with holy water. Next week is his First Communion."

"I found a bear by the stream," says the vicar, "and preached God's holy word. The bear was so mesmerised that he let me baptise him."

They both look down at the rabbi, who is lying on a stretcher bandaged from head to toe. "Looking back," he says, "maybe I shouldn't have started with the circumcision."

Answer to Mr Yerassimou's Maths question

$$50+3 = 53$$

$$53 \times 10 = 530$$

$$8/2 = 4$$

$$\text{then } 530+4=534$$