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Year 7 Newsletter

Charles Darwin School

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Year 7 Welcome

Dear Year 7 Students and Parents/Carers,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and that your families are managing during these tricky times. We find ourselves with a very different everyday life at the moment whilst trying to hang onto some of the daily tasks we are familiar with to keep us going.

I have spent many moments over the last few weeks being reflective about the past, present and future: thinking about what we would normally be doing at school, the weekend or during the holidays; what our immediate and extended family and friends are experiencing at the moment, similarly for the wider community and all our students, and across the nation; what is going to happen as we come out of lock down (whenever that might be) and start to reintegrate with others again. Most of all, my family and I are trying to focus on positives in our lives and things to be grateful for. Some days our gratitude is for being healthy, simply that there is kindness in our home or that we have enjoyed the sunshine whilst taking a walk. Other days our gratitude extends further, thinking of the wonderful medical staff that are working so hard to treat and contain the effects of Covid-19 and those researching to try and halt the destructive virus, or those raising money to support charities helping those through hardship at this time.

It would be wonderful for you all to think of 5 things to be grateful for every day before going to bed and share them with your families. Ask them what they are grateful for too!

Take care, stay safe and work hard.

Mrs Wheeler

Reflection on the Past Term

At the end of the Spring term, just before we would have broken up for the Easter Holiday we would have celebrated the successes of the Spring term in our Achievement Assembly (just as we did at the end of the Autumn term). It is important we still share some of these successes with the year group as individuals and form groups have put a great deal of effort into making progress during this term and should be recognised accordingly. Individual's certificates will follow on our return to school.



Attendance

A fantastic well done to Mrs Davies and Mr Darwin's form group for leading the way with the best form group attendance for Spring term and the year to date! (The results were calculated up to the 13th March when some families started to self isolate according to government guidelines!)

Spring term

1st: 7SDa/WDa 98%
2nd: 7FSu 96.5%
3rd: 7GCu 95.9%

September to March

1st: 7SDa/WDa 97.4%
2nd: 7FSu 96.7%
3rd: 7GCu 96.4%

Individual Attendance

A fabulous number of students achieved 100% attendance from January to March: 104 students across the year group! Well done to you all. This was an increase of 47 students from the Autumn term! Below are the number of students in each form group with 100% for the Spring term:

7FSu - 10
7GCu - 14

7HCo/VMa - 13
7RPI - 9

7LBy - 12
7SAIb - 15

7MEd - 12
7SDa/WDa - 19

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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

Attendance continued . . .

There are 57 students who have managed 100% attendance since the start of Year 7. Well done for showing resilience when I know some of you have overcome difficulties to make sure you are at school everyday.

Rex Antepim	Ella Asquith	Uziel Berkoh-Prince	Barbera Boye
Max Bandrick	Darcey Bushby	Florence Cairns	Mia Caslet-Smith
William Chapman	Tabitha Cooper	Daniel Davies	Ellie Delaney
Demi Drummie	Vinnie Edwards	Isabelle Elkins	Grace Etheridge
Michael Evans	Kemi Fasoyiro	Charlotte Field	Michael Gewitzke
Lucy Gooding	Connor Grant	Emily Harris	Elysia Heggie
Jedd Hobbs	Sienna Hobbs	Shayne Ince	Alice James
Olivia James	Joshua Kabunga	Maddie Kadshaw	Neve Ladd-Talbot
Ronnie Lavin	Miah Leichsenring-Walcott	Damon McPherson	Joshua Mears
Ronnie Nicholas	Seun Olawoyin	Toby Omoyele	Nikol Pavlova
Hannah Price	Dylan Rest	Sonny Roberts	Georgia Robinson
James Shanks	Maggie-May Simmons	Callum Smart	George Souter
Evelyn Staker	Amber Steer	Macey Swaby Rogers	Bailey Thomas
Kyra- Louise Thornhill	Ella Threadgood	Jasmine Tuama	Millie Walker
Georgia White			

Tutor Expressions of Praise

Every term tutors are asked to nominate two students who deserve recognition for their ongoing efforts in school and beyond. Congratulations to the following students for receiving this award for the Spring term:

Honey Crowhurst-Rance, 7GCu - Positive, always a warm smile, helpful, volunteers and works hard.

Frankie Humphries, 7GCu - Polite, friendly, extremely hard working student who is punctual, smart and well-motivated.

Abigail Sleath, 7RPI - Polite, hardworking, kind, calm student who brings a brightness to the form and works hard.

Harrison Coldspring, 7RPI - Hardworking, polite, prepared to learn with a kind and calm attitude.

Elysia Heggie, 7FSu - Excellent attitude, considerate and contributes well.

Oliver Whiting, 7FSu - Improved attitude, application and positivity, overcoming barrier.

Jasmine O'Brien, 7LBy - Great role model, responsible, studious, considerate, kind and appreciative.

Harrison Thomson, 7LBy - Sense of humour, excellent Drama skills, positive outlook and well mannered.

Kyra-Louise Thornhill, 7SAI - Delightful student who fully participates, member of Student Voice and Football team, works hard with 100% attendance.

Max Brandrick, 7SAI - Member of the Football team, very positive, 100% attendance, participates fully.

Darcey Bushby, 7HCo/VMa - Delightful student with excellent attendance and punctuality, good effort and focus, always smiling with a positive attitude. A great role model.

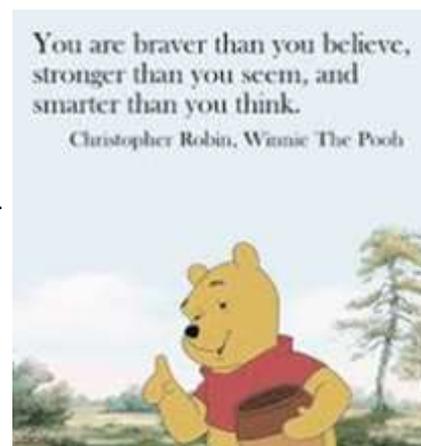
Kayden Plinston, 7HCo/VMa - A valued member of the form, polite, hardworking, positive, helpful attitude. Member of the Football and Rugby teams.

Billy Rock, 7MEd - Worked really hard with a massive increase in House Points.

Amber Steer, 7MEd - Happy, smiling, positive and kind to other students.

Billy Hudson, 7SDa - Polite, kind and hard working.

Isabel Shorter, 7SDa - Contribution to extra-curricular activities, hard working, always smiling and helpful.



House Points

Congratulations to 7MEd who have collected a staggering 2163 House Points since the beginning of the school year.

1st: 7MEd with 2163 points
 2nd: 7FSu with 2061 points
 3rd: 7GCu with 1923 points
 4th: 7Sal with 1901 points

Individual House Points

There are many certificates to distribute to individuals on our return to school for reaching the 36, 54, 72 and 90 House Point goals. Here are our top House Point collectors:

108 House Points: Charlie Rae, Charlee Brown, Frankie Humphries, Alexis Andrews, Oliver Adler, Kelsey Baker, Lily Davies, Emily Kerr, Holly Kerr, Neve Ladd-Talbot

126 House Points: Macey Swaby Rogers, Ronnie Nicholas, Elysia Heggie, Samson Smith, Kiarna Williams

144 House Points: Kendell Henry, Olivia Cuddy, Taliyah-Rae Dwyer Waite

A massive congratulations goes to Michael Gewitzke for his winning collection of 187 house points!

Special Awards

During the Spring Term it was Year 7's turn to receive Jack Petchey Award nominations. It was fantastic to see 15 students receiving nominations. Congratulations to the winner, Jedd Hobbs, 7SDa/ WDa who was nominated by his own form group, other members of the year group and some members of staff. Jedd has £250 to spend in school in the department of his choice.

Mrs Rees also presented two members of the year group with progress pens for showing particular improvements in an element of school life. Congratulations to Oliver Whiting and Kieran Daley!

Mrs Wheeler

Weekly Challenge

Whilst at home with my family I have been enjoying lots of different activities that I normally do not have the time to do when we are at school. I wonder if you are able to complete some challenges like this one?

Sudoku: complete the grid so the number 1-9 appear in every column, row and box of 3x3

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2	6		9	1	5			
	5	4		3				
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One of the first activities I completed with my children was a rainbow to display in our front window, hopefully to cheer up local residents when taking a walk, to show our appreciation for the NHS and to show what we were thankful for... I hope you like it! Have you and your family displayed a rainbow?

Please send me a picture if you have, I'd love to see your efforts!
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