



25/05/2018

The Link Charles Darwin School

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HEADLINES

Charity Football

My thanks to all those involved with Monday's charity football event and in particular The Friends of Charles Darwin School. I understand that £240 was raised and The Friends will be deciding how to distribute this in due course.

Year 13 Leavers BBQ

On Friday I had the pleasure of attending the Year 13 leavers' presentation prior to the leavers BBQ. It was a superb event full of warmth, good humour and a sense of occasion.

The atmosphere with its unique blend of excitement and anxiety made for an occasion that was both serious and yet somehow very informal. We are all incredibly proud of how these youngsters have matured and grown in their last few years at school. I would like to wish them all the very best for their examinations and for the years to come.

Sunil Chotai

WANTED URGENTLY:

donations of any good quality, outgrown uniform including blazers, trousers and skirts especially in smaller sizes, as well as ties that we can keep as spares.

If you have anything you can spare, please bring your donations to Student Services. Many thanks for your help.

Mrs Paterson

Summer enrichment

Students in Years 7, 8 and 9 now have details of the additional off-site trips and activities being offered on Wednesday 18 and Thursday 19 July this year. The trip to France has also been opened up to students in Years 8 and 9 who study French. There are still some spaces available on several of the trips. Please check on ParentPay for availability and pay promptly. Thank you.

Mr Jones

Netball tour 2018



The annual netball tour to Conover Hall was once again a resounding success. We arrived late on Friday with both a Year 8 and a Year 9 team but the girls settled quickly into their new surroundings and we were fortunate to have gorgeous blue skies for the whole weekend. The late start on Saturday allowed the girls to enjoy the outdoor adventure activities provided by the centre during the morning and we were also able to watch part of the royal wedding which was a bonus for staff and students alike.

Both teams played well: the Year 9's made it through to the Cup competition and the Year 8's went through to compete for the Plate. Matches started at 8:30am on Sunday and all of the students played extremely well showing the skills that they have been using and developing throughout the season.

Congratulations to Saskia Hobbs in Year 9 and Nanci Powley in Year 8 who were named *Player of the Tournament* on Sunday by Miss Case and Mrs Wray for the determination they showed in all of their games.

"Thank you to Mrs Wray for organising the tour and giving up her weekend to come at late notice," said Miss Case, "and thank you also to the students who were an asset to the school and made the weekend thoroughly enjoyable."

Thrive attends Rambert Dance studio

On Wednesday 23 May 2018, Thrive went to the Rambert Dance Studios in London to audition and share the dance that they have been working on over a number of weeks with another school and the Step Into Dance organisers. They performed 'Vogue' and we received positive feedback about their energy and the choreography, which followed the Step Into Dance theme of 'copy and paste'. The audition was to take part in Step Live! which would involve performing at London's Sadler's Wells Theatre in July. We should hopefully hear the outcome soon.

Thrive was also fortunate enough to take part in a warm-up and workshop with a Rambert professional dancer and all students were hard working and positive as the material was difficult and taught quickly. Their attitude was fantastic and I know that they all enjoyed it. The audition was also followed with a talk about Rambert Dance company and how to take part in outside classes and opportunities. Well done to all students involved.

Miss Abbotts

see over for photo

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Parents/carers must phone before 8:30am with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

28 May to 3 June 2018 — Half term

Monday 21 to Friday 25 May

4 June 2018 — Head Girl/Head Boy/senior prefect applications open

6 June 2018 — Bromley Interschool Rounders Tournament for Years 9 and 10

6 June 2018 — Dance trip to performance of *XENOS* at Sadlers Wells

6 June 2018 — Year 12 Drama trip to *Machinal* at the Almeida Theatre

7 and 8 June 2018 — Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition

8 June 2018 — Girlguiding fundraising Quiz Night from 7:00pm

9 June 2018 — Responsible dog ownership day

Forthcoming events: summer term

11 June 2018 — Deadline for Head Girl/Head Boy/senior prefect applications

12 June 2018 — Expressive Arts Show 5:00pm to 6:15pm

13 June 2018 — Head Girl/Head Boy/senior prefect interviews

13 June 2018 — Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening

14 June 2018 — Year 12 Drama trip to *Fatherland* at the Lyric Theatre

14 June and 19 2018 — Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews

Have your say: Parent/Carer Survey

Bromley Parent Voice is working with the London Borough of Bromley and a range of partners from across the local area to ensure the borough provides well-planned support and services that meet the needs of children and young people (birth-25) who have special educational needs or disabilities (SEND) and their families.

As part of the SEND Strategic Vision and Priorities (2018-19) to deliver better outcomes for children and young people with SEND, we are seeking your views on the services that you and your child currently use. Your views are very important and will help us to reflect the views of a wide group of parents as LB Bromley and partners plan, commission and evaluate the services. It will also help us to represent your views as part of the Local Area SEN/D Review from Ofsted and Care Quality Commission inspection.

Please take the time to complete the survey. It should take no longer than 10 minutes to complete and is confidential and anonymous.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WNZ3DY2>

Thank you, BPV Team

Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending
18/5/2018

Chris Shanks from 8CAh and Tiffany Edwards and Sean Cambridge from 8CGr

Mrs Mills, Reception

↓ Members of Thrive taking part in a warm-up and workshop at the Rambert Dance Studio in London last week, led by one of the Rambert professional dancers. The material was challenging to perform but inspiring for the group.



Isle of Wight night walk raises funds for Zanzibar



Over the bank holiday weekend Year 12 student Amy Black together with two friends from her Police Cadets group took part in their own self-initiated 110km walk around the coastal path on the Isle of Wight.

Amy has been keen to complete this walk for some time. It took the trio 35 hours in total and Amy raised over £600 to contribute towards her trip to Zanzibar. Speaking about the challenge Amy said, 'It was really tough particularly through the night, however knowing that it would get me to Zanzibar in order to support those in greater need was a real driving force'.

Amy is also grateful to her father for his support on this venture.