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HEADLINES

Mervin Sharp

I am delighted to inform families that Mervin Sharp has been awarded the British Citizen Award for his services to volunteering and charitable giving. Mervin, who has been involved with our school for over 30 years, received his award at an official ceremony at the Palace of Westminster on Thursday. Mervin became a Governor in 1987 and for many years was Chair of Governors. Following the school's conversion to academy status in 2011 he became Chair of the CDAT Board. Mervin has worked tirelessly in a voluntary capacity not just for our school but with the Sea Cadets and also in his role at the Youth Offender Team where he sits on panels and brokers contracts with young people to repair the harm their offending has caused. Mervin thoroughly deserves this award and on behalf of all of us I send him our heartfelt congratulations.

Your Choice, Your Voice

Last week our Year 9 students took part in Your Choice, Your Voice, a specialised programme delivered by Bromley Healthcare's Sexual Health Team and Bromley Changes (Bromley Young Persons Alcohol and Substance Service).

The programme aims to increase students' knowledge and awareness of sex and relationship issues, helping them to develop the skills necessary to assess risks and understand potential consequences, allowing an informed choice. The two days were extremely successful and the organisers commented on the excellent behaviour and conduct of our students. They were also extremely impressed by their involvement and their questions and two of the professionals delivering commented "Charles Darwin School is one of our favourite schools to deliver at". My thanks and congratulations to all involved.

Sunil Chotai

YOUNG CARERS AWARENESS DAY THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2020

Young Carers Awareness Day is an annual event to raise awareness of the challenges faced by young carers and to campaign for greater support for them.



On Thursday 30th January, Matt Vollar from Young Carers Service Bromley will be visiting Charles Darwin School to meet with our current Young Carers and also raise awareness to all students.

Every day across the UK thousands of young people help to look after someone in their family, or a friend, who is ill, disabled or misuses drugs or alcohol. Recent research shows that one in five secondary school children may be a young carer. For many, their caring journey begins at a much younger age. Caring for someone can be very isolating, worrying and stressful. For young carers, this can negatively impact on their experiences and outcomes in education, having a lasting effect on their life chances.

We offer a monthly support group for our Young Carers and if pupils who are caring for somebody at home would like to be a part of this please let me know.

Mrs King
Student Support Advisor

YEAR 7 SWIMMING SUCCESS

On Sunday 19th January, Charlotte Field, Year 7, competed in the Kent County Swimming Championships at the London Aquatic Centre for her Swimming Club Orpington Ojays.

This is the toughest and most prestigious swimming event held in the County. Qualifying times are amongst the hardest in the Country, just to be selected you have to be in the top 25 swimmers in your age group at County level.

Charlotte competed in 2 events on Sunday, the 200m breaststroke where she achieved 5th place overall and the 100m breaststroke where she came 8th which qualified her for the Final.



Charlotte achieved new PB's in both events and after swimming another huge personal best she was just pipped to a podium spot finishing in 4th place. Well done Charlotte, this is a great achievement, keep up the good work.

Monday 27th - Friday 31st January 2020

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8.30am Year 11 Assembly
Thrive Dance Company, Bromley Showcase

Tuesday 28th January

8.30am Year 7 Assembly

Wednesday 29th January

8.30am Year 11 Assembly

Thursday 30th January

8.30am Year 12/13 Assembly
Dance Competition Semi-Final

Friday 31st January

INSET Day - School closed to all pupils

Forthcoming Events

FEBRUARY 2020

Wednesday 05 February - Year 12/13 Art & Textiles trip

Thursday 06 February - Year 8 Parents' Evening

Monday 10 February - Dance Competition Final (Main Hall)

Thursday 13 February - Sixth Form trip to Beijing departs

Thursday 13 February - Early finish for all students (end of P5: 2.10pm)

Friday 14 February - End of term

Saturday 15 February - Sixth Form trip to Berlin departs

Monday 17 - Friday 21 February - Half Term

MARCH 2020

Wednesday 04 March - Year 9 Parents' Evening

Monday 09 March - Head Prefect Application closing date

Thursday 12 March - Year 8 Options Evening

Wednesday 25 March - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

APRIL 2020

Friday 03 April - Ski trip to Austria departs

Friday 03 April - End of Term

Monday 20 April - Summer Term starts

Duty Pupils for Praise Week ending 24th January 2020

Many thanks to , Reece Melloy, Finley Payton, Grace Doyle and Debreea Sutton, Year 8.

Miss Payne
Reception

Top Attendance Week ending 17th January 2020

Year	Tutor group	Percentage
7	7SDa/WDa	100%
8	8NYe	97.7%
9	9NDy	97.9%
10	10JSn	97.3%
11	11SCu	99.2%
12	12ARu	100%
13	13GSH/HDo	98.6%

Parents Evenings 2020

Year 8: 6 February 2020
Year 9: 4 March 2020
Year 12: 25 March 2020 (2)
Year 13: 25 March 2020 (2)
Year 10: 29 April 2020
Year 7: 7 May 2020

History Star of the Week January 2020

Alexander Hards, Year 7



Alex has made an excellent start to his Year 7 History studies. Alex is always eager to engage in question and answer sessions and is consistently achieving fantastic grades for effort and attainment. Alex has impressed me with his level of knowledge and understanding showing a commitment to do well. Alex is a pleasure to have in the class.

Miss Zysemil

Children's Mental Health qualification

Did you show an interest in this? If so, please check your emails regarding the Induction time on 4th February. Many thanks

Mrs Rees

Zanzibar Day
Friday 7th February 2020

Pay £1.00 and wear your own clothes, but you must wear the colours of the flag (blue, black and green)!

All money raised will go to our sister School, Kijito Upele School in Zanzibar.

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:
Parents/carers must phone before 08:30 with a full reason on every day of their child's absence.