



23.11.2018

# The Link Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Adverse Weather Arrangements

This week the temperature has dropped significantly and we are approaching the season where we may expect more extreme winter weather. With this in mind I would like to remind families (and inform our new parents) of our procedures in case of adverse weather.

Whilst recognising that it is our duty to remain open if at all possible, the health and safety of staff and students battling through adverse weather conditions must be weighed against the health and safety of students who, for whatever reason, expect to be in our care during school time. A decision to close the school in adverse conditions is thus seen as a last resort and is only made if there are concerns regarding the welfare and safety of staff and students. The weather conditions in Biggin Hill can often be very different to those in the more built-up areas and the number of hills and narrow roads in the vicinity compounds the problem. However the bus companies do keep us informed of the transport situation and students and staff will be alerted to any transport difficulties. There is a specific policy for the school minibus service of which parents and the students concerned are aware.

Students should, of course, make reasonable efforts to get to school having regard to the travelling conditions. However, should the school need to be closed due to extreme weather a message will be posted on the school website and families should check this regularly. If the weather deteriorates during the school day students may be allowed to go home early and parents will be informed of such arrangements via Call Parent. It is extremely important therefore that the school has up to date contact details for all families. The decision whether to send pupils into school or to collect those already at school rests with parents themselves.

Sunil Chotai

## Bromley Schools Dance Showcase



On Thursday 15th November, five Bromley schools came together to showcase the high-standard of Dance happening within Education. Students that participated, ranged from Year 7 all the way up to Year 13 and works ranged from teacher choreographed dances to performances created by the students themselves. The schools involved were Charles Darwin School, Langley Park School for Boys, Langley Park School for Girls, Ravensbourne School and Coopers School and performances were showcased in Langley Boy's theatre with over 200 members in the audience.

Our in-house dance company 'Thrive' at Charles Darwin School took the lead. Talented students from all year groups rehearsed weekly with Amy Robinson from Step Into Dance, Royal Academy of Dance. At the Bromley showcase, they performed 'Suffrage' which showcased the power and strength of the Suffragettes. I am very proud of their performance which had a strong emotional impact and it was fantastic to see the range of talent within Bromley Schools and to collaborate to celebrate our successes.

Miss C Abbotts

## Year 7 Anti-Bullying Week

Year 7 have taken part in the Anti-Bullying Alliance's National Anti-Bullying week again this year. Following the theme of RESPECT, all students in the year group have been given the opportunity to design their own wrist band, reflecting on what respect means to them.

Year 7 assembly provided some initial ideas with this years promotional film declaring 'I choose, you choose, we choose respect' (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UNjddfY-AXA>)

There were some fantastic slogans created and colourful designs show cased. Work will continue on Anti-Bullying for the rest of this term through activities delivered as part of the Year 7 Tutorial programme.

Mrs Wheeler



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events

#### Autumn Term

- 26 November 2018** - Year 12/13 Physical Ed and Science trip  
**27 November 2018** - Year 12/13 Computer Science in Action trip  
**28 November 2018** - Year 12/13 Physics in Action trip  
**28 November 2018** - Year 12/13 Parents' Evening  
**30 November 2018** - PE trip Vitality Netball International Series - England v Uganda  
**5 December 2018** - Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church  
**6 to 9 December 2018** - Year 9/10 trip to German Christmas markets  
**7 December 2018** - Waitrose Christmas singing 2018  
**10 to 16 December 2018** - Year 7 penny collection  
**13 December 2018** - Year 7 English trip to see The Lion King  
**13 December 2018** - Year 11 Biology trip to Body Worlds Exhibition  
**13 December 2018** - Year 8 and 9 reward trip to Jump Giants, Thurrock  
**14 December 2018** - Year 7 Christmas Fair  
**14 December 2018** - Christmas Jumper Charity Day  
**17 to 20 December 2018** - Performances of the school production  
**2019**  
**11 January 2019** - Year 9 DTP/MENACWY vaccinations  
**16 January 2019** - Dance trip to see Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake  
**25 January 2019** - Deadline for Sixth Form Applications  
**30 January 2019** - Year 9 Growth Mindset  
**30 January 2019** - Dance Competition semi-final  
**2 February 2019** - Trip to WW1 Battlefields of Ypres  
**6 February 2019** - Spring Music Fest  
**7 February 2019** - Year 8 Parents' Evening  
**11 February 2019** - Dance Competition final  
**4 to 7 March 2019** - Year 12 Geography residential  
**6 March 2019** - Year 9 Parents' Evening

#### Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending 23.11.2018**

Ria Stears, Tony Webb, Amelia Moore and Yanik Vochyan

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

#### PARENTS EVENINGS 2018/19

**Year 12:** 28 November 2018

**Year 13:** 28 November 2018

**Year 11:** 24 January 2019 [2]

**Year 8:** 7 February 2019

**Year 9:** 6 March 2019

**Year 12:** 27 March 2019 [2]


**Year 13:** 27 March 2019 [2]

**Year 10:** 2 May 2019

**Year 7:** 8 May 2019

#### HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

##### Daniel Aduwo, Year 8

 For exceptional behaviour and effort in history. Daniel has showed an avid interest in World War One History. He has answered lots of challenging questions and has been displaying an improvement in his written skills. Daniel has been a real superstar to teach and I am very lucky to have him in my class.

**Mrs Davies**

### London Schools Trampoline Championships 2018

Good luck to the following students who will be competing in the London Schools Trampoline Championships 2018. Erin Hartley who is competing in the Under 15 Girls Novice competition, against 32 other girls, to Holly Clark, Amelia Porter & Lucie Monk who are competing in the Under 19 Girls Novice competition, against another 5 girls and Billy Seddon who is competing in the Under 14 Boys Intermediate competition, against 14 other boys.

The competition is on Sunday 25th November, and it is at Harlington Sports Centre in Hayes, Middlesex. They will be representing Charles Darwin School – there are 31 schools in total competing on Sunday.

It will be a tough competition for many of them, with only the first top 3 Individuals in each age group and level and the 2 top teams going through to the Zonal Competition. At the Zonal Competition the criteria will be the same to then go through to the Finals. Good Luck Guys.

**Miss Case**

### Under 14s Football Success

A huge well done to the U14 girls football team who played in the 7 a-side Bromley Borough Tournament on Wednesday 14th November. Emma Spear and Olivia O'Rourke (Year 7) scored some fantastic goals throughout the evening. The tournament is held annually at Charles Darwin School so the girls were on home soil. The girls played fantastic and had some great results:

V Coopers	Won 2-0
V Hayes	Drew 0-0
V Ravensbourne	Won 2-0
V Harris Bromley	Won 1-0
V Bishop Justus	Won 3-0

Overall the girls came joint 1st with Hayes but unfortunately on goal difference Hayes won overall by two goals. A fantastic evening of football and my thanks to the girls and parents for making it so enjoyable.

Well done to the team Sophie Richardson, Geena Wood, Amber Boswell, Emma Spear, Matilda Dryden, Tallulah Botton and Olivia O'Rourke.

**Miss Case**

**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.**



Monday 17 - Thursday 20  
 December 2018  
 7pm, Main Hall  
 Tickets £5.50

Available via Parent Pay. See below for  
 ticket request slip.



**School Production 2018 - Annie**

Tickets for *Annie*, just £5.50 each, will be available from Friday 23 November 2018 via ParentPay. Please book all the tickets you require for each night at the same time as we cannot guarantee that you will sit together if you subsequently book additional tickets.

Please pay, then complete this form clearly and return it to **Mrs Sheehan, via main reception.**

Pupil Name: -----

Form ----- Date: -----

Name of parent :-----

Signed:-----

All tickets £5.50 each	No of tickets	Please indicate wheelchair or mobility access	Total cost
Monday 17 December			
Tuesday 18 December			
Wednesday 19 December			
Thursday 20 December			
<b>Total paid via ParentPay</b>			

**ANNIE**

Book by  
 THOMAS MEEHAN

Music by  
 CHARLES STROUSE

Lyrics by  
 MARTIN CHARNIN

Original Broadway Production Directed by Martin Charnin  
 Presented on Broadway by Mike Nichols  
 Produced by

Irwin Meyer, Stephen R. Friedman, Lewis Allen, Alvin Nederlander Associates Inc.,  
 The John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts, Icarus Productions.

Based on "Little Orphan Annie" ®

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