



23.11.2018

The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

HEADLINES

Year 12/13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday's Sixth Form Parents' Evening seemed to go very well with over 86% of families attending. Judging by my conversations with some parents, staff and students it was a very productive evening giving an opportunity for pertinent and focused conversations on progress to take place. The all-important dialogue with parents and students about what current progress looks like and how it can be further improved for the individuals in their differing contexts seemed to go very well. The students themselves came away with a clear understanding of what they need to do to maximise their progress. My thanks to all families and students who attended.

Biggin Hill Christmas Lights

On Saturday the Year 7 Choir, accompanied by Miss Mace, Mrs. Kearney and Mr. Dowlen took part in the ceremony to switch on the Biggin Hill Christmas lights. I understand the students sang extremely well despite a slight hiccup when the organisers accidentally switched off the backing track half way through their first song. In true showmanship style the students carried on with the crowd clapping along. My thanks to the students involved who received some delightful comments from those in the crowd.

Safeguarding Alert

This week we had a report of an extremely worrying incident on Hillcrest Road where one of our young students was confronted by a van driver and asked to get into his van. When the student ran away he was chased. The police are investigating the incident and have asked if anyone has any information to inform either the school or the police direct. I would be most grateful if parents could be vigilant and brief children to be particularly careful as these dark evenings approach.

Sunil Chotai

1st Place in Trampoline Competition

The London Schools Trampoline Competition took place on Sunday 25th November. In the Under 19 girls Novice, Charles Darwin School did really well – Lucie Monk came 1st, Holly Clark 4th and Amelia Porter 6th. Their team came 2nd in this group. This means that all 3 of them have qualified to the next stage of the competition, the Southern Zonals. They will be competing against girls from across the South of England.



The Under 15 Girls Novice was a tough group (29 girls in total). Erin Hartley came 9th which is fantastic for her first London Schools Competition.

After being unable to complete all 10 bounces of his voluntary routine, Billy Seddon ended up in 11th place which is brilliant as there were 16 in his group. Frustratingly he was lying in 2nd place after the first round!

Keep up the good work.

Mrs Case

Year 12/13 trip to Body Worlds Exhibition

36 members of our Sixth Form visited the world renowned Body Worlds Exhibition in London this week. Professor Gunther von Hagen has developed a process of plastination in order to preserve body tissues and present a unique view of the human body.



Our students were amazed to see the human body stripped back, exposing muscles, digestive tracts, respiratory and circulatory systems. The exhibits showed adaptations to both healthy and unhealthy lifestyles and the audio-guides gave insightful knowledge as to the intricate workings of the human body.

This was a unique experience for the Sixth Form to enjoy and made the theory of their A Level and BTEC courses more realistic and easier to understand.

Mrs Wheeler



ONLINE SAFETY

Attached to this week's Link is a list of Top Ten Apps that are currently trending that you may not be aware your Son/Daughter is using and the risks associated.

We understand how difficult it can be to stay on top of the latest trend and recommend parents to read this to ensure you stay up-to-date and Increase your awareness of Cyber Safety.



Many thanks

Mrs Rees

Year 7 Charity Christmas Fair

Year 7 students will be participating and hosting a Charity Fair on Friday 14 December.

There will be a variety of stalls for the Year 7 students to circulate around with games to play, treats to buy and presents/cards to make and wrap.

Donations to help raise funds for Cancer Research UK and Collitis and Crohns Disease would be gratefully received.

The Year 7 team would really appreciate chocolate donations (big and small) for the chocolate tombola, drinks and cans (non-alcoholic) for the bottles tombola, and ginger bread biscuits.



Thank you for your support.

Mrs Wheeler

A general reminder to all students for keeping safe on the way to and from school.

As previously advised by the Bromley Youth Policing Team (BYPT), young people should:

- Try not to walk alone – find a friend to walk with.
- Do not walk down a lane or unlit road that isn't busy with traffic or pedestrians for a short cut. Take a longer route which is safer.
- Run, yell and tell. If you are approached by someone and don't feel safe start to run, yell loudly at the same time and head towards where there are people such as shops.
- Safe places include shops, schools, libraries, restaurants, take away shops, stations and bus stops where people are waiting.
- Speak to an adult you know, if you have concerns about your safety.
- Do not walk around with headphones in and a phone out on display.
- Call police on 999 in an emergency.

ANNIE

Monday 17 - Thursday 20 December 2018

7pm, Main Hall

Tickets £5.50



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			
Total paid via ParentPay			

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.

Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

Forthcoming events

Autumn Term

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 30.11.2018

Liam Westcott, Keeley Danneau, Georgia Beaumont and Ben Rawlings

Mrs Mills, Reception

PARENTS EVENINGS 2019

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



Ermond Bersiha

Ermond has an incredible enthusiasm for history. He is a true historian that takes every opportunity to learn outside the classroom on a wide range of topics. Ermond listens to advice on how to improve, his fantastic vocabulary and love of the subject makes him a pleasure to teach. I look forward to monitoring his ongoing success.

Mrs Swinscoe

Christmas Jumper Day, Friday 14 December 2018



Students are invited to wear a Christmas jumper on Friday 14 December for a minimum £1 donation. If everyone gave £1, the total raised would be £1,300 and if everyone donated just £3, the total would rise to £4,000. Remember, you don't have to wear a jumper to donate. The chosen charities this year are:

Year 7 - Crohns and Colitis UK

Year 8 - Help the Heros

Year 9 - NSPCC

Year 10 - Macmillian Cancer

Year 11 - The Lily Foundation

Year 12/13 - The Royal Marsden

Please support the day, feel festive and give generously. Thank you.

Amazon Smile – Have you signed up yet?

The Amazon Smile fundraising page is proving extremely popular with our supporters due to its ease of use and simple sign up.

Simply log into www.smile.amazon.co.uk with your existing Amazon Account to sign up and select Friends of Charles Darwin School as your supported charity.

In future do your shopping at www.smile.amazon.co.uk and donations to our cause will be generated automatically. A very simple "How To" guide accompanies this week's Link.



FOUND

A pair of Headphones have been found in IT2. If they are yours please go to Main Reception for collection.

50/50 Club

The winner of the October draw of the 50/50 club was Ann Ludlow with number 100.

UPHOLSTERER REQUIRED

Are there any upholsterers who will be able to help re-cover ten chairs in the library?

If you can help please contact Mrs Adams on sad@cdarwin.com to arrange a visit to give a quote.

Many thanks
Mrs Adams

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