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## HEADLINES

### Football Success

My congratulations to the U14 girls' football team who once again (second year in a row) won the Kent Cup. It was really good to see them perform so well as a team last Friday at Bromley Town Football Club. The pitch was enormous; however our girls coped really well, dominating a hard fought match. My thanks to Miss Case who has spent a lot of time coaching and developing these girls, instilling in them confidence and composure and to Mrs. Ruth who has given up her valuable time to coach them as well. My thanks also to all those families who came along to support the team, it was very much appreciated.

### Year 10 BTEC Music Event

Unfortunately I was unable to attend the Year 10 BTEC students' "Music from Stage and Screen" event on Tuesday. The event was organised by the students themselves as part of their coursework and they produced a wonderful mix of songs/music from films or musicals. In addition I am reliably informed that Mr. Dowlen gave a stunning performance singing/playing the piano. My congratulations to the students who worked hard to produce the event which raised just over £190 for Demelza House Children's Hospice.

Sunil Chotai

### History Star of the Week

#### Sydney Codali, Year 9

Sydney has made remarkable progress in History and has secured her knowledge of the Norman Conquest. She always tries her best and perseveres even when she finds things more challenging. She is a real credit and a big asset to our History class. She is a pleasure to teach. Well done!

Miss Davies



## U14 Girls win the Kent Cup Final 2-0



On Friday 1st March the CDS U14 Girls Football team had their Kent Cup Final. The final this year was in the same venue and against the same team they played last year, Highworth Grammar.

The girls were excited but extremely nervous feeling the pressure from the build up of the game. The stadium was full of our supporters who were ready for the game ahead creating a great atmosphere. In the first half the girls kept their heads in the game but struggled with their nerves. We went into half time 0-0, knowing that the second half had to be stronger and we'd need to commit to every ball.

We started the second half strong keeping the ball in their half. In the second half the girls dug deep, worked hard and kept their focus. Our striker Emma Spear scored the first goal, which automatically boosted the girls' confidence. The second goal came from a long kick from the half way line towards goal from our Captain Izzy Franklin, this was deflected off the goal keeper and went in. Highworth Grammar didn't give up and kept coming back at us but the girls defended well to resist any goals being close. Amber Boswell in defence had the game of her life and was the player of the match for the final.

The U14 girls football squad have been fantastic this year, their development and growth as a team has clearly been seen throughout the season. To win the Kent Cup for the second year in a row is a fantastic achievement and we are so proud of all the girls who have been part of this journey.

Thank you to all the staff, students and families who came to the game and supported the girls during the final.

Miss Case

## Volunteer Police Cadets Annual Awards Ceremony

**Congratulations** to Jack Maslin Year 7 who won Junior Cadet of the Borough of Croydon at the Annual Voluntary Police Cadets Awards Ceremony. The event was held on Saturday 02 March at Kensington Great Hall. The Guests of Honour were the Assistant Commissioner Helen Ball, Col. Jane Davis OBE, Vice Lord Lieutenant of Greater London.

**Congratulations** also to Hannah Peters, Year 11 who was shortlisted to 5 nominees for the Best New Recruit out of all the Boroughs Award. She was promoted to Team Leader within her first year and her volunteering record for events has been exemplary.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer visit: <https://vpc.police.uk/be-a-cadet/> for more information.



## BBC NEWS REPORT 2018/2019

Since October, the BBC Young Reporter team have been meeting every Monday lunch time. They have been working on developing key skills to be top reporters. Their final report which was filmed on the BBC Young Reporter News Day on the 6th March 2019 is available to view from Saturday 9th March 2019 at:

<https://www.cdarwin.com/page/?title=BBC+YOUNG+REPORTER+2018%2D2019&pid=178>

Below is one report from two of our Year 8 students. The Club has now finished and will re-start in September.

### BBC Young Reporter

*'BBC Young Reporter' is for 11-18 year old pupils and lets them report the news. Tony Hall, the Director General of the BBC said, "BBC Young Reporter is about tapping into what really matters to young people, and giving them an opportunity and a platform to tell their stories." This is what we have been doing in our club since October.*

*Every Monday we would meet and learn about the features of news reports including: reported and directed speech, using who, what, when, how and why, as well as how to put news reports together. Miss Sales and Mrs Mote were involved, as well as 7 Year 8s and 1 sole Year 7.*

*Since Christmas, we have been working on news reports which included the local aggravation over a large toilet being built in a residential area. We also looked at why the May 2018 train timetable failed, and finally an overview of the complicated issue of Brexit.*

*In the morning we were filming and researching the reports. Liam and Jack reported on the weather, William, Harry and Andrew conducted research about knife crime, Benjamin and Leah conducted research about World Book Day and Luke conducted research on ambulance response speeds.*

*In the afternoon, we started filming a 'behind the scenes' extra for the Charles Darwin School website. Mr Nunn came in to help us and Andrew, Ben, Harry and Luke were writing up their thoughts of the day.*

*As a round off for the day, we asked people what they thought of the experience.*

*Leah said 'I have enjoyed the day and I have enjoyed the filming' Liam said how 'I liked editing and reporting the reports' William said 'I loved editing!!'*

*Next time, we want to practice writing more reports and also practice using the green screen more. This club is great. We highly recommend it to new Year 7s that will be joining us in the New Year.*

**Leah O'Brien and Liam Wescott**



### WANTED

If you have any scrabble boards and/or suitable jigsaw puzzles hiding in your cupboards at home that you no longer use, we would love them for our lunchtime clubs that are held in the Library.

Many thanks

Susan Adams



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

#### MARCH

- 14 March - Year 8 Options Evening  
27 March - Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening [2]  
28 March - Year 11 Parents' Information Evening

#### MAY

- 2 May - Year 10 Parents' Evening  
8 May - Year 7 Parents' Evening  
16 May - Year 13 Leavers Assembly  
17 May - Year 7 Growth Mindset  
24 May - Year 13 Leavers' BBQ

#### JUNE

- 6 and 7 June - Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition  
12 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Evening  
13 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews  
18 June - Year 6 into 7 Induction Interviews  
21 June - Sixth Form Ball  
23 to 25 June - Silver Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition  
26 June - Year 12 Driven by Consequences  
27 June - Year 12 Ecology Field trip to Westerham  
28 June - Year 11 Ball

#### JULY

- 1 July - Year 12 Taster Day  
1 to 5 July - Year 7 Penny - Collection  
3 July - Sports Awards  
5 July - Sports Day  
8 to 10 July - Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition  
17 and 18 July - Enrichment days  
18 July - Year 10 Mock interviews

#### Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending  
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Frankie Nowers and Latifah Lutaya,  
8SHo

Mrs Mills, Reception

#### Parents Evenings 2019

Year 12: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 13: 27 March 2019 [2]

Year 10: 2 May 2019

Year 7: 8 May 2019

#### DARWIN LEISURE CENTRE

Pay as you go (*gym use*)  
£5 per session

Centre Member (*gym use & membership rates*) £25 a year & £4.50 per session

GOLD Membership (*unlimited gym use & membership rates*)  
£25 a month

A variety of private classes, facilities and pitch hire is available

Enquiries to 01959 540606  
email: leisurecentre@cdarwin.com  
See school website  
[www.cdarwin.com](http://www.cdarwin.com) for full details

#### 50/50 Club

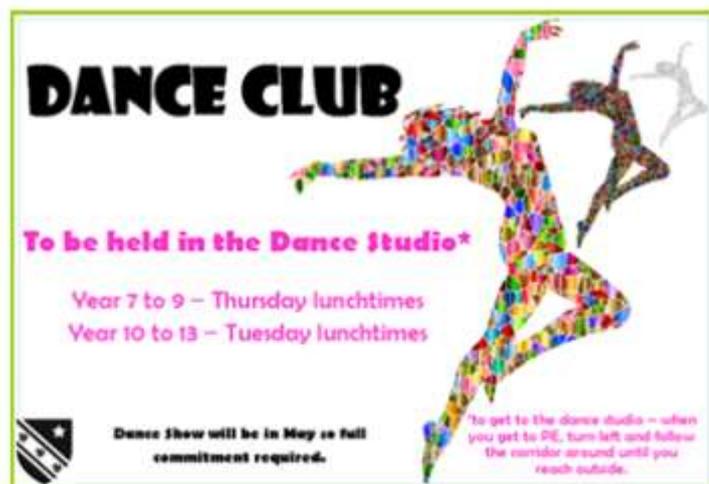
The winners of the January & February draws were:

January - Frank Fleming No.101  
February - Susan Adams No.31

#### Overdue Library Books

We still have over 150 overdue Library books. Please can you ensure these are returned to the Library as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Mrs Adams



#### Interior Design Club

The Interior Design Club had their first painting week this week and the students have produced some fantastic art work. A massive thank you to Lucie Poole who made our suffragette bunting, Anne Yin for her calligraphy growth mindset writing and Scarlett Brazier for her epic sketch of Stalin. We now have a Berlin Wall in the History department.

We couldn't have done it without the help of all our KS3 Interior Designers. Work is still in progress however we will be sharing some photos when we are finished.

Mrs Davies