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# The Link Charles Darwin School

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## HEADLINES

### Zanzibar Trip

As many parents will know, this summer's trip to Zanzibar was extremely successful. The feedback from students, staff and parents has been incredibly positive and several families have contacted the school to express their appreciation for this wonderful opportunity.

What was really impressive for me was the way in which the students had grown in their confidence so quickly on the trip; often rising to the significant challenges posed by being in a school and environment that is so very different from our own. Accounts of how the students developed in terms of their maturity were also very impressive. We are now looking at ways in which we can develop aspects of the trip in the future so that our students and the host school could benefit even more from this endeavour.

### Jack Petchey Awards

On Monday evening Mrs. Rees and I attended the Jack Petchey Awards evening held at the Churchill Theatre in Bromley. It was, as always, a wonderful and uplifting occasion to see nine of our students be amongst others from schools across Bromley receive their award medals from the Mayor, Councillor Kim Botting. My congratulations to our students who were excellent ambassadors for our school.

Sunil Chotai

### PARENTS EVENINGS 2018/19

- Year 11: 7 November 2018
- 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

## The Great Languages Bake Off

We are very pleased to announce the winners of this year's Open Morning languages cake baking competition. This year we had more entrants than ever and managed to sell a lot of cakes to the many visitors that came to our European café. Thank you very much to everyone that brought cakes along. They were all fantastic.

This year's winners are:

- The Most Impressive Looking Cake - The German Rose flag by Imogen Nevard in 7SAI
- The Best Cake Design - The French Glittery Flag cakes by Tabi Isaac in 7WCa
- The Fastest Selling Cake - The Cornflake Crispy cakes by Lewis Longly in 7WCa

Could the winners please come and collect your prize from the Languages Office from Monday 8th October and everyone collect their cake tins.



### Phil The Bag

The Friends of Charles Darwin School have arranged a "Phil the Bag" collection for November. Unwanted textiles can be brought into school inside black 'bin' sacks on Tuesday 30th and Wednesday 31st October. Phil the Bag makes payment per kg – so every little helps.

Please see the separate flyer which accompanies this issue of the Link for full details.

We hope that you will be able to support this easy fundraiser.



### Amazon Smile

The Friends of Charles Darwin School have subscribed to the Amazon Smile fund-raising scheme. Simply log in to [www.smile.amazon.co.uk](http://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](http://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.



## The winner of the September draw of the 50/50 club was Denise Willis with number 116

### Welcome to new staff

Hello, my name is Mrs Elliott, I have joined the IT & Computer Science department and have recently become a Year 7 form tutor, 7PEI. I am passionate about technology and how it can make things easier for us as well as do some pretty awesome things like help further medicine. When I am not debugging code, I like to run and I am training for the half marathon this year as well as the Brighton Marathon next year. I like to challenge myself and constantly improve to get better.



## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Monday 08 to Friday 12 October

8 to 12 October 2018 — Year 7 penny collection  
 8 to 12 October 2018 — Year 10 inter form football  
 9 October 2018 — Year 10 geography field trip to Stratford  
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 11 October 2018 — Year 7 Settling in tea

### Forthcoming events: autumn term

15 and 16 October 2018 — Healthy relationships workshops [selected Year 8s]  
 18 October 2018 — Presentation Evening  
 Friday 19 October 2018 — INSET  
 22 to 26 October 2018 — Half term  
 Monday 29 October 2018 — INSET  
 31 October 2018 — Darwin's got Talent  
 7 November 2018 — Year 7 Growth Mindset  
 7 November 2018 — Year 11 Parents' evening [1]  
 9 November 2018 — Launch of annual Dance Competition  
 12 November — Year 12 and 13 Chemistry in Action trip  
 12 to 18 November — Anti-bullying week  
 14 November 2018 — Year 9 Your Choice Your Voice  
 15 November 2018 — Sixth Form Open Evening  
 16 November 2018 — Year 12 Photography trip to London  
 23 November 2018 — Year 9 and 10 Stand Against Violence  
 27 November 2018 — Year 12 and 13 Computer Science in Action trip  
 28 November 2018 — Year 12 and 13 Physics in Action trip  
 28 November 2018 — Year 12 and 13 Parents' Evening  
 5 December 2018 — Christmas Concert at St Mark's Church  
 6 to 9 December 2018 — Year 9/10 trip to German Christmas markets  
 10 to 16 December 2018 — Year 7 penny collection  
 14 December 2018 — Year 7 Christmas Fair  
 14 December 2018 — Christmas Jumper Charity Day  
 17 to 20 December 2018 — performances of the school production

Over the past few years, Courtney McCarthy has show a strong interest in Make Up and Body Paint. On Monday 1st October she entered 'Brush-Wars'. A professional make up and body paint competition held at London Olympia's Beauty Show. This year was the 1st year they had a Teen Glam Category aimed at 14-18 year olds. The theme was Circus Inspired and the make up had to reflect. The idea Courtney came up with was to mix olden day 'Freak Show' with modern day beauty. The judges were very impressed with her creativity and her talent clearly shone through as she took 1st Place in her category. Many weeks of hard work and practice clearly paid off. Very Well done Courtney, we are super proud of you.



## Pupils for Praise

Duty pupils of the week ending  
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Ben Reeves, Katie Lee and Nyasha Dombोजना from 8NDy

Mrs Mills, Reception

### FOOTBALL

A huge well done to all Year 8 students involved in the Kent cup fixture last Thursday which resulted in them achieving a massive 11-1 win.



### JUDO

Well done to Charleigh Roberts who fought for Charles Darwin and Addington Judo club at the regional schools Championships on Saturday 29th September. She had tough fights working hard in both and managed to secure a Silver medal.

### BALLROOM

Well done to Nyah Tomlinson-Allen who did exceptionally well over the weekend in Blackpool. She is now in the top 10 dancers in Ballroom and was placed a 4th place Latin dancer in Britain.



### HISTORY STAR OF THE WEEK

Hannah Peters.

Hannah has come back into year 11 with a very positive attitude and she has really impressed me with her hard work in History, in particular her recent mock exam. Hannah actively listened to in class feedback and I know she will progress even further. Well done Hannah keep this up.

Miss Zysemil