



01.03.2019

# The Link Charles Darwin School

Aspire—Endeavour—Achieve

## HEADLINES

### Break with a Cake

On Thursday morning I had the pleasure of spending break time with the 16 girls who are going to be involved in this week's U14 Kent Cup final against Highworth Grammar. It was really good to spend break with this animated and delightful group of girls who have had a wonderful footballing season which has now been capped off by reaching this final. The girls were accompanied by Miss Case and Mrs Ruth who have worked hard with the team with great success. My congratulations and best wishes to the team and my thanks to all those families who have supported the girls over the season.

### Proposed Merger with Impact Trust

The consultation period for the proposed merger with Impact Trust closed at the end of last half term. The next stage in the process is for both Trusts to carry out a due diligence exercise looking at various aspects such as finance and the risks and changes necessary should the merger go ahead. If all goes well it is likely the two Trusts will merge from 1st September.

Sunil Chotai

### RE M I N D E R

**YEAR 9 PARENTS EVENING  
AND REPORT COLLECTION**  
Wednesday, 6 March 2019  
3.15 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.

This is an opportunity for pupils and their families to come and speak to staff about their progress.

Oz Schoolwear will be present selling Schoolwear and PE Kit

Governors will also be present on the evening.

Refreshments Available  
(Courtesy of the Friends of Charles Darwin School)

## Sports Superstars!

This weekend we have a number of students competing around the country in various elite competitions.

Good luck to the U14 Girls Football team who will be playing in the Kent Cup final on Friday 1st March at Bromley Football Club. We will be playing the team we met in the final last year, Highworth Grammar School. Kick off is at 6:15pm. We are looking forward to an exciting evening ahead.

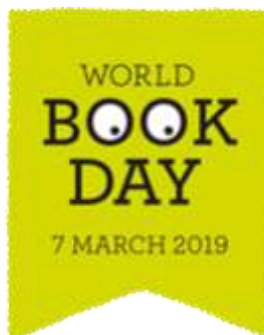


Good luck to Lucie Monk who will be competing in the National Trampoline Competition in Cannock Staffordshire. Lucie has qualified through the Bromley Schools event at Hayes, she then came 3rd in the Zonal Competition in Southampton and will now be off to represent CDS in the National Competitions. We wish Lucie lots of luck for the day.

The 2019 BMX season is now back up and running. Lewis Longley in Year 7 will be taking part in his first regional event this weekend in preparation for the National rounds later on in the month in Birmingham and Manchester. Good luck Lewis.



Miss Case



World Book Day is celebrated this year on Thursday 7th March 2019 and as in previous years, students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 will be taking part in the Big Read next week.

Whatever the subject, teachers will start their lesson on Thursday by reading a specified section of a short story so that by the end of the day all of these students will have heard the full narrative.

"Staff have really embraced the Big Read over the last few years," said Mrs Pitt who organises the event in school, "and pupils have fed back about

how much they've enjoyed it. Ultimately, we want to encourage our students to read as much as possible so that their literacy skills improve and their vocabulary develops, helping them to access the curriculum in all subject areas."

Students in Years 7 to 13 will also be given World Book Day tokens which can be exchanged at participating booksellers for one of the ten exclusive, new and completely free World Book Day books for younger readers. Alternatively tokens can be put towards one of the five full-length books for teenagers priced at only £2.50 each—that is only £1.50 with a £1 book token. Tokens are valid from are Thursday 28th February to Sunday 31st March.

# NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK



Next week is National Apprenticeship week. The following event is strongly recommended for any student in Year 10 and above who may be interested in finding out more about apprenticeships.

## Meet the Employer Event

When: Wednesday 06 March 4-7pm  
Where: London South East Colleges  
Bromley Campus, BR2 8HE

Please see opposite, the list of employers attending this event.

Some students in Year 10 will also be attending the Careers Fair at Ravens Wood School on Wednesday 13 March to find out more about apprenticeships and the world of work.

For more advice on apprenticeships visit the website shown below. It gives advice for both parents and students:

<https://www.ratemyapprenticeship.co.uk/advice/students>

Mr Simpson

### EMPLOYER

Morgan Hunt  
London Early Years Foundation (LEYF)  
Biggin Hill Airport  
Home Instead  
Temp Bookings  
Bromley Council  
Bell Group  
Childbase  
City Electrical Factors Ltd  
Monkey Puzzle Day Nursery  
Yah-so bar and grill  
Chatterbox House Day Nursery Sidcup  
Chestnut Tree Day Nursery Belvedere  
Stephen Lawrence Charitable Trust  
Rydon Group Ltd  
Care Outlook  
National Careers Service -/ Prospects  
Intercontinental Hotel at Park Lane  
Core Electrical  
Charlton Athletic  
LSEC Career Advise  
LSEC Traineeships  
National Maritime Museum

### SECTOR

Recruitment  
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Aviation  
Care  
Recruitment  
Local Authority  
Construction  
Childcare  
Retail & Wholesale  
Childcare  
Hospitality  
Childcare  
Childcare  
Charity  
Construction  
Care  
Career Advice  
Hospitality  
Electrical  
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## Parents Guide to 'MoMo'

Attached to this week's Link is a Parents Guide to 'MoMo'. Momo is a 'challenge' game that has recently resurfaced again and has come to children's attention across the country. It reportedly uses graphic violent images and asks users to take part in dangerous challenges, including those involving self-harm. It has been heavily linked with apps such as Facebook, WhatsApp, YouTube and most recently, YouTube Kids.

Some media reports state that 'Momo' is a hoax, but as a parent it is natural to feel worried about certain things you see online that may be harmful to your child and we advise all parents/carers to read this Guide to be fully aware of the dangers that it could pose.

As well as monitoring your child's activity, it's important for you discuss it with them too. Not only will this give you an understanding of their online actions, but those honest and frequent conversations will encourage your child to feel confident to discuss issues and concerns they may have related to the online world.



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.



**School Experience Programme**

Do you want to know more about what teachers do and whether teaching is the career for you? We offer a day with us finding out about teaching as a career, followed by two days in one of our schools.

Our next session is in:  
Chislehurst  
7th March 2019

Contact us today to book your place:  
Email [administrator@gradteach.co.uk](mailto:administrator@gradteach.co.uk)

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**QUIZ NIGHT**

**St Patrick's Day Quiz Night**

The Friends of Charles Darwin are holding a St Patrick's Day Quiz Night on Friday 15th March at 7pm. Please see flyer accompanying this week's Link or email:

[fcds.events@gmail.com](mailto:fcds.events@gmail.com)

for further information and booking details. Our previous Quiz Night was extremely successful and we are expecting another great evening. We look forward to seeing you there!



**DANCE CLUB**

To be held in the Dance Studio\*

Year 7 to 9 – Thursday lunchtimes  
Year 10 to 13 – Tuesday lunchtimes

Dance Show will be in May so full commitment required.

\*To get to the dance studio – when you get to PE, turn left and follow the corridor around until you reach outside.

**BOOK CLUB**  
In the Library  
Monday  
Lunchtimes

## Events, Fixtures and Educational Visits

### Forthcoming events Spring Term 2019

#### MARCH

**4 to 7 March** - Year 12 Geography residential trip

**5 March** - Year 12 & 13 Theatre Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'

**5 March** - GCSE Drama Trip, 'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time'

**6 March** - Year 9 Parents' Evening

**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

#### Pupils for Praise

**Duty pupils of the week ending  
01.03.2019**

Penny Burrows and Ryan Brown,  
8SHo

**Mrs Mills, Reception**

#### Parents Evenings 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

#### Health Matters

It's that time of year when Norovirus is doing the rounds. If your child has Norovirus symptoms please remember, they must remain off school for 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea to stop the spread of the infection to other children and staff.

For further information visit,  
[www.nhs.uk/norovirus](http://www.nhs.uk/norovirus)

**Miss Allan  
Health Care Lead**

## Zanzibar Day

Thank you to everyone who joined in  
and supported our Zanzibar Day.  
We raised a total of £1260.00

All money raised will directly fund the school  
fence at Kijito Upele School, Zanzibar.



**Westerham Sea Cadets**

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