



Headlines

Parent Survey Results

I would like to thank parents who responded to the 2024 parent survey. This feedback supports us with setting priorities for our school and knowing our strengths. It is pleasing to report all areas improved compared to last year with the most significant being "The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved", 78% of respondents strongly agreed/agreed - an increase of 17% compared to this time last year. The full report is available as an attachment to this newsletter.

Art, Textiles & Photography Exhibition

On Wednesday I had the pleasure to attend a showcase of work made by our A level Art, Textiles and Photography students. The students had produced an amazing display of work and should be very proud of themselves. Well done to everyone involved.

Drama and Dance Showcase

The arts are a crucial part of our curriculum and provide many benefits that enhance child development and student achievement. Events like the Drama and Dance showcase are so important, providing students with the opportunity to perform in front of audiences and express themselves. It was a delight to see so many of our students taking part on Wednesday. The children had a wonderful time performing. Thank you to all the families that attended and to the staff and A-Level students for organising.

Year 11's Leaving Event

On Thursday we bid farewell to our Year 11's. The sun shone as goodbyes, thank yous and memories were shared in an assembly followed by ice cream and shirt signing. I look forward to seeing them again on Thursday 22nd August for results day and sixth form enrolment.

Home Learning Day 28th June

A further reminder school is closed on Friday 28th June and that work will be set for the home learning day for every lesson students would usually have. The work will be set via Satchel One. This work is not optional and in most cases needs to be completed by the next lesson but specific deadlines will be on Satchel One. Please don't worry if work is not completed at the exact time of the lesson. Students may choose to complete work out of sequence, or start earlier that morning and have an earlier finish or start later and complete into the afternoon and weekend.

Aston Smith, Headteacher

Reading Corner at Charles Darwin

In our recent Y9 assembly we talked about the power of reading, not just in terms of academic success, but also how beneficial reading is for our wellbeing.

Our Y9 Tutors also shared some of the books they have enjoyed. Here is Miss Buckle's recommendation:



A black nurse faces legal and personal battles with this powerful narrative on justice, empathy, and the complexities of human relationships. I couldn't put this book down and it really opened my eyes to so many things, through tears and laughter. It's a thought-provoking novel that tackles racial prejudice and moral dilemmas.

Mrs Pitt

Drama and Dance Showcase



On Wednesday 19th June, students across year 7 to 12 performed to a packed hall for the Drama and Dance showcase. There were performances from Thrive dance company and KS3 dance club as well as from students who have been attending year 8 drama club. Performances created in drama and dance lessons were also shown, alongside some assessed work.

A really big well done to everyone who took part. It was great to see so many students taking this opportunity to perform to a bigger audience whilst building their confidence and showcasing their talents.

Miss Currie

Workshops and Presentations for Year 9

On **Monday 24th June**, all students in year 9 will be involved in a series of presentations and workshops as part of our RSE curriculum.

There will be a workshop on the dangers of alcohol, drugs and vaping and another on sexual health and contraception. These workshops will be delivered by outside practitioners, Bromley Changes and Bromley Sexual Health as well as Ms Sampson, lead teacher of RSE. At the end of the day, students will have an extended assembly delivered by Bromley and Croydon Women's Aid, which will focus on healthy/unhealthy relationships and identifying coercive control.

As per our RSE policy, parents/carers can request that their child is withdrawn from the sexual health workshop. Please email Ms Sampson ksa@cdarwin.com in the first instance if you have any questions.

We hope these sessions will be insightful and will develop student's knowledge and understanding of some challenging topics and ultimately help them to keep themselves safe and well.

Miss Currie

Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) for Year 9 and 10

Year 9 and 10 students will have a series of lessons starting from 1/7/2024 delivered by their Science teachers. The content is shown below.

All materials used in these sessions will be available for parents to view in main reception alongside the up to date RSE policy.

As parents you have the right to withdraw your child from sex education lessons (Year 9 content) and if you would like to do this, please contact the school on enquiries@cdarwin.com with your request and the name and year group of your child before the end of next week.

Year 9

Sexual organ function and FGM.

Sexual activity in the law including consent, rape and sexual harassment.

Sexual health, pregnancy and contraception.

Year 10

Sexual activity in the law including consent, rape, sexual harassment and coercive control in relationships.

The harmful impact of pornography on intimate relationships and body image.

Revisiting some year 9 content on sexual health and contraception.

Ms Sampson

Rainbow Sale for Pride



There will be a rainbow themed cake, lolly, badge and flag sale to raise money for Stonewall next Thursday 27th June at lunchtime in student services.

Any students who wish to volunteer to support the event should attend a meeting with Miss Sampson in Sc2 on Tuesday 25th June.

Any parents who wish to donate cakes/ cookies/ sweets please send these in by Thursday morning. Thank you

Ms Sampson

A Festival of Football in the Canteen

To celebrate the Euros football tournament, the kitchen will be doing special food days each week with a main meal for a particular country involved in the tournament-look out for the flyers each week. Next week is Italian week. This will be a main meal and a dessert for £2.45.



DANCE CLUB
3:15 - 4:15
Da1
WEDNESDAY

Open to all students
Bring a drink and your PE kit

SEE MISS WINTER FOR MORE INFORMATION

PTA Update

Easy-fundraising for Charles Darwin School

Please join our Easy-fundraising shoppers by clicking here:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/charles-darwin-school-pta>

Thanks to our recent joiner:

- ◆ Francesca R

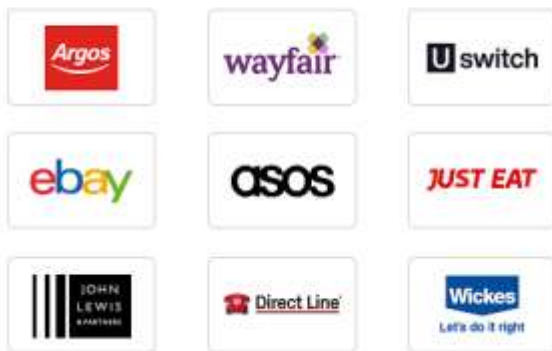
Here is the current fundraising league table for June:

1. Mel L
2. Kayleigh B
3. Jason H
4. Deborah R
5. Chrissie P
6. Sarah H



If you have enrolled already, it is advised to enable the 'donation reminder' so that you are offered a donation at relevant retailers, every time you shop. You don't need to visit a separate site to fundraise which is why we like this source of fundraising even more and of course, because it is FREE!

The Donation Reminder is the easiest way to raise!



- 1** Highlights retailers
Highlights thousands of retailers where donations are available
- 2** Helpful reminder
A helpful reminder will display when you're on the retailer's site
- 3** Keep track
Keep track of how much you've raised

Quiz Night October 2024

We have provisionally booked our next quiz night for Friday 4th October 2024 at 7.30pm.

Tickets will be available soon via our PTA online shop: <https://friends-of-charles-darwin-school.sumupstore.com>

Local Company Sponsorship

We are currently offering a sponsorship package for any local businesses who would like to advertise with us. We communicate regularly with over 500 families and our local community so perhaps we will be able to help you find some new leads to help grow your business? Sponsorship is from £100.

If sponsorship packages are of interest to you, please let us know by sending us an e-mail: friends@cdarwin.com

Monthly Cash Prize Draw

Congratulations to the following recent winners of our monthly cash prize draw:

May 2024 Joanna Fleming (Ticket 20) Winning £76
June 2024 Zoe Towersey (Ticket 63) Winning £75.50

You can be in with the opportunity to join our winners from £1 per month by visiting our online shop:

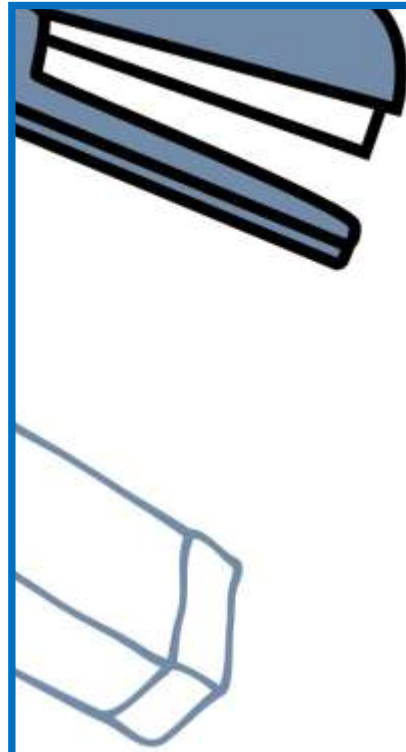
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APPEAL

Please take 2 minutes to enrol
in Easy-fundraising to raise funds for our
school as you shop at 7500 retailers.
It's completely free!

Please scan the QR code below with
your device camera:





CHARLES DARWIN SCHOOL PTA
**MONTHLY
DRAW**



**WIN cash (currently around £75 monthly
jackpot) AND fundraise for our school**

Card payments or bank transfers accepted

To join, scan here with your device camera: to visit our online store





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Laboratory Technician (Biology) 36 hours per week Monday – Friday, term time only September 2024 (actual salary £23,388 – pay award pending)

We are looking to appoint a Laboratory Technician to join a friendly and hard-working team of technicians preparing practical lessons for our Science department. Applicants should have a background in Science, preferably with A Level/GCSE Biology/Chemistry. Experience of a similar role in a school or laboratory *would be advantageous*.

Further details and an application form are available on our website and should be sent to jho@cdarwin.com.
Closing date: 5th July 2024. Please note CVs alone cannot be considered.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare and safety of children and young people and expects all staff to share this commitment. Any offer of employment will be subject to a DBS Enhanced Disclosure and full background checks.

School Cleaners (£13.77 per hour)

We are looking to appoint a number of school cleaners to join our committed Site Team. Actual hours are negotiable but are likely to be between 3.00pm – 7.30pm Monday – Friday during term time. Some additional hours may be available during school holidays. Applicants should complete the non-teaching staff application form on our website (www.cdarwin.com) and return this to Julie Hodgkinson, Personnel & Administration Manager.

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School Uniform Grant

Please see the link below for more information:

[School Uniform Grant | There for You \(UNISON Welfare\) | UNISON National](#)

Pupil absence line: 01959 574043, option 1:

Reminder – please can parents call the absence line each day of your child's absence before 8.30am. This ensures we know your child is safe and their absence is authorised where possible. Our Attendance Officer is having to spend an increased amount of time each day chasing for responses.

Thank you for your support.

School jumpers, PE kits and school bags needed!

Parents/Carers

We need your help! We are specifically short of navy school jumpers, red and black PE hoodies, white polo shirts, red socks and school bags. If you have any lying around that your daughter/son has outgrown, we would greatly accept donation of these. We also welcome any other parts of school uniform like school and football shoes.



All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

Preloved Uniform Shop Team

PE Department Appeal

We are in need of football shoes and trainers for our spare PE kits. If you have any lying around that your child has outgrown, we would gladly take them off your hands.



All donations can be left at **Main Reception**.

Thank you in advance for your kindness.

PE Department Team



All students are requested to leave the school site promptly unless taking part in supervised activities after school. For safety and security reasons no casual or recreational activities should take place without direct supervision from staff.

The Darwin Leisure Centre fitness gym is open to student paying members only between 3.15-4.30pm who must then leave the premises as quickly as possible; from 4.30-6.00pm only School/Club bookings are allowed on the 3G.

For students booking the astro pitch, bookings must be made in advance (no walk-ins) and a parent must be present on arrival. A limit of 16 students per booking applies.

The mathematics department are holding revision classes after school on the following days from 3.15 to 4.15:

Higher Tier

Monday MA7 Mr Yerassimou
Wednesday MA2 Mr Watson

Foundation Tier

Monday GE2 Ms Harris



Wellbeing Dance

Fusion

Starting Wednesday 5th June

Darwin Leisure centre -Dance studio

5-5:45pm- Years 7-9

5:45-6:30pm Years 10-13

Discover an array of enjoyable dance routines set to lively music in a stress-free and supportive atmosphere.

Conclude the session with soothing guided relaxation, prioritising your personal wellness.

👉 Contact @abbott_movement
or email abbottdance5@gmail.com for more information
and to book in!

Qualified Secondary Dance teacher and certified Health and Wellbeing coach , Full DBS , First aid and insured.



Attendance

Congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who have the highest attendance for week ending 14 June 2024.



7JWi	95.8%
8PDg	96.4%
9RMo	95.7%
10JLa	95.2%
11DNe	100%
12JDa	97.9%
13MNo	100%

As you are aware attendance is linked to a student's attainment and at Charles Darwin we work closely with the parents to keep students' attendance levels as high as possible. Please could we ask that if your child feels unwell in the morning (headache etc.) and they do feel better later on, that you send them in. This will benefit them as they will not miss a whole days learning.

Please can we also remind parents to call in before 8.30am for each day of your child's absence and not rely on receiving a text from us chasing their absence.

A reminder that pupils **should not** contact home if they feel unwell but should be seen and assessed by Mrs Booth, our Health Care Lead.

Parents should be aware that pupils will not be sent home without being seen by Mrs Booth in the first instance.

Thank you for your continued support.

Students Services Team

First Aid

Hay Fever Season - Medication for Students

Hay Fever and the symptoms for children studying at school can be very uncomfortable, please ensure that if your child suffers with Hay Fever that they take any relevant medication/antihistamine before school. The school is unable to provide this medication to students.

Parents should be advised that the school does not provide students with Paracetamol unless it is a medical emergency. We have a limited supply in school and prefer that medication wherever possible is administered at home.

Many thanks for your support.

**Mrs Booth
Lead First Aid**

Year 8 Duty Pupils

Mia Bailey
Ana Cavanagh-Wood
Jack Pini
George Booth
Joshua Clarke

Alfie Mason
Jade St. John
Freddie Dodson
Finley Hamilton
Kian Evans



Student Services Duty Pupils

Gracie Mercer
Henry Clark
Jenson Witt-Morris
Lacie John
Joshua Dance

They have been fantastic this week, and their help has been invaluable.

Dates for the Diary

June

26th June - Trip: Year 12 Theatre Trip to see 'A view from a Bridge' - Theatre Royal Haymarket, London

27th June - Year 11 Prom

27th-28th June - DofE Silver Y10 qualifying expedition

28th June - **INICIO DAY, Students home learning**

July

3rd July - Year 8 Reward trip to AirJump

8th-9th July - Trip: Year 10 GCSE PE kayaking trip, Danson Park

10th-12th July - DofE Silver Sixth Form qualifying expedition

12th July - Sports Day

15th-20th July - Trip: Year 8 MFL Residential Trip (coach and Eurotunnel)

16th-18th July - Trip: Year 8 History Trip to York (coach)

17th July - Trip: Development Theatre trip - Wicked - London Year's 8 & 9

19th July - Celebration of Success Assemblies

19th July - End of term



As the weather is getting warmer please can all students bring in a reusable water bottle to school each day.

The water bottles can be refilled at the canteen and near to Students Services at break time and lunchtime.

We only have a limited supply of plastic cups for First Aid and medical emergencies only.

Thank you

Student Services Team

2023-24 Term Dates

Summer 2024

Monday 15th April – Friday 24th May

(Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday)

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June – Friday 19th July

INSET Days - School closed to students

Friday 28th June 2024 - INICIO Day (home learning for students)

Monday 22nd July 2024

JOIN US

FOR A BROMLEY BIG LUNCH!

SAT 1ST JUNE
11 AM – 1 PM
PRIORY GARDENS,
DRPINGTON

SAT 15TH JUNE
11 AM – 1 PM
THE LOOKOUT CAFE,
BIGGIN HILL AIRPORT

SAT 22ND JUNE
11 AM – 1 PM
CHISLEHURST COMMON,
PRICKEND POND GREEN

SUN 23RD JUNE
11 AM – 1 PM
CRYSTAL PALACE PARK,
CRICKET PITCH AREA

SAT 29TH JUNE
11 AM – 1 PM
QUEENS GARDENS,
BROMLEY

YOU CAN FIND MORE BIG LUNCHES BY VISITING:

[EDENPROJECTCOMMUNITIES.COM/THE-BIG-LUNCH/THE-BIG-LUNCH-MAP](https://edenprojectcommunities.com/the-big-lunch/the-big-lunch-map)



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Summer Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday
Activities and Food
programme

[www.bromley.gov.uk/
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)



Bromley's Summer Holiday activities and food (HAF) programme provides free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals outside of term time, for families with children and young people from 5-16 years old. The programme offers eligible children and young people the opportunity to enjoy fun activities that will enable them to develop new skills, build confidence and meet new friends.

Each provision will comprise of a creative and physical activity, a session about food and nutrition and a free, healthy, and filling meal each day.

For more information please click on the link below:

[Bromley's Summer Holiday, Activities and Food Programme 2024 | Bromley Education Matters](#)

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn 2024

Friday 30th August – Friday 18th October

Half term: Monday 21st October – Friday 1st November

Monday 4th November – Friday 20th December

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23rd December – Friday 3rd January

Spring 2025

Monday 6th January – Friday 14th February

Half term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February

Monday 24th February – Friday 4th April

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April

Notes:

Good Friday 18th April
Easter Monday 21st April

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April – Friday 23rd May

[Monday 5th May Bank Holiday]

Half term: Monday 26th May – Friday 30th May

Monday 2nd June – Tuesday 22nd July

INSET Days:

Friday 30th August 2024

Friday 18th October 2024

Monday 4th November 2024

Wednesday 15th January 2025

Monday 24th February 2025

Friday 23rd May 2025

All staff Trust Training Day – Friday 27th June 2025



Foodbank in Bromley is able to offer clients a choice of 3 days worth of food along with a supermarket voucher or 7 days worth of food. This is for **Bromley Borough residents only**. For out of borough residents they are able to offer 3 days worth of food. Please remember you can get help by contacting them directly on ifo@bromleyborough.foodbank.org.uk.