



Dear Parents/Carers



We are pleased to share this half terms events and activities with you.
We wish you a great half term break and hope your children have lots of fun.

Yours faithfully,
Mark Dale-Emberton
Head Teacher
Proud to serve

Boarding Unit Ofsted Inspection 2010



Sensory Garden

We are thrilled that the recent Ofsted inspection report of our Residential Boarding Unit has rated the service it provides as Outstanding, where outcomes for children are excellent.

The school is particularly proud to receive such recognition of the high quality of care that the unit consistently provides.

Mostyn Lewis, Vice Chair of the Governing Body of Charlton School commented: "Governors are delighted that this independent assessment by Ofsted provides such a welcome and long-overdue compliment of the highest order to all the staff involved in the Boarding Unit and recognises what a valuable resource this is to students and their families. Greenwich students and parents are indeed fortunate to have such a resource in the borough and Charlton School would be delighted if we could develop its potential, scope and benefits further to meet the pressing needs of more of this vulnerable but deserving group"

New Staff Members

We would like to welcome the following new additions to the Staffing Team here at school:

LSA's

Bonnie Mckevitt

Magdalena Buk

Ran Maris

Rebecca Mason

Stacey Terry

Sana Asad

Scarlett Martin

Geraldine Brown

Julie Ruck

Zena Green

Connie Terry

Rachel Close

Tracey Millard

Midday Meals

Supervisors

Leigh Sainsbury

Nicola Florey

Carol Ann Cook

Shirley Robinson

Cheri-Ann Dunford

National Poetry Day



On Thursday 7th October, some Key Stage 3 classes took part in National Poetry day. We looked at some of our favourite poems and then looked at the theme for the day. The theme was “home”.

We made acrostic poems for the word “home”. These are some of the poems made.

Homely at home
Originally old
Mums mumbling madly
Eggs are cracking aloud
By Jack, G10

Happy mum is very excited
Orange squash is enjoyable
Magical mirror on the wall
Enormous monster long and tall
By Claire, G15

History home always
Out of this world
Mum is cooking in
the kitchen
Excited to be home
By Charlie, G12

Stage Right at Charlton School

Stage Right, an all inclusive performing arts project continues at Charlton School. Run by Greenwich Academy of Music and Drama and with the help of staff from school, students’ access music, drama and dance through various activities. This term students are working towards a performance at Townley Grammar School in December and are having a go at performing their own pantomime, written especially by PJ Pilcher.

Any new members are always welcome. The club meets from 4:00– 5:30 on Thursday afternoons during term time. Students from Charlton can stay at school and are supported by school staff until the club starts.

For more information please contact Rachel Bevan or Kat Morton

G1 enjoying Friday’s Options



G1 students have really enjoyed Options every Friday this half term. They have got very sticky in Classroom Cookery, been noisy and boisterous in Sing-a-long then chilled out in Relaxation at the end of the day. A great way to end the week!



G2



We would like to welcome our new students to Charlton School. They have settled in very well and are adapting to life in a secondary school. The students in our class are: Joshua, Adam, Herve, Seyi, Michael and Lindsey. This half term, G2 have been busy doing various activities and enjoying lots of different lessons and experiences such as dance, art, music, humanities and science...to name a few! We go out every Wednesday to explore the local area and learn about our community. Well done G2 on a terrific start!

G3 Don't worry, be happy!

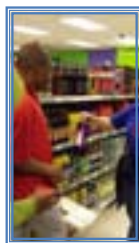
G3 have welcomed some exciting new talent to the school: Lee, Opeyemi, Cody and Rudi who join Jordan to make up our student group. We have all been settling into the new routines and getting to know each other and the local environment. In Humanities we have been studying famous people including Nelson Mandela, Bob Marley, Justin Beiber, and Homer Simpson. All of the students have decided that they would like to be famous one day and here is how they might look....



In Science we have been learning about "Forces , of course" and have learnt a song to help us remember those invisible pushes and pulls which keep the world in place. The link to our class song, "Don't worry, be happy" can be found on the G3 Fronter room .

G4 have had a busy half term

On Wednesdays we go out to Charlton village. We go to the shops and enjoy a drink and snack at Charlton House. Everyone is learning new things, like, finding items from the shopping list in the shop, using money and crossing the road safely. We all enjoy a bit of free time on the swings too! When we get back to school we write up what we have done and share our work with the class.



G5 & G11



Since returning to school after the summer, every Wednesday, G5 and G11 have been learning to canoe at Southmere boating lake. We started off in big double canoes so we could get use to the basics of how to paddle properly but a few of us have progressed in to smaller kayaks with just one member of staff. Maybe after half term some might be able to get into a single kayak. It's lots of fun. We hope you like the photo of us in all our special waterproof gear and life jackets.

G6

I must say a big 'Thank you' to the pupils and staff in G6 for warmly welcoming me into their department. I can honestly say what a lovely team of workers that they all are and I can already see some positive learning from the pupils themselves. I would like to share with you one particular lesson that G6 enjoy, and that is Food Technology.

Every Tuesday afternoon, G6 have been so busy doing practical and worksheet tasks and developing a wonderful 'Food Technology' book.

In our books you will see that we have learnt about all different types of food and cooking methods to go with them. Parents have been given samples of our cooking and we have had no complaints! We cannot wait to do some Christmas cooking in the next half term!



G7

G7 have during Food Technology this term been developing our skills in shopping for ingredients, then trying out lots of different recipes. So far we have made cakes, scones, shortbread, and pizza and also have learned how to boil and scramble eggs. We have also been learning about hygiene in the kitchen.



G8

G8 has had a splendid start to the school term, enjoying the fine Autumn weather and heading outdoors to sample places such as Oxleas Wood. We even had a chance meeting with a couple of Constables who were more than happy to pose with our happy bunch. Look at their smiles!



G9

G9 have made a great start to the Autumn term with lots of fun activities both within Charlton School and outside in the community.

We have really enjoyed working with another class in our Sherborne sessions which develop teamwork and communication skills. Everybody has managed to participate in their own way which is helping staff and students to get to know each other and build positive relationships.



In Food Technology G9 have been making some delicious pizzas and also learning about keeping our hands and work surfaces clean and how to work with each other to clean up afterwards.

Not all learning takes place inside school and we have been visiting Charlton Library to find out where we can borrow books, CD's and DVD's. We also visited Greenwich Park and Museum and had a great time investigating some

of the interactive displays.



G10

We would like to welcome new pupils in G10 this term: Elizabeth, Jack, Olivar, Nasreen, Jake, Caris, and Stephanie.

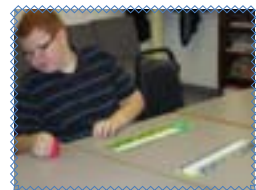
All have been working hard through our Vouchers and Charts scheme. Each pupil receives a voucher, or football for demonstrating good work and behaviour. All pupils have collected enough vouchers/football to receive a reward this term.

Well done G10!



G12

G12 have welcomed new arrivals into school this term. Christina, Harry, Charlie, Anu, Abdul, and Stuart have arrived into Charlton School. Each pupil has worked exceptionally hard this term. Staff in class and around school are very impressed by each students willingness to learn, explore, meet new people, and experience life at Charlton School.



G13 have had a wonderful start to the school year. We have all been enjoying reading *The Gruffalo* in English and have made a giant Gruffalo for our classroom wall. We have also enjoyed researching Australia in Humanities and making aboriginal cave paintings with our hands and feet. James and Chyna-Blu have joined the class from Willow Dene School and have settled in extremely well. They have made lots of new friends and are working really hard!

We have had a great start to the school year for MOVE. In September we became the **MOVE Regional Centre of Excellence** and we have a number of new students starting the programme. We also had a visit from a number of Russian dignitaries who were extremely impressed by the students and how hard they work

to increase their independence. We have had some enormous achievements from our students already. For example, Adam has been taking steps without his walker and Sara has been doing some excellent cycling in the Friday morning MOVE group.



After School Achievement

After school Megan participates in a gymnastics club. Some weekends Megan takes part in competitions. On the weekend of October 9th/10th, Megan took part in a competition in Poole, Dorset and came 1st.

This is what Megan had to say.

“I was really happy to take part in the gymnastics. I liked presenting to the judges”.



This year every Wednesday we are enjoying the opportunity to get out and learn in the local community as part of our ASDAN course work.

During the half term we have been investigating local information and leisure facilities, this has included joining the local library and a trip to the Dome. To join the library we each had to complete an application form and learn about the rules and requirements of being a member. We were pleased to find out you can loan DVDs and request books on areas you are interested in. The O2 Dome had lots of different leisure facilities and we had great fun trying to beat the score in the football challenge and



then we chilled out in the relaxation dome afterwards.

We are all looking forward to attending the IMAX cinema to see ‘Dinosaurs Alive in 3D’ as part of the National Schools Film Week on Tuesday 19th October. The students have worked hard over the half term to earn enough points through some excellent work and behaviour to attend this trip. We are looking



forward to putting some of our independence skills into practise and travelling into London on public transport.



G15

This term G15 have been working on furthering their Personal and Social Development. Every Wednesday we have been out in the local community, learning how to communicate with shopkeepers and how to stay safe in the community. One activity that we have done was to go to the post office to buy stamps and send letters we had written. We have also been to Charlton House to buy a drink and snack. This has helped to develop our



communication skills and our maths skills as we were using our money.

G16

We have had a brilliant start to the new school year, and everyone has been working very hard already. The students made a portrait of another class member, so needed to discover what the colour of their eyes, hair etc. ICT lessons are also proving popular with students



using the interactive white boards, trialling eye gaze technology and using switches to operate various pieces of equipment.

G17

What a first half term! We started a new curriculum and are having loads of fun whilst learning.

We now have the opportunity to spend a whole day on Personal and Social Development and we are making the most of it. G17 has decided that we would like to prepare and cook our own healthy meals on a Wednesday. We have a slow cooker, a rice cooker, a steamer and a halogen oven that we use to prepare all our meals with and we use fresh ingredients.

We had a wonderful surprise when Ann-Marie brought in fresh vegetables from Regent Park in London. They still had leaves and dirt on and we learned how to wash, prepare and cook a vegetable stew. We are hoping that with a small donation from parents we can continue to cook our own meals.

Well, it's almost half term and we hope that we can continue to cook all sorts of wonderful meals and puddings in the next term. Once we perfected a recipe we might even invite people to join us for dinner one day....watch this space!

G18

G18 have been taking part in Street Vibes, a weekly workshop involving Creative Media. They have been working on making beats, recording sounds and playing instruments. They are also working towards gaining a BTEC in Creative Media Production.

This is what G18 have to say about their project so far.

Paige - "It's good fun"

Roderick - "We are making music and recording it"

Emma - "I am happy to go to Street Vibes"

Kristen - "We recorded a beat and song together called StarLight"

Shamah - "I play the drums"


Tien - "Playing the drums, our teacher J.R said I was a natural"

Megan - "I enjoy the music that we make at Street Vibes"


Boarding Unit




Everyone was pleased to be back after the summer holiday. We were sorry to see Tracey leave at the end of the summer but everyone enjoyed her leaving party/disco. We were pleased to see so many parents and visitors turn up.



The first week back we went to Brighton with the students that stay on a Tuesday night. We had a lovely time and we were very lucky with the weather, the sun shone all day. We took sandwiches which we ate by the sea front and then later we had fish and chips in a café along the front.




We wandered along the pier and the students went on various amusements and rides.



The students have also been out on several other outings. Shannon, Tia, Elvin and

Hang went to Bluewater shopping, Tia and Hang had a makeover at the Body Shop, Lewis, John and David went on the train to



Charing Cross, Yacob and David went to Beckenham Junction on the tram and Brett, Yacob, David and John have been bowling at Surrey Quays. We have also been to the outdoor gym and playground in Charlton Park. They have also enjoyed going to scouts, trampolining, yoga, standing and swimming.

We have 2 new members of staff in the Boarding Unit. Carol Abaloaei who is a care worker and is working with the girls, Shannon and Tia and Merle Adolph who is the night nurse for Wednesday and Thursday nights. They are settling in well and getting to know everyone.

All the students have received certificates for achieving their Boarding Unit targets last academic year. Well done to everyone.

We have been very lucky to get some of the student's bedrooms decorated recently with their choice of colours by several groups of volunteers working in the unit.



G19

G19 have had a great start to the year. Our topic has been War and Peace and so we have visited the Imperial War Museum and the Maritime Museum taking lots of photos and learning what war is like. We didn't like the trenches or the Blitz but we did like the boats, planes, tanks and ships. We have decided we definitely prefer peace and have been looking at how we can make our lives more peaceful. On September 21st, World Peace Day, we joined thousands across the world making peace pinwheels and doves and planted them in Charlton House Peace Garden. Hope you like the photos!



G20

G20 Had a **scrumdiddlyumptious** Roald Dahl Day in 2010!

Roald Dahl Day takes place every year on 13 September, on the birthday of the World's No. 1 Storyteller. G20 decided to celebrate it in style with lots of yummy cake recipes found on the Roald Dahl website. www.roalddahlday.com

We made an Anteater Cake from Roald Dahl's Dirty Beasts poems. Some gruesome eye biscuits just like "The Twits" bloodshot eyes and some lovely Willy Wonka chocolate cakes. We took our tasty treats around the school but for some reason nobody was interested in our anteater cake. We then listened to some Roald Dahl poems whilst enjoying our cakes. Georgie really enjoyed the Willy Wonka chocolate cake.



G21

"For some children a week's residential experience is worth more than a term of school. We know we want it for our own children - we need to make sure other people's children experience it too."

- Tim Brighouse, former London Schools Commissioner and advisor to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation Education programme

Thanks to the Paul Hamlyn Foundation, who organised a residential trip to WROTHAM from Monday 11th till Wednesday 13th October 2010.

14 students attended on this trip. Here are some of their comments:

*I liked the activities and would like to go again.
Michael*

*The best part of he trip was the Rock Climbing.
Tien*

*I really enjoyed the whole experience.
I liked doing the Zip Wire as I felt like I was flying like Superman.
Lennie*

FE1

Since the beginning of the new school year as part of ASDAN FE1 have visited a few museums. The students have all said what a great experience this is. Going out meeting new people seeing different places etc. They have also been making their very own dinners. On a Wednesday the students have now made various menus. Here are some of the pictures of them hard at work.



PJ and Kayleigh busy peeling potatoes for sausages, mash, onions and peas.



Here is Matthew cleaning the sink area.



Here is just one of the lovely dishes that the students have made Lasagne, garlic bread and fresh cut salad.

FE2

FE2 have had a wonderful start to the year. We have been very busy with our ASDAN work.

Student from other FE classes have joined use for work experience and have been a wonderful support to the students.

We have looked at Art work by Andy Goldsworthy, we have worked hard to create our own piece linked to his work .

The students enjoyed making choices and picked plants that had different textures and scents.



FE3

Hi!

Latifat, Tommy, Tim, Chelsea & Luke here from FE3.

Just to let you know we have now started at Lewisham College. We go every Wednesday.

We have met our tutors Jo & Pat they are great fun & nice to work with. We have looked around the college which is quite huge. Have done work on getting to know important people and where things are. Also in the morning we go and do work with the tutor in the workshop whose name is Peter. Already we have made brass name pendants which are quite cool. At lunch time we go to the canteen and have seen lots of our old friends who are now doing really well at college. It's a good time to catch up and hear about what they are up to.

FE3 Sixth Form



FE4 this term have worked very hard on functional skills of being out in the community and using money. The places which we have visited are CJ's café in Woolwich, Charlton House, McDonald's and The Hungry Horse. In each of the places visited, we have requested our own items and paid for them with our own money.



We have worked on becoming independent young adults and have had a fun and exciting half term.

On Saturday the 4th of December Greenwich Parent Voice (GPV) are organising a special Christmas Fayre at Charlton Athletic Football Club.

This event is specially designed for children with special needs. Children can book a slot to visit Santa so there is no waiting, and can see him in a small group or individually, whichever works better for your child.

In addition there will be music and dance displays and workshops, storytelling, face-painting, craft, soft play, quiet zone, and lots of other activities. Greenwich Fire Brigade will be bringing one of their Fire Engines.

This is a free event.

ICT Resources to use at Home



Fronter:

Log onto our Parents Room on our Managed Learning Environment. Here you can find out the lunch menus, activities available in the local community, useful web links or leave us a message. Please let us know any other information you would find helpful.

Go to: www.fronter.com/greenwich/login

Username – Charlton Parent

Password – charlton

Home Access:

www.homeaccess.org.uk

This scheme is still open to applications.

This is an opportunity for free internet access and computer equipment for low income families with assisted technology needs.

We believe all our families who qualify for this scheme have made an application but if you are not sure and would like more information please use the link above or contact the school.

ICT Resources to use at Home



Education City:
www.educationcity.com

We have access for you to use this online software at home with your child. We are able to personalize these online games and activities to support extended learning at home. If you would like your child's login please return the attached form.

Espresso:
www.espresso.co.uk

This is another great online resource we use in school. It covers all areas of the curriculum with media rich interactive resources to support teaching and learning. Espresso has now added a home access application to enable families to enjoy and share these activities and learning at home. We would like to know if you would find this useful? Please return the slip to let us know.

ICT Training:

We would like to offer ICT Training to Parents/Carers where you could receive a recognised qualification.

If you are interested please fill in the slip on the next page telling us what dates and times would best suit you.

Child's Name:

Yes please I would like to use Education City at home

Yes I would be interested in using Espresso at home

ICT Training:

What time, and which days would having training best suit you?

What types of training would you be interested in? (please circle)

e-Saftey

Basic ICT Skills

Microsoft Office

ICT Qualifications

Supporting your childs learning through ICT

Would you be interested in Online Training?

Please Return this slip to us by Friday the 5th of November. Thank you.