

# Shakira opens new school for underprivileged kids

The 'Can't Remember To Forget You' singer went back to her home country Colombia to open the new facility on Monday which has been funded by her Pies Descalzos charity. She told Billboard.com: "This is part of my advocacy: Promote access to universal education. "I want to demonstrate through the Pies Descalzos model how we can change the lives, not only of the children who come to school, but also their families. Entire communities can be transformed when you have a school that functions properly." The school, located in

Cartagena, will educate 1,700 needy children ranging from toddlers to teenagers. Shakira brought 13-month-old Milan, her son with soccer star Gerard Piqué, with her for his first visit to Colombia, and got him a passport while they were there. Talking about her hopes for the students of the school, she added: "I'm so happy to see so many joyful faces in these students. "They'll have the tools necessary to become good citizens, far from violence and drugs. We dream of the day in which there will be no child without an education in Colombia."

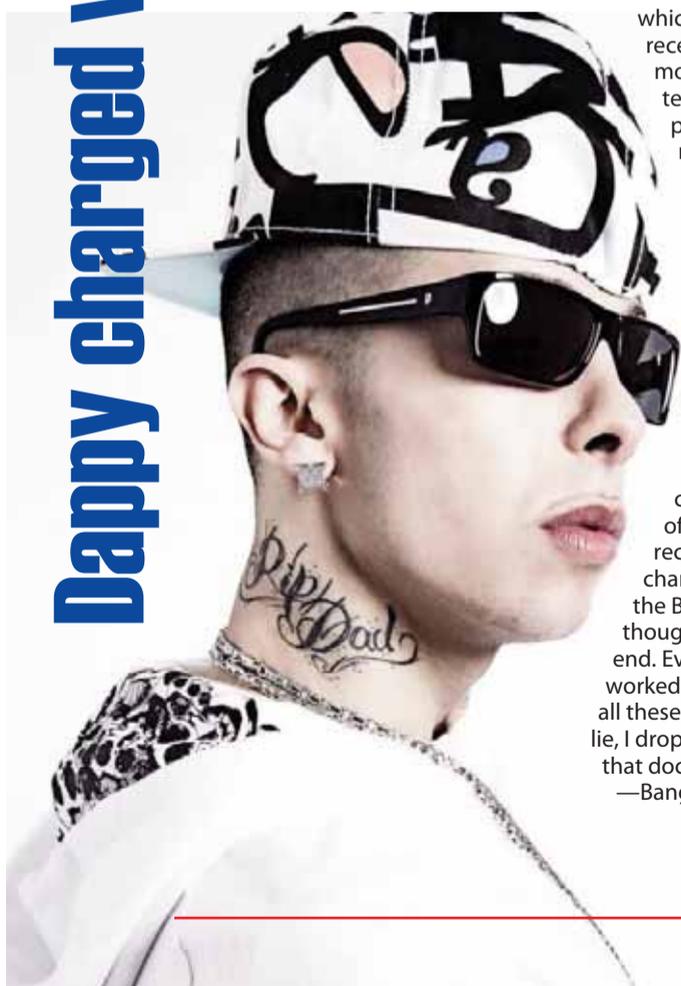


## Dappy charged with assault

The N-Dubz singer and reality TV star has been charged over an alleged incident in the early hours yesterday morning after a performance at Chicago's Nightclub in Essex, Southern England. A police source said Dappy will face allegations of "assault by beating" under his real name, Costadinos Contostavlos. The spokesperson added to the Daily Mirror newspaper: "He has been released on bail prior to his appearance at Chelmsford Magistrates Court on March 19." The singer and rapper had earlier said he enjoyed his night at the club, writing on Twitter: "Had a great night in Chicagos. Crowd was amazing." A source close to the 26-year-old star - who was recently a runner-up on 'Celebrity Big Brother' - denied he was responsible for the altercation. The friend said: "He acted in complete self defense." In December 2008 Dappy pleaded guilty to two accounts of assault after reportedly spitting in a girl's face during a night out. In 2013 he was also convicted of affray and assault by

beating over a fight on a petrol station forecourt, for which he received a six-month sentence, suspended for 18 months as well as being ordered to do 150 hours community service and pay £4,500 compensation and £2,000 in costs. Outside of court after receiving the charges he told the BBC: "I thought it was the end. Everything I'd worked so hard for all these years. I can't lie, I dropped a tear in that dock."

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## Claudia Schiffer turns down £1m dinner date

The German supermodel was offered the huge amount by an Arab prince, but didn't take him up on it as she thought it was "strange". Asked by talk show host Jonathan Ross what requests she had during her huge success in the 90s, she replied: "Loads of weird ones, but the strangest one was from an Arab prince. "He asked if he could hire me for a dinner for a million pounds. I declined, and some other supermodel took it." Claudia - who is married to film director Matthew Vaughn - declined to say which prince made her the offer. She also claimed she was a "loser" at school. She said: "Everyone called me Duck because my bum stuck out and I walked kind of funny because my legs are a bit funny, and I was really tall. I didn't have any friends." Although she's now used to being photographed for magazines and appearing in adverts in just her underwear, the model claims she is naturally shy. She added: "I am just shy when there are lots of people. I'm OK when we're just one on one, or maybe four people. I'm a really, really shy person. Once I put the make-up on I'd go 'OK, I can cope'."

