

Channing Junior School Bulletin

SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

On this cold winter's morning, it was a pleasure to greet many of you at the gate. Wrapped up snugly in their coats, scarves, hats and gloves, - I was too, although perhaps a nice pair of earmuffs should be top of my Christmas list - the girls certainly brightened up my morning by stopping to say: 'Good Morning', 'How was your weekend?', 'I'm looking forward to Forest School this week', 'I'm going to be playing my cello in assembly this morning.'... As much as I love seeing the girls' lovely new accessories, I was reminded that good manners and kindness are always in fashion.

We were in fact, all reminded of the importance of being good mannered by Mr Rich in his energetic and engaging assembly. I was delighted to help him by presenting our newly designed *Good Manners* certificates to girls in Reception to Year 6. Having good manners is a quality that we must not forget; we continue to promote politeness and courtesy as it is an important character trait that constitutes having a Channing identity. This includes the girls remembering to make eye contact when saying good afternoon to their teacher whilst shaking hands at home time. We must remember that good manners and small gestures make a huge difference to our own and others' day. And as my grandma always told me, 'Good manners don't cost a thing.'

Adoption Assembly

Thank you for your kind and supportive comments regarding the Constant family's decision to adopt a child. Next week, on Monday 3 December, Mrs Constant will be gently introducing the girls to adoption and the reasons why children are sometimes adopted into new families. All staff will be present and on hand to follow up any questions and further discussion in the classroom. We have also purchased a few story and picture books about adoption; the girls can borrow them from our library.

Early Birds & Late Owls

Whilst we appreciate that it is very cold outside, please remember that girls can be dropped off at Early Birds from 7.30am, **no earlier, please, and no later than 8.00am** after which time there will be a member of staff on duty in the playground. The girls can be collected from Late Owls by 5.50pm Monday to Thursday and by 4.50pm on Fridays.

Getting into the Christmas Spirit...

This year, the staff will be supporting the *London Metropolitan Police Christmas Appeal*: <https://www.met.police.uk/police-forces/metropolitan-police/areas/campaigns/2018/met-christmas-appeal/>. They will be purchasing gifts for children who are in care, from disadvantaged families, refugees and/or are in hospital. We would like to involve the girls; consequently, all classes from Year 1 up, will be helping their class teachers and teaching

assistant(s) to choose a gift for either a boy or girl from 0-18 years. This will be in lieu of the gift they usually receive on the last day of school. The girls will of course, still receive gifts from Father Christmas with help from the Channing Association elves.

Christmas Bazaar - Bits n' Bobs Request

The Y6 Charity Officers will once again run a 'Bits n' Bobs' stall on 7 December. All proceeds will go to their charity of the term, *Rhythms of Life*, supporting the London homeless. It's the perfect time to have a 'Pre-Christmas Clean' and bring in new items or items in excellent condition; this can include party bag goodies. All donations need to be clearly marked, *Y6 Charity Stall*, and brought into school by Wednesday 5 December.

Brass Ensemble

The Brass Ensemble from the Senior School will be playing carols on 11 December at 8.10am in our playground. It would be lovely for you to join us for a sing-a-long.

Christmas Jumpers

I look forward to seeing all the girls' and staff's Christmas jumpers. I will get mine out too! This year, the jumpers will have the opportunity for two outings: Christmas Lunch on Wednesday 5 December & Christmas Activities on 11 December.

Reception Celebration

The Reception girls will be taking part in a play on Monday 17 December at 2pm in the Arundel Centre.

Key Stage 1 (Year 1 & 2) Nativity

The girls are looking forward to their performance on Thursday 13 December from 2.15pm-3pm in the Arundel Centre.

Christmas Celebration (Whole School)

All the girls (Reception - Y6) will be taking part in this celebration on Friday 14 December from 2.15pm to 3.00pm at St Michael's Parish Church in South Grove, Highgate. I look forward to joining in with the carols.

*All girls will need to be collected from the church as we will not be walking them back to school. At the end of the celebration, please meet your daughter at the collection point where she will be dismissed by her teacher: Reception, Y1 and Y2 girls will be brought out to the left of the church; Y3 to Y6 will come out to the right of the church. As the girls will be dismissed from the grounds of the church, please note there will be **NO PARKING**. There will be no Late Owls or clubs on that day. We will not be taking bags to the church so please keep reading books at home on Thursday evening.*

Special Mentions to:

Josephine Le Kaiser Chuiton & Sophia Yan who played their cello and violin beautifully in assembly.

Matilda Faber who passed her ABRSM Piano Prep Test.

Many congratulations to those girls who played so beautifully in our *Music Assembly* on Thursday 22 November: Emma Lien, Simran Sabharwal, Amandine Cotton-Yu, Jingnong Ma, Daisy Apfel, Maya Coetzee, Nia Haji, Edith Clement, Isha Clarke and Beatrice Album. Miss Pepper reminded us that it was the *Senior School Autumn Concert* that evening. She was especially proud as many of the older girls performing had begun their musical careers at the Junior School. That's definitely an occasion for our girls to aspire to in the future.

The *Digital Leaders* who were presented with their badges in assembly: Imogen Poulton, Alexandra Elder, Emma Francis, Grace Gordon, Siana Chamalidis, Clara Ewing, Dinah Goldstein, Petal Oliver, Amelie Rosen, Catherine Stobart, Lyla Jamieson and Amelia Cable.

The girls for being awarded *Good Manners Certificates*: Bailey Reches, Aoife Feeney, Aria Bhargava, Simran Sabharwal, Isla Longhurst, Elene Kvekvetsia, Elizabeth Kruglykhina, Lilah Rose, Lucy Johnson, Sofia Lakhany, Chloe Nicolaides, Silvia Osterholt Miele, Ella Cuppaidge, Anya Phipps, Ekta Anand, Kira Khomenko,

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

NOVEMBER		
Monday	26	Goodwin House Charity Week
Wednesday	28	Y5F Victorian Workshop (all day)
Thursday	29	Y5 football match v Sarum Hall
Thursday	29	Y5R Victorian Workshop (all day)
Thursday	29	Y6 A & B netball match v Sarum Hall
Thursday	29	Y3M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	29	Y6 Performance Platform (5.30pm)/Arundel Centre
DECEMBER		
Monday	3	Last week of Clubs
Monday	3	Y2M Castles Workshop (all day)
Tuesday	4	Y2P Castles Workshop (all day)

Thursday	6	Y5A & Y6A netball match v Cavendish School
Thursday	6	Y3S Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Friday	7	Swimming ends for Y4
Friday	7	Fairseat C.A. Christmas Bazaar (2.30pm-4.30pm)
Tuesday	11	Inter-house Christmas Quiz (8.30am)
Tuesday	11	Fairseat C.A. Christmas Activities (1.30pm-3.00pm)
Thursday	13	Y1 & Y2 Nativity (2.15pm)/Arundel Centre
Friday	14	Fairseat Christmas Celebration (Rec-Y6)/St. Michael's Church, 2.15pm
Wednesday	19	End of Term (11.45am-12.15pm staggered)
JANUARY		
Monday	7	4+ Testing
Tuesday	8	Term Begins for Y1-Y6
Tuesday	8	4+ Testing
Wednesday	9	4+ Testing
Thursday	10	4+ Testing
Friday	11	Term Begins for Reception
Monday	14	Junior School Clubs Begin

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