



23 November 2018

Dear Parents

Last week's Word from the Head ended with a warning that I might not have the opportunity to write about last Friday's royal visit as: a) the Princess might not turn up or b) I might be having too much fun at the party. I'm happy to report that it was the latter. As in all good fairy tales, the Princess was everything one would expect: beautiful, charming, cultured and so happy to be back at her old school. HRH Princess Sarvath El Hassan formally opened and named the Arundel Centre. The whole school listened to her speak about her memories, recalling with fondness her teachers and friends. We were all struck by how much of life at Channing from the 1950s and 60s continues today, from the warmth and kindness to skipping out! We were delighted to welcome back her former teacher, Mrs Raphael, who went on to be Headmistress of Channing from 1984 - 1998, who was touched to receive a bouquet on her 80th birthday. Entertainment was provided by Year 10 students with a lively version of 'A Spoonful of Sugar', followed by the extraordinary talents of Year 5 violinist, Natasha Freedman.

Thank you to everyone who supported the Capital Challenge at any stage, and in any way. The Princess presented the school with a selection of books about Jordan, some written by her husband, the Prince, and a beautiful picture, featuring the following words in Arabic: "Hard work pays off", fitting words to pay tribute to all who made our new buildings possible. The picture will have pride of place in the Arundel Centre.





Best wishes

Mrs B M Elliott

Headmistress

## Girls Enjoying Success

### Drama News

What a week we have had in the Drama department! Year 11 and Year 13 performance examinations, alongside the opening of the Arundel Centre....we really have packed it in! On Wednesday 14th November, 5 groups from Year 11 shared their original devised pieces, inspired by recent political issues and the theatrical stylings of Bertolt Brecht (their chosen theatre practitioner). All the performers gave their absolute best for a very successful evening all round.



On Friday, students in Year 10 re-enacted a moment of childhood nostalgia, the nursery scene from Mary Poppins. The girls' rendition of 'A Spoonful of Sugar' was accompanied with a short scene and a choreography with some Channing umbrellas.

Then finally, yesterday evening, Year 13 performed their final scripted extract. A sinister and stylised rendition of Jean Genet's 'The Maids' in which their make up and mime skills proved for a visually arresting interpretation of the dark tale from 1940s France.



## Autumn Concert

A completely packed St Joseph's Church was the setting for our Autumn Concert. With almost 250 students performing it was a huge undertaking.

The pupils were very excited and performed to a superb standard of musicianship. The level of audience fan club participation last night was an indication of how parents were bursting with pride at their daughters' achievements. The Concert Orchestra's electric 'Bohemian Rhapsody', the Year Seven's enchanting 'Ash Grove', the Conabor Choir's magical 'Old King Cole', the Cremona Strings' sparkling 'Stamitz', the sublime and superbly played 'Holberg Suite' from the Senior Strings, the Show Choir's fabulous 'Chasing Cars', the Cantemus Chorus' arresting and exciting Greatest Showman



and finally the Symphony Orchestra's thrilling finale of 'In the Hall of the Mountain King' was a great display of musical diversity given by these hugely talented young musicians. Well done to all of them!

<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/sets/autumn-concert-2018>



## Visiting Author

On Monday bestselling author (and Channing Junior School Drama teacher), Anne-Marie Conway, visited Year 7 to talk about her new book, *Unicorn Girl*. Pupils took part in workshops, including a writing competition inspired by the book's beautiful illustrations. *Unicorn Girl* is a magical, heartwarming read about a girl who befriends a unicorn. It is being published to help raise money to build a new library at Archer Academy in East Finchley, with profits from the first 5000 copies sold going towards the fund. Pupils had the chance to purchase a copy and have it signed by Ms Conway.

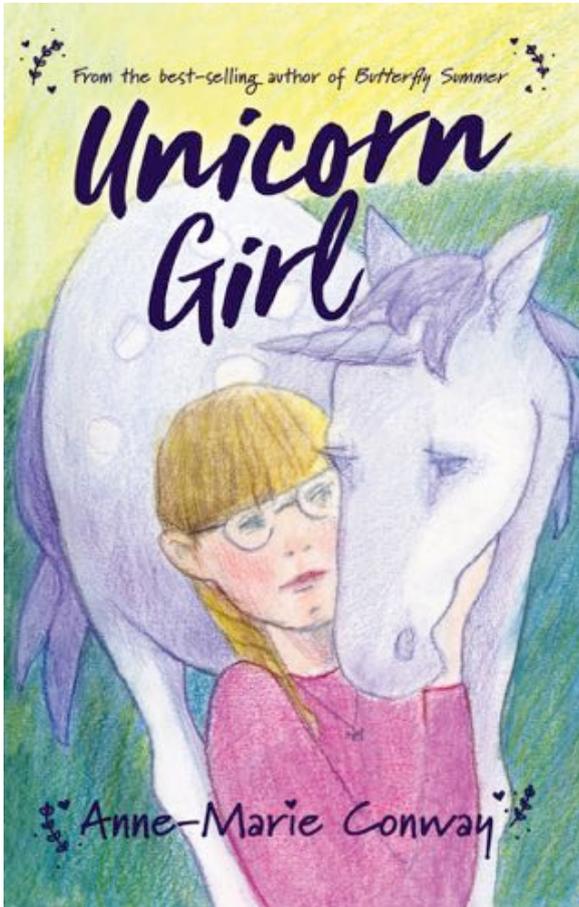


Illustration by Shannon Conway

Winning caption:

*It was a unicorn. Standing there at the end of the field. Her field. It had thin legs with huge hooves and looked unsteady on its feet. Its mane was windswept and hung around his face in a glittering cloud. But the horn, it shone in every colour of the rainbow. It shone like diamonds in the sunlight. Ariella touched the charm around her neck. Perhaps it was the charm that had called the unicorn.*

By Emily Bawlf. 7SH

## Sustainable Fashion Project in Globetrotters Club

This week in Globetrotters, Year 7 finished their first project on Sustainable Fashion. Their task was to design, resource and make a sustainable piece of fashion from recycled materials. Well done to all the girls involved, there were some successful pieces which included a sustainable convertible backpack/suitcase, recycled flip-flops and a recycled geographical themed bag.



## Sports News

This evening Channing played Francis Holland in Year 7 Netball. The A team unfortunately had their first loss of the season 12-2, the B Team won 7-5 and the C Team also won 3-0. They fought to the end and should all be praised for their commitment to Netball so far this year at Channing. A special thanks to the parents who came to support Channing despite the cold!

## Year 12 & 13 Debate

Year 12 and 13 Economists showed real commitment yesterday when many of them attended a lively debate at the Highgate Society. This crucial debate questioned whether housing should continue to be treated as a commodity, and therefore left to market forces to solve the housing crisis? Or should everyone have the right to decent affordable housing? The reasons that have led to the housing crisis, particularly in London, were examined and scrutinised along with types of government regulation to solve the problem. Thank you, Head of Economics, Ms Bhamra Burgess, for organising this visit.

## Young Enterprise

Last night a group of Year 12 Young Enterprise students went to a masterclass at Pentland Brands. The event started with hearing from Miriam, Rosie and Maya in Year 13 who spoke about their successes last year with their product SquishGo. We then heard from three Pentland employees who told us about the brands they work on and we learned about the life cycle of products from design to marketing to the positioning of merchandise in shops.

Stay tuned as there will be some exciting news about this year's two Young Enterprise teams in the coming weeks.



## News from the Junior School

This week, Year 1 'travelled' to India! The girls sampled some Indian snacks and talked about the different spices. We then made some Mango Lassis to cool our mouths! To finish, we ate some wonderful sweet treats from Airah's mum. They were delicious.



## Highgate Care Home Visit

On Wednesday 5R visited the Highgate Care Home with the charity 'Kissing it Better' to perform some songs for the residents. They sang a wide range of songs including 'Once in Royal David's City', 'Don't Let Them Spoil the Rain', 'Greensleeves' and 'Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer'. The girls enjoyed learning some new songs and entertaining the residents. Well done 5R!



## Junior School Sports News

Well done to the both **5F** and **5R** who hosted Northbridge House School last week. The girls were split into teams from within their classes and played 3 games in total. 5R came away with 2 excellent wins (2-0, 2-0) and a draw (0-0) and 5F were unfortunate to lose their 3 games (0-3, 0-2 and 0-3)

Excellent work from the **Y6** teams at netball against Sarum Hall last night. Both teams quickly established a convincing lead which allowed the opportunity for the girls to play in different positions and work on their all round game. We were very proud of the outstanding sportsmanship shown throughout. The final scores were 16-1 and 17-2.

## Road Safety

On Monday a group of girls from Y6M, wrote and performed a short play assembly to promote Road Safety and this year's campaign, Bikesmart. They produced an excellent explanation of how to behave whilst crossing the road and why it is vital to cross Highgate High Street carefully. Thanks to Scarlett Santi, Amelie Rosen, Amelie Cedar, Eliza Mistry, Sanna Thukral, Anaaya Pujara, Edie Robinson, Matilda Avigdori, Rachel Hommel and Amelia Saade for a fantastic presentation!



## Music Assembly



What a wonderful way to spend a Thursday! The Junior School began the day with a concert and the Senior School finished with one!

## Skipping Competition

On Wednesday 21st November, the Year 5 and Year 6 girls had a skipping competition. Each house took turns to skip and the last remaining skipper from each house received 50 house points. The winners were: Amelia Saade (Waterlow), Kaia Tabori (Sharpe), Amelie Rosen (Goodwin) and Rachel Hommel (Spears). The four winners then competed against each other and the final winner of the whole competition was Kaia Tabori, of Y5F, who received a further 150 house points! Well done to everyone who took part!



## Music at Lunchtime

Today's lunchtime recital began with our Clarinet Crew playing 'Take on Me'. Megan Dearden-Hellawell, Juliet Freeman, Imani Ahmad, Mia Hanna and Alia Khalouf displayed excellent ensemble skills in their exciting performance. We were then treated to delightful performances on voice, clarinet, trumpet and violin from Charlotte Free, Gilda Grimes, Olivia Dugdale, Maja Chowrimotoo, Rose Marshall and Evie Morris.



<https://soundcloud.com/channing-school/lunchtime-concert-23111>

## Channing Art Department Instagram

We are proud to announce the launch of the Channing Art Department Instagram. Please click on the link below to view some of the wonderful work our girls have produced!

[https://www.instagram.com/channing\\_art\\_london/?hl=en](https://www.instagram.com/channing_art_london/?hl=en)

## Primrose Hill Christmas Festival

A Channing Alumna has asked us to share the upcoming Primrose Hill Christmas Festival.



**PRIMROSE HILL  
CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL**  
Sunday 25th November 2018 9.30-5.30pm

DOG SHOW  
STREET FOOD POP UPS  
NEW RIDES  
CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR  
LIVE BANDS & CHRISTMAS CHOIRS  
SANTA AND HIS CHEEKY ELF

For further information please contact:  
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## **Week Ahead**

### **Monday 26 November**

SS Year 8 Group I (8W & 8G) Trip to Cadiz Spain: all week

17.30 - 20.00 SS Careers Symposium Years 11 - 13

17.30 - 20.00 SS The Academic Forum “ “

### **Tuesday 27 November**

Year 11 Art Trip to the Serpentine Gallery

16.30 SS Year 10 - 13 Classics Schools Challenge (Dining Hall)

### **Wednesday 28 November**

### **Thursday 29 November**

### **Friday 30 November**

Year 9 - 13 German Aachen Christmas Market trip

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