

Channing Junior School Bulletin

SCHOOL

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Dear Parents

This morning, we enjoyed being part of our larger school community for the Whole School Assembly over at the Senior School. We learned lots of interesting facts about the human body. It was particularly engaging as Mrs Elliott created two teams who conferred to answer the questions. The teams consisted of Mr Grossman, Head of Science and Mr Frank, Head of Biology, two Year 13 students who are applying for Medical School and two pupils from Fairseat. Mrs Elliott asked for volunteers from Fairseat and was greeted with lots of hands up. Amaia in Y1G and Chileshe in Y4I were our representatives and everyone in the Sports Hall was very impressed by their knowledge, and moreover, their confidence when standing up in front of the entire school. I think we may have some budding junior doctors in the making. Furthermore, it reminded me that I must go to see Dr Gunther von Hagen's Body Worlds Exhibition in Piccadilly to discover the magic and mysteries that lie under our skin. It is now on my list of things to do over half term. Perhaps, I will then do a follow up assembly to tell the girls about what I learned.

We may only be in the second week of term but the girls' lessons are in full swing. To find out more about all of the interesting topics they will be learning about this term, have a look at the different year groups' *Curriculum Newsletters* on our new recently relaunched website:

<https://www.channing.co.uk/junior/curriculum/curriculum-newsletters/>

Building Project

We are all very excited about our Building Project which is now very much underway. I have a fantastic view from my office window and I am enjoying watching the developments as they unfold before my eyes.

We are very proud of the girls for getting used to our new routines so quickly and sensibly. They have also impressed me with their creativity; they have named the new crossing, *the train* and I have seen and heard the girls, enjoying choo-choo-ing down to the temporary classrooms and the Sports Hall. This half term, the girls will also be involved in naming these temporary buildings; watch this space, as I am sure they will come up with some excellent ideas.

Now that you have all experienced using the new crossing, please can you drop all girls in Y1-Y6 in the Courtyard in the mornings. They can then make their own way down to the crossing, or should I say *train*, down to the Tennis Courts. There will of course, be members of staff on duty at each point. From tomorrow, only Reception girls' parents and carers, will be permitted to go down to Tennis Courts; these girls can also be dropped off in the Courtyard. Additionally, please can you ensure that you use the

new path, rather than taking the shortcut by going into school via the side door. This door will soon be locked, so the girls really need to get used to new routines.

Early Birds & Late Owls

Early Birds continues to be very popular, especially on these chilly mornings and now that it is in Fairseat Hall. A polite reminder that, if you use this care facility, please *drop off* the girls *and leave straight away*, leaving the girls in the hands of our very capable and committed staff.

Mini Owls will now be in the Y1 classrooms:

- Mon, Wed, Fri - Y1G (until 3.50pm)
- Tues, Thurs - Y1CR (until 3.50pm)

Late Owls continues to be in Y4F (from 3.50pm).

PE

Due to the new layout of the building, Y1 and Y2 girls need come to school in & remain in their PE kit on the following days:

- IG Tuesdays & Thursdays
- ICR Mondays & Thursdays
- 2M & 2P Mondays & Fridays

Healthy Schools Week - Monday 11 - Friday 15 March

If you have a career or interest that is related to health - body or mind - and would like to share your knowledge in a talk or activity with the girls during our designated week, please contact the School Office. Mrs Mac will pass this information onto Miss Corkindale who is busy planning an informative and fun week.

Birthday Cakes & Treats

In the vein of good health, please be mindful of the size of cakes your daughters may wish to bring in to celebrate their birthdays. The cakes should be *no bigger* than a child's hand, and cakes that need to be cut into slices should not be brought into school. *Additionally, doughnuts are too large and cake pops are inappropriate due to the sticks being a possible safety hazard.* Furthermore, please do not send in treats for any other occasions without prior permission from your daughter's class teacher. Please remember that as there are girls and staff with allergies, cakes should not contain nuts or nut-products.

Musical Instruments

If your daughter has a music lesson, please remind her to *leave* her instrument in the *Music Department* in the designated storage area in the morning *before* she heads to the Tennis Court. This will help ensure that her instrument is nearby and ready for her lesson. *After review, instruments should not to be taken to classrooms.*

Concert Tip

Miss Pepper is hoping to enthuse the girls even further and hopes you will find this new addition to the Bulletin inspiring.

This week's tip: Family Concert at the Wigmore Hall:

<https://wigmore-hall.org.uk/whats-on/family-concert-nicola-benedetti-201902161500?emailsource=7526-->

Ice Skating at Alexandra Palace

New Date and Time: 27 January 2019, 10.30am-1.30pm

Time to get your skates on as Ally Pally Ice Skating is back! Due to a scheduling issue at the rink, we are not able to have our slot on Saturday 26 January. Instead we have negotiated a new longer slot on Sunday 27 January from 10.30am - 1.30pm. Fairseat will have the rink exclusively for the first hour and shared use for the following two hours. Ticket forms will be coming home on Tuesday this week. We look forward to seeing you there.

Special Mentions:

Gaby Hanouka who did a 19 km walk all across London during the Christmas holidays.

Ella Cheung who passed her Grade 3 Piano exam.

The following girls who were awarded Good Manners certificates:

Paloma Lewis, Sophie Reiss, Zara Jefferies, Chloe Shaked, Nadia Zavahir, Maheen Hasan, Radhika Sharma, Felicity Robson, Danielle Lekach, Anouschka Bapna, Amelia Cable & Riana Attesli.

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

JANUARY		
Monday	14	Clubs Begin
Tuesday	15	Y6 to watch the Senior School Play
Wednesday	16	Building Work Presentation (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall (Mr Hill)
Thursday	17	Y2M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	17	Y5 AB & C Netball Match v Heathside School
Friday	18	4+ Second Round Assessments
Friday	18	Rec C Workshop (all day)
Friday	18	Swimming begins for Y3

Monday	21	4+ Second Round Assessments
Monday	21	Health Checks begin for Reception
Monday	21	Rec CL Workshop (all day)
Monday	21	Waterlow House Charity Week
Monday	21	C.A. Co-ordinators Meeting (6.00pm)/Senior School
Thursday	24	Y1 trip to Museum of Childhood/all day
Thursday	24	Y2P Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	24	Y6E Dine with your Daughter (11.45am)/Fairseat Hall
Thursday	24	Y5 A & B Netball match v Sarum Hall
Thursday	24	Y6A Football match v Sarum Hall
Friday	25	C.A. Meeting (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Sunday	27	C.A. Iceskating event at Alexandra Palace (10.30am-1.30pm)
Monday	28	4+ offers in the post
Wednesday	30	Y1G Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	31	Y1CR Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday	5	Chinese New Year
Tuesday	5	Safer Internet Day
Wednesday	6	4+ Acceptance Day (12.00pm)
Thursday	7	Music Assembly (by invitation only)/Temp Sports Hall (8.30am)
Thursday	7	Y5ABC & D Netball match v St. Christopher's School
Thursday	7	Y5 Performance Platform (5.30pm)/Senior School

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