



Dear Parents

The view from my office continues to be an exhilarating one, not only as the potted bulbs on the window sill are in full bloom but also because I have a front row seats of the Building Project in action. I know that the girls in the upstairs classrooms are also keeping an eye on what the builders are doing as they often tell me about it and ask questions: How do they know where to dig and how deep to go? What's that machine for- it looks very tricky to operate? It's certainly triggered the girls' imaginations; we hope to get them more involved as the project unfolds, including decorating the hoarding.

As I walked into school this morning, I was reminded how lucky we are to be based in Highgate and that the views over London are fantastic. Miss Bolton shared this beautiful photo - with no filters - with me that she took in Waterlow Park. I am sure you will agree that the silhouette of London against the colours in the sky looks amazing.



Building Project

Thank you all for following the new routines, especially at morning drop off. The girls from Y1 are now independently, albeit monitored by our staff, going over the crossing down to the Tennis Court. **If you bring in your daughters before 8.30am, please drop them in the Courtyard so that they can make their own way down; this will stop the congestion in the Courtyard. Whilst Reception parents/carers can go down to the Tennis Courts in the mornings, now that the girls are used to the new route, we would encourage them to go with one of the older girls; they will of course be monitored by our staff.**

If you are a Reception parent/carer and you take the girls down to the Tennis Courts, please do not enter the classrooms before the bell at 8.30am. Before this time, the staff are busy preparing for the girls' exciting lessons. As you know, if you would like to make an appointment to see your daughter's teacher, there is a weekly scheduled slot or she/he can be contacted via the School Office. We also appreciate that it's cold, so make sure the girls- and you- are wrapped up warm. This morning, I put on an extra layer as I knew I would be greeting you all on the gate and it certainly helped.

If you are using the crossing, either to drop off a Reception child or to attend one of our assemblies, **please do not take prams down the stairs, either opened or closed**; they must be left on the terrace. This is to avoid any potential accidents, particularly as the stairs and crossing are very busy in the mornings.

Parking

When dropping or collecting your daughters, please be mindful of where you park outside the School; please do not park on the zig zags or do three-point turns in the middle of the road. Both are dangerous and put pedestrians, many of them children, as well as drivers and passengers in other cars at unnecessary risk.

Many of you will have seen details of the recent proposals by Camden Council to change the CPZ arrangements in Highgate, such that they will apply from 0830-1830. During this time, parking on Highgate Hill and the surrounding roads in CA-U will have the CPZ hours changed to 0830-1830. The School has made a number of observations to the Council in regard to the proposals, despite not being invited to comment during the original consultation. We have highlighted the difficulties this would create for the School and parents. We will again raise our concerns with Camden during the 21 day consultation. If you have any specific issues which you would like us to consider as part of this response, please email the School Office on fairseat@channing.co.uk

Food Bank

The Y4 Form Captains will be taking our donations to the Food Bank at Euston on Wednesday. Many thanks to those who have already brought in a donation, although if you haven't, it's not too late! They will gratefully receive toiletries, nappies and canned/boxed food items. Please place your donations in the *labelled green wheelie containers* outside the School Office. The post-Christmas period is normally a quiet one for Food Bank donations, so they will be very pleased if we can help to build up their supplies.

Positions of Responsibility

I was delighted to hand out the girls' badges for their Roles of Responsibility in today's assembly. Sorry for the delay; I wanted to give them out myself and was involved in the 4+ assessments last week.

Head Girls: Y6M Amelie Cedar & Y6E Lucy Johnson

House Captains: Red House (Sharpe): Y6M Sanna Thukral
Y6E Tanvee Sharma

Green House (Goodwin): Y6M Scarlett Santi
Y6E Alethea Foster

Yellow House (Spears): Y6M Paloma Lewis
Y6E Anna George

Blue House (Waterlow): Y6M Amelia Saade
Y6E Joanna Samonas

Prefects:

Y6E Orla O'Neill & Julia Pellerani-Concha
Y6M Rachel Hommel & Amelie Rosen

Form Captains:

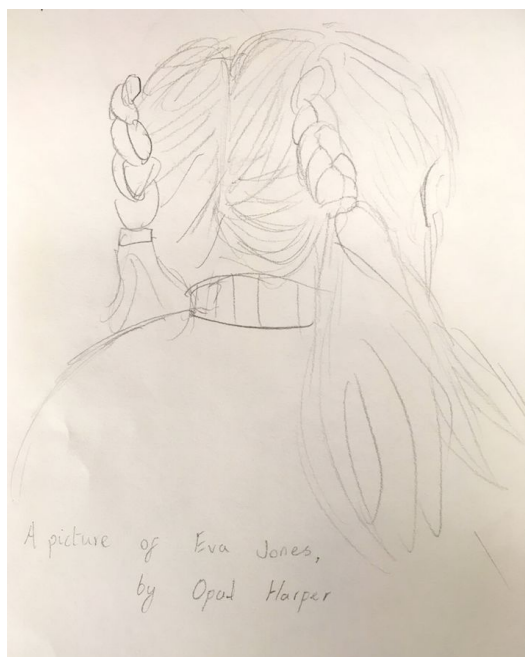
Y2M Angelica Edwards & Ava Pujara
Y2P Silvia Osterholt Miele & Florence Jones
Y3M Ayla Akyuz & Maya Bhakta-Jones
Y3S Elizabeth Davies & Edlyn Buehler
Y4F Sofia Lakhany & Gabriella Summerfield
Y4i Emily Gillis & Isabella Moren
Y5F Kaia Tabori & Gaby Hanouka
Y5R Amelia Epstein & Annabel Horrocks
Y6M Sophie Drozdova & Anaaya Pujara
Y6E Hana Dean & Lydia Mistry

Eco Council Leaders:

Y2P Phoebe Done & Iris Foster
Y4i Neve Conway

Reading Champions:

Y3M Matilda Faber & Josephine Kaiser-le-Chuiton
Y3S Saoirse Feeney & Charlotte Mountain
Y4i Chileshe Gotch & Sophia Butler
Y4F Zaina Dalal & Daisy Lucas
Y5R Poppy Hegarty & Charmari Feeney
Y5F Annie Manknell & Lily Michaelson

**Special Mentions:**

Artist of Month- Opal Harper (6M) who did a beautiful sketch at Natural History Museum during her class trip. I am enjoying having this displayed in my office.

Chileshe Gotch who achieved Grade I in her Ballet examination.

Myla Miller who passed her Level 3* skiing class at Whistler Blackcomb.

Miss Dina Hamalis
Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

JANUARY		
Monday	28	4+ offers in the post
Wednesday	30	YIG Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	31	YICR 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
Wednesday	13	Rec C Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Wednesday	13	Y6 AB & C netball match v Sarum Hall
Thursday	14	Rec CL Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Friday	15	Non Uniform/Charity Day
Monday	18	HALF TERM BEGINS
Monday	25	School returns from Half Term
Monday	25	Open Music Week
Monday	25	I.E.P. Parent Meeting Week
Tuesday	26	Y3 trip to Verulamium Museum (all day)
Tuesday	26	Y6M Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room
Wednesday	27	Y4F Tudor Workshop (all day)
Wednesday	27	Y5F Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Wednesday	27	Young Shakespeare Company visiting Y5 and Y6
Thursday	28	Y4i Tudor Workshop (all day)
Thursday	28	Y6E Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	28	Y5 Sayer's Croft/Nurses Meeting (8.30am)
MARCH		

Tuesday	5	Y5 & Y6 Football match v St. Christopher's School
Tuesday	5	Hands on Science Workshop (Rec-Y6)/all day
Tuesday	5	Kaye Omensky Author visiting Fairseat
Wednesday	6	Hands on Science Workshop (Rec-Y6)/all day
Thursday	7	WORLD BOOK DAY
Thursday	7	Y6 Netball Tournament at South Hampstead High School
Thursday	7	Parents' Evening (4.20pm-7.00pm)Rec-Y6
Friday	8	Fairseat C.A. Meeting (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Friday	8	INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Monday	11	COMMONWEALTH DAY
Monday	11	HEALTHY SCHOOLS WEEK
Tuesday	12	Y6 & Y6 Football match v St. Christopher's School
Tuesday	12	Parents' Evening (4.20pm-7.00pm)/Rec-Y6
Wednesday	13	Y6E WWII Workshop (all day)
Wednesday	13	Fairseat C.A. Annual Quiz Night (6.00pm)/Senior School Dining Room
Thursday	14	Y5R Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	14	Y6M WWII Workshop (all day)
Thursday	14	Y5 Netball Tournament at South Hampstead School
Monday	18	ABRSM Exam Week
Tuesday	19	Y3/Y4 Inter-house Event (12.30pm) (NOT 20TH AS PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED ON CALENDAR)
Tuesday	19	Y3-Y6 Concert (7.00pm)/Senior School
Wednesday	20	Y5 & Y6 seven a side football match v South Hampstead High School
Thursday	21	Music Assembly (by invitation only) (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	21	Y5 ABC & D netball match v South Hampstead High School
Monday	25	LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Tuesday	26	Rec CL Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room
Wednesday	27	Y5 residential trip to Sayer's Croft
Wednesday	27	Y3M Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room

Thursday	28	Y6M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	28	Y6 Osmington Bay/Nurse's Talk (8.30am)
Thursday	28	Y3S Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room
Friday	29	LAST DAY OF SWIMMING
Friday	29	Rec C Dine with your Daughter (11.45am-12.15pm)/Dining Room
Friday	29	Y5 return from Sayer's Croft
APRIL		
Monday	1	C.A. Swimathon (all day)
Tuesday	2	Y3 & Y4 Dance Show/Arundel Centre
Tuesday	2	Second Hand Uniform Sale (moved from 1 April because of Swimathon)
Thursday	4	Rec-Y4 Easter Egg Hunt (9.00am)
Thursday	4	Y5 & Y6 Treasure Hunt (10.00am)
Thursday	4	Easter Bonnet Parade (11.00am)
Thursday	4	TERM ENDS (staggered finish 2.30pm-3.00pm)
Friday	19	Good Friday
Sunday	21	Easter Sunday
Tuesday	23	St. George's Day
Wednesday	24	TERM BEGINS (Rec-Y6)
Wednesday	24	Watersports Begin for Y6
Thursday	25	Y4i Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Temp Sports Hall
Thursday	25	Watersports Begin for Y5
Friday	26	SWIMMING RESUMES FOR Y3

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