



Dear Parents

In today's assembly, we revisited our School's vision, *Girls Enjoying Success*. Firstly, we thought about the definitions of the individual words, before putting them together to think about the overall meaning of the phrase. After a little exploration, I asked the girls if they could describe what the phrase meant; one of them replied in a very informed and confident manner: 'it means you want us to do well in *everything* and *anything* we do, Miss Hamalis, *AND* at the same time, *enjoy* what we are doing!' I smiled - bingo-success; what a perfect definition!

I was delighted to give out the very first *Girls Enjoying Success Award* certificates. The vast array of impressive reasons why the girls received their award reinforced the fact that success means something different to all of us. The girls' successes ranged from being adventurous during Forest School, designing a book with levers in Design Technology, always being eager and participating in class discussions to being caring towards one of the younger girls at playtime.

The staff have also been thinking about their own success stories, big & small. Outside my office, there is a new display - it is work in progress at the moment, much like our exciting building project - of things the staff have succeeded doing with a smile on their face. I have been listening the girls, as well as parents and other staff as they look at the photos: 'wow, is that really Mr x! Did Miss x really do that when she was my age! Look at Mrs x- that's amazing! There is one comment that I will act on very soon, I promise: 'where are Miss Hamalis' photos? They will be up soon; the next time I go home to my parents' house in Hertfordshire, I will be busy looking through old photos, as well as more modern ones. Watch this space!

One of my greatest achievements in my career so far is becoming Head of the Junior School, and yes, I am enjoying it! I am very much looking forward to the Reception girls' first Class Assemblies next week. I am sure they will be a great success and I look forward to welcoming Reception parents.

Charity Day - Friday 15 February

This term, we are supporting *Noah's Ark Children's Hospice*. We recently welcomed Lorraine and Ella from the charity and learned more about what they do and how we can help. They help families based in North London, Central London and Hertsmere, make every precious moment count, by providing clinical, practical and emotional support to babies, children and young people with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions and their families.

Every child receives a bespoke package of Hospice-at-Home support, including specialist care and therapies, as well as access to their family activities programme. Their work is magnified by their trained volunteers who give families support at home, helping them spend more time together.

There are more than 1200 children with life-limiting or life-threatening conditions in their catchment area, but currently no children's hospice building. Their new building, The Ark, will open this summer, and will enable them to build on their unique model and to support more children. The Ark will be an amazing hub for therapies and the extensive Family Activities programme. It will also accommodate overnight stays and there will be a café where families can come together for mutual support.

To support the charity, we are holding a *Cake Design Contest*. The talented Mrs Luxford, who shared her baking secrets with Kirsty Allsop (yes, really; come and see our Staff Enjoying Success Display) has kindly offered to bake the winning cake.

- One tier only, maximum size to fit 8" base area
- Delivery of cake on a date of your choice between 10 July and beginning of September, within 5 mile radius of our School
- Flavours: vanilla, lemon or chocolate with a buttercream/ganache of your choice

The cake will be nut free, but please be aware the kitchen where it will be prepared is not nut-free so there is a small chance of cross contamination.

- **£5 entry per cake design**
- **Closing date: Thursday 14 April**
- **Entries to be handed into the School Office**

Non-Uniform Day: Friday 15 February. The theme is the colours of the rainbow.

Parking Update from Mr Hill, our Bursar

We are currently collating responses from parents and will submit these to Camden during the consultation period. We have already received a number of representations from parents. We do not currently intend setting up a petition directly on behalf of the School as we would prefer to engage directly with the council. We recognise that many parents might still wish to set up a petition and we would be prepared to publicise this through the School, provided that the wording were suitable!

Whilst we will continue to oppose the changes to the CPZ as currently proposed by Camden, we are also starting to look at a number of other options to ameliorate the impact, many of which we have tried before but have been previously rejected by Camden and others. This includes drop off zones and minibus/coach parking areas. We are also looking at other options more suited to the end of the day, including extending after school provision and the possibility of pick up points away from the School, but as you can imagine, these are more challenging than drop off routines. We plan to consult with parents once we have had further time to consider the options.

Channing Association Chairs

At the end of the Summer Term, the C.A. Co-Chairs will be standing down from their role after two very successful years. Sue and Claire, the current chairs, are very happy to talk to anyone who is interested or wants to find out more. They will also be there to support to whoever takes on the role. No experience of being a Class Rep is required and parents from all year groups can apply. It is a very rewarding role, a great opportunity to meet people throughout the school community and it is also a lot of fun. You will work with a fantastic group of Class Reps to run social events for both parents and the girls.

Music Tip for the week...

Calling all Double Reeders:

Big Double Reed Day on 17 February at the Guildhall School of Music:

<https://www.bigdoublereed.com/>

This is a fantastic opportunity for your daughters to gain valuable experience through workshops, classes, ensembles and concerts. Additionally, our very own Bassoon Teacher, Miss Trigg will be one of the tutors on the day.

Gymnastics Club

Please note there will be no Gym Club on Thursday 14 February. You will only be billed for nine weeks this term. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

Special Mentions:

Erin Lui who was awarded her Pre-Primary in Dance Class Award from the Royal Academy of Dance.

Girls' Enjoying Success Award

In today's assembly, these new certificates were awarded to:

Eva Jones, Paloma Lewis, Eliza Mistry, Eleanor Shenker, Neve Conway, Nia Haji, Zara Jefferies, Simran Sabharwal, Lucy Davies, Josephine Ewing, Zainab Alam, Sanna Thukral, Eve Cronkshaw, Flora Norton, Eve Paleomyllites, Iris Chinn, Amandine Cotton-Yu, Sophia Joshi, Ava Kamvari, Arden Margolis, Isabel Millican, Greta Payne, Thomasina Ravenscroft, Radhika Sharma, Daisy Wright, Sophia Yan, Francesca Gewirtz, Alicia Bramon-Rao, Aubrey Baruch, Evangeline de Metz, Airah Sharma, Melina Paraskevoidis, Elizabeth Howarth, Suhanna Mahal, Nicole Kompaniyets, Tamara Pushpanathan

Miss Dina Hamalis

Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

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 High School
Monday	18	ABRSM Exam Week
Tuesday	19	Y3/Y4 Inter-house Event (12.30pm) NOT 20 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 due to 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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