



## Dear Parents

Your daughters never fail to amaze me! This morning, many of them helped me to show off our fantastic school during our first Open Morning of the term. Imogen Bovensiepen in Y4, Natasha Freedman and Flora Gillis, both in Y5, impressed us as they played their string instruments ever so beautifully. Furthermore, our Head Girls, Eve Cronkshaw and Amelia Cable spoke eloquently about what they like about our inclusive ethos; whilst, two girls in Y2, Phoebe Done and Lola Hegarty enthusiastically told our visitors about what they enjoy about Forest School: mud, mud and more mud! Many of our visitors said how much they loved the school because the girls that toured them around, as well as the girls in lessons were so happy and helpful. Our visitors could see and moreover, feel the Channing buzz for themselves. Our girls really do enjoy success and I was so proud of them all!

## Osmington Bay

Last week, the Y6 girls had a fabulous, action-packed week in Dorset. Thank you to the teachers, Miss Evans, Miss McGinney, Mr Ip, Miss Bolton and Miss Gerstein for accompanying them.



## Curriculum Newsletters

Our girls greatly benefit from our enriching and exciting curriculum. Details of this term's topics can be found on our website:

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

## **Maths Week: Festival of Shapes**

Next week, we will be celebrating our Maths Week with a *Festival of Shapes*. The girls will learn about and explore both 2D and 3D shapes. On Monday, all of the classes will take part in an interactive workshop, on Tuesday, they will take part in a Buddy Challenge and on Thursday, the Y6 girls will be make a Maths Trail around the school for the other girls to complete. On Friday, we will have a non-uniform day. We would like the girls to come into school in shape-themed clothing; they could dress up as a shape or wear an item of clothing with shapes on it.

## **Staff Availability**

Communication between school and home is paramount. Thus, we communicate often via the girls' message books/homework diaries, by talking in the courtyard at pick-up, via email or on the telephone. Additionally, each member of staff sets aside a time in the week when they are available for parents to contact them by telephone or by appointment.

*Please do not go up to the classrooms before school or once the school day has begun. It is very difficult for the member of staff to give you her/his full attention, whilst preparing for lessons and/or organising the children.* If you need to get an urgent message to your daughter's Class Teacher at the beginning of the day, please tell Mrs Mac, who will pass the message on.

## **Swimathon**

If your daughter still has sponsorship money to collect, please can she bring it in or ask her sponsors to donate online *by the end of this week*:

[www.justgiving.com/Channing-Swimmers](http://www.justgiving.com/Channing-Swimmers)

So far, we have raised approximately £5000 for The Noah's Ark Children's Hospice. Many thanks to Mrs Kent who helped to organise such a fantastic event. Thank you all for supporting and sponsoring the girls.

## **Food Banks**

As part of our efforts to engage and support the local community, we established a partnership with two local Food Banks to complement our community project with the local care homes. Each month, one year group are responsible for collecting food and preparing packages. This month, it is the turn of **Year 1**; although, *donations can be given by girls throughout the school*. The Food Bank containers are located in the courtyard and will be emptied, sorted and delivered by some of the Year 1 girls and staff at the end of the month. Thank you for your continued support.

## **Special Mentions:**

Design a Cake Competition

Samara Salaman in 3M is the lucky winner. She designed a beautiful unicorn cake which Mrs Luxford will arrange to have made and delivered to her house during the school holidays. Thank you to everyone who entered and helped us raise over £200 for the Noah's Ark Children's Hospice.

4I Coco Cormack & Annata Mobasseri

6E Amelie Conway & Millie Leviton

6M Aoife Feeney & Catherine Stobart

Prefects

6E Eibhlin Frost & Ella-Marie Davies

6M Sophie Drozdova & Eva Jones

*The girls will receive their badges at next Monday's assembly.*

Catherine Stobart and Francesca Poulton in Y6 who have been selected for the Middlesex County Cricket Club Under 11 Girls Summer Squad. They played their first county matches against Berkshire, winning 4 games to 3.

Kaya Edwards in Y5 who was awarded second prize in the D32 (9-10 year olds) Cello Competition at North London Festival of Music, Drama and Dance.

Esme Cela in Y4 who achieved honours in her Imperial Dance & Dancesport Faculties Board Dance exam (Jive).

**Miss Dina Hamalis**

**Head of Channing Junior School**

### EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

MAY		
Tuesday	7	Junior School Open Morning (8.45am)/Temp Sports Hall
Wednesday	8	Y3M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Wednesday	8	Class Photographs
Wednesday	8	Y1G Seaside Workshop (all day)
Thursday	9	Y3S Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Thursday	9	Y1CR Seaside Workshop (all day)
Monday	13	Open Music Week
Monday	13	Maths Week
Monday	13	Maths Workshop
Monday	13	Y4 trip to Living Rainforest (all day)
Wednesday	15	British Isles Day
Thursday	16	Music Assembly (by invitation only)/Fairseat Hall (8.30am)

Thursday	16	Y6 TFL Talk (9.30am-10.30am)
Friday	17	Y6 trip to Instituto Vicente (10.55-3.30pm)
Friday	17	Reception trip to Paradise Wildlife Park (all day)
Friday	17	Rabbi visiting Y2M
Tuesday	21	<b>Cultural Diversity Day</b>
Tuesday	21	Y5 & Y6 Author Visit
Tuesday	21	Junior School Open Morning (8.45am)Temporary Sports Hall
Thursday	23	Y2P Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Thursday	23	Y6 Theatre trip to The Lion King (evening)
Thursday	23	Y1 Mama Codes Workshop
Thursday	23	Y4 Performance Platform (5.30pm)/Senior School
Friday	24	<b>NON UNIFORM/CHARITY DAY</b>
Friday	24	Fairseat Channing Association Meeting (8.30am)/Fairseat Hall
Monday	27	<b>HALF TERM COMMENCES</b>
<b>JUNE</b>		
Monday	3	<b>SCHOOL RETURNS FROM HALF TERM</b>

### Channing Girls Enjoying Success