



Dear Parents

I can't quite believe that we are in the last half term of the academic year. How time flies when you're having fun! It was lovely to see the girls this morning, excited to be back at school, full of stories about their holidays and raring to go.

They were all eager to participate in my assembly, where we thought about why we celebrate birthdays. They learned that 'Happy Birthday' is one of the most popular songs in English-speaking nations and it has been translated into many different languages. Every Monday, we sing 'Happy Birthday' in Spanish to all of the girls and staff who are celebrating their birthday that week. We offer good wishes and we celebrate their birth. Today, we also thought about the birth of the new Royal baby, Archie Harrison Mountbatten-Windsor who arrived last month to TRH The Duke and Duchess of Sussex. His family are celebrating his birthday, as well as people all over the world.

We have been celebrating some other happy news today. During the holidays, Miss Houry got engaged. She and her fiance hope to tie the knot next year in Cyprus.

'Eid Mubarak' to all of you who are celebrating!

I hope to see many of you at the Summer Fair on Saturday. It sounds like we are in for a treat! Thank you in advance to everyone that is helping and for those of you who have donated tombola prizes and/or cakes.

Summer Fair - Saturday 8 June 12.30-3.30pm

This year's fantastic fair will be held at the Channing Playing Fields on Stanhope Road. There are going to be some fabulous stalls and fun things to do! Some of the highlights: BBQ (including vegetarian option), Zorbing, Total Wipeout, Bouncy Castle & Mega Slide, Tombola, Pimms and Cake Stall, Face Painting & Hair Braiding, Bungee Fly, Coconut Shy, Welly Wanging and Gift Stalls. To register for entry please click [here](#) and enter the password 'Fairseat'.

Cake Donations for Cake & Pimms Stall

Calling all bakers...the Reception parents would be very grateful for *nut-free* cake contributions, either homemade or shop-bought. Please bring your donations to the School Office on Friday 7 June by noon.

Tombola Prizes Needed

Do you have any unopened and/or unwanted gifts/toys/craft sets/games that you could kindly donate? Having a wide selection of prizes makes the tombola a really fun stall for the children. Please give in the donations to the School Office.

Friends of Waterlow Park and the Highgate Festival

Competition Time: enter your A3 painting or drawing on *The effect of climate change on wildlife*. Winning entries will be mounted and displayed in Waterlow Park as part of Highgate Festival. *Closing date: Tuesday 11 June*. Hand in your entries to Mrs Luxford.

The Lion King by Y5 & Y6: 11 & 12 June

I am very much looking forward to the performance, as I know you are from the number of you that booked tickets. Apologies for any confusion regarding the number of tickets you were able to book; please see details outlined below. Due to some overbooking, we have refunded some of the tickets. This is in order to allow *all* parents to book their allocated tickets. Once both Y5 and Y6 parents, have booked their seats, we will let you know if there are any spare tickets.

Tuesday 11 June

Y5F - 2 per family

Y5R - 2 per family

Y6E - 4 per family lead roles

Y6M - 1 per family

Wednesday 12 June

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Y6M - 4 per family lead roles

Y6E - 1 per family

Computing Work

It always amazes me at just how computer savvy the next generation are. It is fantastic that using technology is an integral, as well as enhancing feature of the girls' learning. If your daughter has created digital work for homework, please note that we no longer use USB sticks. The girls in Y3 - Y6 all have logins for the Google Drive, so are able to save their work and access it when they are in school.

Better Energy School Awards

Before Half Term, we entered the 'Totally Creative' category. Girls in every year group submitted entries on an eco topic of their choice; we submitted them as a whole school entry. The quality and variety of our entries was excellent; as a result, we were *Highly Commended* in our chosen category! Almost 42000 children were involved in submitting projects, so this is quite an achievement! We will be receiving our prize of £100 which we will put towards future eco ventures.

Violin Fest

Look out for the invitation to the Senior School Summer Concert on Thursday 13 June at St Joseph's Church in Highgate at 7.30pm. This concert features amongst other wonderful music, first movements of the *Bruch Violin Concerto*, played by a former Junior School pupil, Clio Harwood, now in Y9, the *Bach Double Violin Concerto* and the *Vivaldi Concerto for 4 Violins* accompanied by the Cremona Strings and our own Spears String Ensemble.



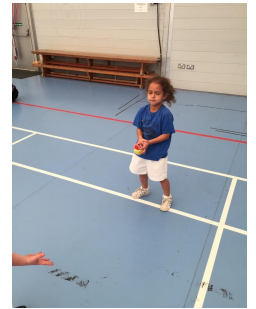
Spotlight on Sport

The girls in Reception have been developing their hand/eye coordination by practising throwing and catching and striking a ball with a bat. They were very keen to take part and have made really great progress. The girls were very excited to put their skills to the test by playing a game of mini rounders, where they also explored the concept of fielding in a team game.



Special Mentions:

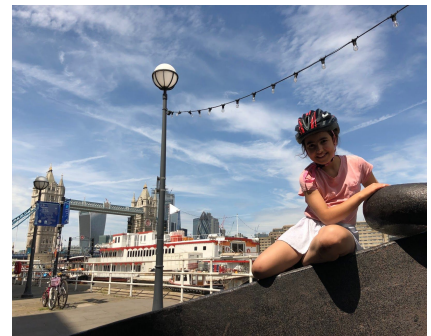
Imogen Bovensiepen, who within minutes of arriving back to school, entertained and delighted us with her beautiful performance of Elgar's *Salut d'amour*. A real treat to start this half term!



Tanvee Sharma who recently gained a Distinction for her Grade 6 Trinity Violin Examination.



Gaby Hanouka who as a result of her Bridges Project, felt inspired to challenge herself. She cycled from Hampstead Garden Suburb all the way to Westminster Bridge, along the Embankment to Tower Bridge. She cycled 30km.



Miss Dina Hamalis
Head of Channing Junior School

EVENTS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

JUNE		
Monday	3	SCHOOL RETURNS
Monday	3	Y4/Y6 Cricket match v Devonshire House School (2.30pm-3.30pm)/away
Wednesday	5	Y2P Grandparents' Afternoon (1.30-3.00pm)
Wednesday	5	Y6 Cricket Tournament (all day)/North London Cricket Club
Thursday	6	Y2M Grandparents' Afternoon (1.30-3.00pm)
Friday	7	Y2 trip to Thames Explorer/all day

Saturday	8	JS Channing Association Summer Fair/Stanhope Rd (12.30-3.30pm)
Tuesday	11	Y3 trip to Royal Gunpowder Mills/all day
Tuesday	11	Junior School Open Morning (8.45am)/Temporary Sports Hall
Tuesday	11	Lion King Performance (Y6E to lead)/7.00-8.00pm/Arundel Centre
Wednesday	12	Inter-house Event
Wednesday	12	Lion King Performance (Y6M to lead)/7.00-8.00pm/Arundel Centre
Thursday	13	Y2M Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Dining Hall
Friday	14	Y2 Forest School Graduation (rescheduled for 26 June)
Friday	14	Y5 Cricket match v Highgate (2.30-3.30pm)/away
Friday	14	Y5/Y6 Spelling Bee (2.30-3.30pm)/Junior School
Tuesday	18	New Parents' Morning/Moving Up Day (9.00-10.30am)
Wednesday	19	Y1 String Group Concert (8.45-9.15am)/Dining Hall
Wednesday	19	Y2 String Group Concert (9.15-9.45am)/Dining Hall
Thursday	20	Y1CR Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Dining Hall
Friday	21	Junior School Sports Day (Rec-Y2 10.30am-12.15pm)/Stanhope Road
Friday	21	Junior School Sports Day (Y3-Y6 1.00-3.00pm)/Stanhope Road
Monday	24	SPANISH WEEK
Monday	24	Rec, Y1 & Y2 Spanish Workshop/all day
Monday	24	ABRSM Exam Week
Tuesday	25	Y3/Y4 Spelling Bee (2.00-3.00pm)/Junior School
Wednesday	26	Y5 & Y6 Spanish Workshop/all day
Wednesday	26	Y2 Forest School Graduation/9am-3pm
Thursday	27	Junior School Open Morning (8.45am)/Temporary Sports Hall
Thursday	27	Y1G Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Dining Hall
Friday	28	Y3 & Y4 Spanish Workshop/all day
Friday	28	Last day of Swimming for Y3
JULY		
Monday	1	Last Week of Clubs

Wednesday	3	Fairseat's Got Talent Show
Thursday	4	Y4I Assembly to Parents (8.30am)/Dining Hall
Friday	5	Founders' Day Celebrations for Girls; Early finish (12.30pm staggered)
Saturday	6	Founders' Day (JUNIOR SCHOOL CLOSED)
Monday	8	Founders' Day Holiday (SCHOOL CLOSED)
Wednesday	10	Second Hand Uniform Sale (Dining Hall)/2.45-4.00pm
Wednesday	10	Staff 'At Home' for Parents (reports)/4.00-5.00pm
Thursday	11	Leavers' Assembly (Temporary Sports Hall)/8.50am
Thursday	11	End of Term (11.45am-12.15pm staggered)

Channing Girls Enjoying Success