



Dear Parents

In this morning's assembly, I showed the girls a short clip from the film: [The Time Machine - Going Forward \(2002\)](#). It is set at a particular point in history, but the man is sitting in a time machine, about to journey into the future. We all know that 2020 wasn't the year we hoped it would be. There were probably many times when we wished for a time machine that could leap forwards into the future to a time when things were a bit more 'normal'. As most of your daughters are currently unable to come into school, perhaps you still feel a bit like that. I certainly have at times!



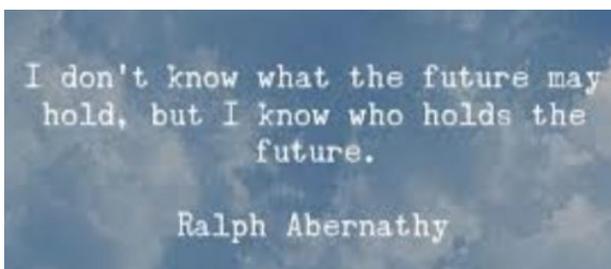
Starting a new year feels a bit like being on the brink of the future, the next stage in time. As you look ahead to this year 2021, what are you looking forward to? I am looking forward to all of the girls and staff returning to school so I can see them all in person and we can reap the benefits of our new classrooms and areas around the school. Additionally, I am looking forward to seeing my parents as I haven't been able to see them since last February, nearly a year ago.

I am sure you also have hopes and dreams for the year ahead. I have many including that all members of the school community are happy and healthy. The girls' topic this term in PSHE (Personal Social Health and Economics Education) is 'Dreams

and Goals' so they will have the opportunity to think about these and discuss them with their friends and teacher.

This time last year, when we were looking ahead to 2020, we had no idea how things would pan out. Many things that happened weren't in any of our plans for the year. I explained to the girls that it's okay for us to feel sad about some of these things and disappointed about them too. Additionally, I think as adults we also need to accept this. We do, however, need to remember to feel thankful and happy about some of the things that we experienced last year, perhaps there were some unexpected positives. After all, 'Every cloud has a silver lining'. We have all become much more skilled at using technology as we had to learn and complete our work online, as well as communicate effectively with one another. Moreover, we were reminded of the importance of community. Lots of girls and their families inspired us by doing charitable acts such as making cakes for hospital staff, raising money for the NHS and we all clapped (and some of us played instruments) for carers every Thursday at 8pm.

I shared the quote: 'I don't know *what* the future holds, but I know *who* holds the future.' We didn't know what 2020 would hold and we don't know what 2021 will bring. Although we have hopes and dreams for 2021, perhaps we are more anxious or nervous about those dreams because of the surprises last year. The future may be uncertain, and there may be things that happen that we don't expect in the year ahead, but there will also be things to enjoy and celebrate together. There is always hope even in an uncertain future. The girls have a bright future ahead of them! I miss seeing them all at school and look forward to everyone returning to school as soon as we can reopen.



Virtual School Timetables

We are very pleased with how the girls have adapted to using their year group Virtual School timetables. There has been one change to the Year 2 Virtual School timetable to ensure that all three live lessons occur in the mornings. The Year 2 girls will be informed about this timetable change verbally in their live lessons this week and the revised Virtual School timetable will be updated to our Virtual Learning Platforms. As such, from next Monday, 18 January, the Year 2 girls will be following the Virtual School timetable listed [here](#).



Curriculum Newsletters

The Curriculum Newsletters for the Spring Term are now available on the [school website](#). Please remember you can contact the teachers via the School Office if you have any questions during this period of Virtual School.

Virtual Clubs

This week, our Virtual Extracurricular Clubs begin. If you would like your daughter to participate and try either Yoga, Coding, App Making or Mandarin, there are still spaces available. These are being run by professionals and they will be providing fun and exciting activities for your daughter to take part in at home.

- Key Stage 2 → YogaBugs: Mondays 4.45pm- 5.15pm
- Years 2, 3 & 4 → Coding: Mondays 5.00pm - 6.00pm
- Key Stage 2 → Mandarin: Tuesdays 4.30pm- 5.30pm
- Key Stage 1 → YogaBugs: Thursdays 4.45pm - 5.15pm
- Years 4, 5 & 6 → App Making: Thursdays 5.00pm - 6.00pm

If you would like to sign your daughter up for one of the above clubs, please email jsreceptionist@channing.co.uk.

Critical Workers Provision

The girls at school are working hard on completing their Virtual School work. It is a joy to have them in the school building!



Eco Tip #7 During Virtual School, whenever you need to work on paper at home try to use your old workbooks from last year to reduce wasting loose paper at home.
Saoirse (5M)



#MusicMatters

Year 6 Music

The Year 6 girls have started an exciting Music topic of study this term: 'Black Music.' Within this topic, Miss Pepper will task the girls to listen to some podcasts available on the BBC. In order for these to be available to your daughter, please support her to register for a free BBC account for someone who is under 13, using [this link](#). You will receive an automated email to complete your daughter's registration. Please sit with your daughter to choose her sign in details and to encourage her to remember these, so she can sign in independently. This will mean your daughter will be able to access all of the linked materials in her Year 6 Music lesson later this week and next.

Spotlight on Sport

Channing Community House Challenge

We would like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who is currently taking part in the Channing Community Challenge. Presently we have 127 participants and as of 6pm yesterday evening have covered a staggering 923 miles so far in January.

Below is a breakdown of the results:

- Goodwin - 284 miles
- Waterlow - 267 miles
- Sharpe - 229 miles
- Spears - 143 miles



Some of you will remember Jim Gump, who visited us during Healthy Schools' Week last March. He heard about our challenge and has sent a [little message of support](#).



Virtual School



We have been really pleased with the girls' response to their home learning. It is great to see them being so active and engaged from home. If you would like to share photos or films of your daughter(s) participating you can send them: jspe@channing.co.uk Please state in the email that you are happy for us to share them on social media.



SPECIAL CONGRATULATIONS

- Well done to **Aria B (2M)** for helping her parents deliver donations of food for the Royal Free Hospital staff.
- Well done to **Adi D (RB)** - for her wonderful performance of the 'Funky Fairy'.



Primary Mathematics Challenge (PMC)

At the end of the Autumn Term, our Year 5 and 6 pupils participated in

PMC: a fun and exciting mathematical challenge, devised to enable pupils to develop their reasoning skills whilst being encouraged to think outside the box. The questions asked were not heavily reliant on formal mathematical knowledge, but could be solved by logical reasoning. Across Years 5 and 6, the girls achieved:



- 4 gold certificates
- 11 silver certificates
- 31 bronze certificates

All of the girls in Year 5 and 6, who participated in the PMC, will be receiving their certificates of achievement via post this week.

This term's Form Captains

RB	Jessica P	Lily G
RS	Mia M	Naima L
IM	Emily C	Talia B
IP	Sophie P- I	Elisa R
2E	Elise K	Sophie V-E
2M	Cleo M	Aliana D
3C	Issie G	Evie D
3F	Amaia T	Évangeline d-M

4N	Lola H	Nicola S
4R	Lilah R	Amairah R
5M	Olivia N	Astrid J
5S	Matilda T	Emma L

Girls Enjoying Success Awards

Well done to:

- **Safira K (1M)** for composing a lovely song about her toy bunny and singing it so beautifully!
- **Mia M (3F)** for sharing a very informative presentation all about Hanukkah with the class.
- **Issie G (3C)** for writing a beautifully descriptive letter from the perspective of a seagull in 'The Iron Man' story.
- **Lola H (4N)** for a wonderful character analysis of Elder Paw. I am so impressed to see you expressing your own opinion so maturely and using speech marks to indicate quotes from the text.
- **Jingnong M (4N)** for a fantastic character analysis of Elder Paw. You've used quotes to support your opinion so maturely and have used some really sophisticated vocabulary.
- **Imogen P (6W)** for being invited to train with Middlesex County Cricket U11 winter squad.
- **Erin R (6W)** for creating a moving and sensitive piece of Drama.

Please see 'Dates' below.

Miss Dina Hamalis
Head of Junior School

Channing Girls Enjoying Success

DATES

January

Tues - Fri	6 - 12 (Feb)	JS Virtual School
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February

Mon - Fri	1 - 5	Mental Health Awareness Week
Friday	12	Chinese New Year
Mon - Fri	15 - 19	Half-term
Thurs & Fri	25 - 26	Music Assembly
Mon - Fri	22 - 26	Pupil Passport meetings Scholastic Book Fair in old Dining Hall
Tuesday	23	SS/JS VMS & LAMDA Parents Evening ACA, 5:00 - 7:00pm

March

Mon - Fri	1 - 5	Book Week
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Thursday	4	World Book Day Assembly
Monday	8	Commonwealth Week International Women's Day
Thursday	11	Parents' Evening
Mon - Fri	15 – 19	Maths & Future Technologies Week LAST WEEK OF CLUBS
Saturday	20	ABRSM exam
Tuesday	16	Parents' Evening
Mon-Fri	29 - 9	Easter Holiday

April		
Monday	12	INSET Day for Junior School Staff
Tuesday	13	Start of Summer Term