

THE VIEW

FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER 2019

The Week Ahead

Headmaster's Letter

Having never been one of the leaders of a standing ovation, I found myself in a rather unusual position on Wednesday evening at St John's Smith Square. Our Director of Music, Richard Stafford, had conducted the last bar and the stunned audience broke into perhaps the loudest round of applause I have heard at a school concert since I started teaching in 1992.

The concert was simply magnificent. Seeing and hearing so many prep and former prep pupils on stage made everyone enormously proud. I understand a recording of the evening was made; I implore you all to find a moment over Christmas and watch and listen to the entire event in one sitting. You will be more than impressed. Miss next term's Glyndebourne event at your peril.

Year 3 were impressed by Mrs P-B's *Shaping My World* session yesterday afternoon as they learnt to 'pack a bag'. Please now encourage them to do their games bag every week. They can talk you through this. They know how to do it and the road to independence starts with our children leading their affairs, rather than us micro-managing them.

We're nearly into December which surely means it's time for the Christmas lights to be switched on, lists to Father C to be written and the film *Elf* to get its annual viewing. As the term draws to a close, please reiterate all the *Shaping My World* and *Ardingly Way* values, behaviours and characteristics at home too. Remember the importance of 'us'; we're all in this together and our pupils, your children, are often the outstanding pupils in any group. We want to keep it that way.

And finally, enjoy Year 6 Charlotte's #IngenioUS creation: <https://scratch.mit.edu/projects/342797670>

@HarryHastings10 @ArdinglyPrep @ArdinglyPS



Parent Notices

Yr 8 Form Tutor Evening, Thursday 5th December

From 6-8pm in the Drama Studios, please email charlie.tomlinson@ardingly.com with your preferred time slot for a 5 minute appointment with your child's Form Tutor.

Week 12

Monday 02 December

Duty Form - 8W
10:45 - 12:30 Year 3 Team building
16:00 Yr 6 Drama Show (Studio)
16:10 House Meetings
17:00 Yr 6 Drama Show (Studio)
17:45 SW: v Windlesham (Years 5-8) (h)

Tuesday 03 December

09:00 - 17:15 ABRSM Music Exams (Recital Room)
16:00 5S Drama Show (Studio)
17:00 5P Drama Show (Studio)
18:00 - 20:00 Prep Boarding Christmas Party

Wednesday 04 December

08:30 - 10:30 Years 7 & 8 Maths Challenge
09:00 - 17:15 ABRSM Music Exams (tbc) (Recital Room)
14:15 H: v Hurst: 6th, U8 & U9 Festival (h);
U11A, U11B, U11C, U11D, (a)
14:30 F: v Bedes: 1st, 3rd, U11C, U11D (h); U11A,
U11B, U11C, U11D (a)
15:15 H: v Hurst: 2nd, 4th, (h); 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th (a)
17:00 - 20:00 Prefects' Night Out

Thursday 05 December

LAMDA Exams, NSCR
16:00 5C Drama Show (Studio)
17:00 Yr 6 Drama show (Studio)
18:00 - 20:00 Year 8 Form Tutor Parents' Evening

Friday 06 December

LAMDA Exams, NSCR
09:00 Parent Forum
10:30 - 12:00 Music and Mince Pies (Recital Room)
14:00 - 16:00 The Friends' Christmas Fair
16:00 No Prep School Chapel due to the Christmas Fair
16:30 No clubs or swim squad tonight
17:00 Year 7 Boarding Special

Saturday 07 December

Inter School Fencing (h)

Sunday 08 December

10:30 Reindeer Run - Whole College

Sports Fixtures are available on the sports website www.ardinglysport.com

Reindeer Run, Sunday 8th December 10:30am

Please sign up to the Ardingly College Reindeer Run, we haven't quite hit the target of raising £1000 for Chestnut Tree House please help us to get there. [CLICK](#) here for further details.

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Parking

Please can we remind parents that parking on the playground in the morning is only for parents who need to see a teacher or who have extra items to carry in to school. In order to keep a flow of traffic through the College anyone parking on there should expect to wait, away from the entrance to the playground, for a considerable amount of time. Please follow the Gapper's instructions.

Also, the drive behind Godwin Hall which goes to the back of the squash court, is a private road and is not available for parents to use. Thank you for your cooperation.

Clubs

Clubs for Lent Term 2020, Closing date 7th December

Please see the attached letter and Clubs List for the Clubs on offer next term. The eventbrite link will be live today for booking.

Science Club – Cancelled

There will be no Science Club on Monday 2nd December. Apologies for any inconvenience.

LS Drama Club – Cancelled

There will be no LS Drama Club this week due to the Yrs 5 & 6 Performances.

Drama News

We Will Rock You - Important Information

Thursday 5th December is the **last rehearsal** this term – we will be running through the show in the Under from 6-8pm, it would be really appreciated if everyone could attend.

TICKETS - Tickets for the Show are on sale from the Chequer Mead Theatre. Either call the Theatre on Tel: 01342 302000, or visit www.chequermead.org.uk

WE HAVE 3 PERFORMANCES - Thursday 6th February 7pm, Friday 8th February 7pm **and** Saturday 9th February 2.30pm.

Sleeping Beauty - Year 5 and 6 Shows

Next week are the Year 5 and 6 Shows. Please remember these times are different to the ones printed in the Calendar.

Monday 2nd December 4pm - Year 6 (Group 2)
5pm - Year 6 (Group 3)

Tuesday 3rd December 4pm - 5WS
5pm - 5AP

Thursday 5th December 4pm - 5JC
5pm - Year 6 (Group 1)

Primary Chess Cup - B Team

Monday 9th December at Birchwood School. We will leave school around 12:45pm and should return before 5:00pm.

Forthcoming Trips

In the Summer Term we are proposing to take a group of pupils to Bryanston School for a residential action-packed sporting activities week. The dates are Tuesday 7th – Saturday 11th July 2020 and it is open to all current Year 5-8 pupils. For further information, please read the attached letter and open the link.

We have decided to run ski trips biannually so the next Prep Ski Trip will be in the Easter holidays 2021. Plans are underway so please do read the attached letter and email Mr Howe to sign your child up. It is open for pupils currently in Years 5-7.

HMIs

Isaac Burt, Jacob Davies, Sadie Hitchen, Olwen Heydtmann, Georgia Gairdner, Eloise Mode, Davey Jerrit, Ethan Lightbound, Dan Ahmed, Seth Robinson, Andrew Inglesfield, Killian Dunphy, Charlotte Horwood, Harrison Wallaert, Garik Madoyan, Eddie Delo, Reece Taylor, Jessica Max, Iggy Upton, Evie Stewart, Biba Mills, Flynn McClelland, Amber-Lily Webster, Elizabeth Mobbs, Mikayla Lovette, Maddy Ring, Honey Wingfield-Russell

Friends

Christmas Fair

Token Exchange - deadline extended - If you haven't already sent your money in for the Christmas Fair token exchange, please note that the deadline has been extended. All money (suggested £10) should be in an envelope clearly marked with your child's name and class and handed in to the Prep School office by 5pm on Monday 2nd December.

Tombola Donations, If you have any donations of books, toys, games, DVDs, teddies/soft toys or chocolate (absolutely no nuts please) the prefects will be collecting at kiss and drop from Monday morning or you can leave items in the prep school office.

Raffle Tickets, If you haven't managed to buy your raffle tickets at assembly on Friday mornings you can pay direct into the Friends of Ardingly Prep School Bank Account - details can be found on the Classlist note sent on Tuesday or by emailing KatieDelo@me.com. Remember there are some fabulous prizes to be won from many local businesses and a percentage of the takings will go to the school charity - Chestnut Tree House Children's Hospice. For an idea of the donators please see the attached poster.

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Realise

I Peer out of the Window/
 my vision blinded/ by the smog/
 A cobalt/ looming barrier /
 of chemically Produced fog
 A booming/ Cruel cacophony/
 of human / Procrastination/
 A resounding Call of/ Who cares?/
 Wrecking forests/ Counties/ Nations.
 You say/ it's not your problem/
 it's someone else's to resolve/
 Is We Push life to extinction/
 how shall Nature/ still evolve?
 only when the last tree has died/
 the last beast / killed for gun/
 the world geared into darkness, //
 Will you see what you have done/
 You stay/ pollute/ obliterate/
 and ignore our desperate Pleas/
 but What would the world be/ without
 animals, Plants and trees? //
 I shouldn't have to write this /
 or what you've done that's wrong!
 But we need to realise/ face the facts/
 this has gone on/ for too long!

By Harrison
 Year 7, Ardingly College

