

Hello Olivia!

How lovely to receive your letter. It was such a good one and amazingly we have another thing in common. My son married a French girl from Provence and we have a little French/English granddaughter called Mélodie. So I'm having to improve my French speaking skills now that she's nearly 3 and chattering away in French to her mum! How many languages can you speak I wonder...? It's such a wonderful thing to be able to speak more than one language and I've always been so impressed by children who can move from one language to another really easily. It's a real gift.

I love HRVY and also Bill and Oti - he's doing a great job on behalf of all us older people who'd love to be in his shoes. I think Ranvir is terrific too. She's so graceful and very modest. I absolutely love Bollywood dancing by the way and tried it once. It's a proper work-out isn't it! Great moves and rhythms but you have to be fit to keep up.

Congratulations on winning your competition. Your parents must be so proud. You're obviously a really musical girl and this will bring you great happiness as you go through life. My father used to play the double bass and both my children learned to play the piano. My turn next! It's never too late to learn something new and I'm told it's especially good as you get older. It keeps the brain on its toes...which is a very funny idea but I'm sure you know what I mean. 😊

Keep up all your wonderful arts skills and make the most of all the opportunities you get to develop them. It was lovely to hear from you.

And especially.....keep dancing!

Diana