

12th October 2012

Dear Parents,

'Go Green Day' – Friday 19th October**GO GREEN DAY 19 OCT 2012**

Next Friday the whole school from Nursery to the Sixth Form will be finding out about Rainforests. This is in support of an environmental charity which is helping to protect and sustain a rainforest the size of Wales. **We are asking the girls to wear something green with their uniform. It could be a hair ribbon, a green sock or even a green wig.** There will also be a photographic competition to find the most interesting, unusual or outrageous photograph on the green theme. We will upload some of the photographs taken on the day on to the website below but you are welcome to enter from home. Further information is available on www.sizeofwales.org.uk. Donations are voluntary and any money raised will be matched by The Waterloo Foundation based in Cardiff. We will even be eating green food for lunch on Friday! **Swimming and PE lessons will continue as normal.**

School Council

On Monday afternoon, members of the Junior School Council met the Governors. The girls talked about the Junior School and their roles on the council. They were excellent ambassadors; well done girls!

Year 4 Visit to Caerleon

Year 4 spent the day at Caerleon yesterday, researching Roman Britain. Despite the wet weather, the girls really enjoyed looking around the museum, trying on Roman armour and looking at the Roman artefacts. Many thanks to the parent helpers who accompanied the girls.

'Beauty and the Beast' – Years 5 and 6

The girls in Year 5 and 6 have rehearsals this Sunday 14th October at the following times; **please note the slightly amended timings:**

Year 6: 9am – 12.30pm**Year 5: 1pm – 4.30pm**

Your daughter should be dropped off and collected from the main entrance of Senior School. Thank you.

Theatre Visit

The Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes had great fun learning about the weather and the seasons this week when they were entertained by a theatre company. In the play '1, 2, 3 Splosh', Mr Moriarty didn't like the weather at all but his friends, Molly and Minti, showed him why we all need the rain and sun. They played a few

tricks on him and custard pies were involved to the great amusement of the girls, but Mr Moriarty forgave them and, at the end, understood how important the different seasons are.

Visit from the Owl Sanctuary in Ebbw Vale



Do you know why owls can turn their heads around 355 degrees? We didn't either until the visit from the Owl Sanctuary this week. Pat and Alison brought six birds to show us including four types of owl and we were able to touch their wonderful feathers, find out about their diet and habitats and hear about the work of the Sanctuary. Some girls were even able to hold the eagle owl on their arms, with a protective glove of course! The ladies also brought a Harris hawk and Sophie the kestrel who screeched at the top of her voice as soon as Reception and Nursery walked in! We are all now hoping to see the birds in their natural habitats. (Answer: owls turn their heads because they cannot move their eyes like us!)

Gift Wrap Reminder



If you would like to purchase anything from the gift wrap catalogue, please return the order form and payment to your daughter's class teacher by next **Friday 19th October**. Please note that we can only accept cheques and these should be made payable to '**Howell's School Parents' Association**'.

Junior School Orchestra

Junior Orchestra is **cancelled on Monday 15th October** as Mr Beckett will be involved in the matinée performance of '*Beauty and the Beast*'.

Harvest Festival



The girls in Reception to Year 6 joined the whole school for an assembly in the Sports Hall yesterday. Thank you for the generous donations of harvest goods which will be distributed to those in need in the local community.

Nursery



Next week, the girls in Nursery will be focusing on the letter 'i'.

Parent Consultation Evenings

If you have not already done so, please complete the request slip and return to your daughter's class teacher so that appointment times can be finalised. Thank you.

Olympic Club

Mrs Yilmaz would like to remind parents that there is no Olympic Club next week. Letters to reserve a space in Olympic Club after half term will be sent home soon.

'Jingle Bell Ball'



There are just a few tables still available at the HSL Parents' Association Jingle Bell Ball, which will take place on Saturday 8th December 2012 at St David's Hotel and Spa. Buying a ticket for this event directly supports HSLPA in providing educational opportunities for the students of Howell's School Llandaff.

If you wish to attend but cannot put together a table of ten, let us allocate you a seat. You may not know your fellow guests, but we will do our best to place you with people close to your child's year group.

Tickets are £75 each, which includes a Champagne reception, dinner, dancing and a midnight feast.

The booking form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

Thank you for your support,

HSL PA

HSL Christmas Fayre Stall-holders

The HSL Parents' Association Christmas Fayre will be held on 30th November, from 2pm to 5pm in the Senior School. We welcome stall-holders with festive food, toys, gifts, Christmas decorations and other seasonal delights. Anyone interested in booking a stall should contact the Parents' Association by emailing howellsfayre@hotmail.co.uk

And finally....



Good luck to Miss Kenyon, Mrs Holley and any parents who are running the Cardiff Half Marathon on Sunday for a number of good causes!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Judith Ashill (Mrs)
Head of Junior School

JINGLE BELL BALL

ST DAVID'S HOTEL & SPA , SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2012

Dust down that dinner jacket and pull on your dancing shoes, it's nearly that time again!

TICKET APPLICATION

£750 per table of ten

Tickets will be allocated upon payment in full.

Table Host:

Email address:

Phone number:

Full names of guests

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- 2
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Please inform us of any dietary requirements.

RETURN FORM TO JUNIOR OR SENIOR SCHOOL RECEPTION TOGETHER WITH CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO 'HSLPA'. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE 'JINGLE BELL BALL'.