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## HOWELL'S SCHOOL

Llandaff

A GDST SCHOOL

Nursery, Infant and Junior School Newsletter



1<sup>st</sup> March 2013

Dear Parents,

### A Message from the Principal

I am delighted to be able to announce that we have received permission from the GDST to have an Astro Turf built on one of the playing fields. We will need planning consent, and there is a lot of work to be done but I am sure you will all agree this will be a very important facility for everyone in the school. We need to raise £350,000, which will be match-funded by the Trust as we anticipate the cost of the Astro Turf will be approximately £700,000. I shared this news with the Parents' Association Management Committee earlier this week and they have started the fund off with £10,000 raised from various activities that you have all supported.

A date for your diaries – **Thursday April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.** We plan to hold a Sports Forum in the Senior School Great Hall for all interested parents. The purpose of this will be for us to discuss where we are now with sport and what ideas and suggestions parents have for taking sport forward at Howell's. We will also use this forum to discuss any ideas you might have for helping to raise money for the Astro Turf and it will be an opportunity for you all to meet our new Director of Sport who will hopefully be appointed on 12<sup>th</sup> March.

**Mrs Davis**

### Junior School Eisteddfod



What a wonderful Welsh day we've had in school today! Howell's Junior School know how to celebrate St David's Day in style. During the morning the whole of the Junior School joined together for a very memorable and entertaining Eisteddfod. Each class presented an item in Welsh; these ranged from familiar traditional tunes, choral speaking, and the very hotly contested house choir competition. We were thrilled to share the morning with Mrs Dunstan and Mrs Lloyd-Jones. 'Llongyfarchiadau' to Ellora S from Year 6 who was declared a well-deserved winner of the prestigious bard competition. At the end of a very full morning, the scores were announced and Dewi was declared the winning house. Charlotte H and Esther P were delighted to be presented with the cup. The afternoon was equally fun with a host of creative and lively activities. The school looked wonderful, with blow up daffodils, dragon bunting, amazing collages and stunning cupcakes decorated by the girls. Every girl should be commended for her contribution to make the day such a memorable occasion for the whole school. A special thank you to Mrs Randall for organising the day.



## Red Nose Day – Advance Notice!



To support Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March the girls will be allowed to wear 'Wacky Wellies' to school with their normal uniform for a suggested donation of £1. Swimming and PE lessons will continue as usual.

## Scholastic Book Fair



The Scholastic book fair will be held next week (Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March to Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March) from 3.30pm to 5pm in Hazelwood foyer.

## GDST Swimming Gala

On Tuesday, eleven girls from Years 5 and 6 travelled to Oxford to take part in the GDST Junior Swimming Gala. The standard of swimming at this gala is always very high and a great experience and challenge for everyone. Heats are run in 50m front crawl, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly, plus a 4x25m individual medley and freestyle relay. It is a huge achievement to reach a final in this competition, so many congratulations to the following girls who did so: Jess R, 4th in U11A backstroke, Charlotte H, 6th in U11A front crawl, Lowri E, 5th in U11B individual medley and Jess J, from Year 5, 3rd in U11B front crawl. Well done to these girls but also Caitlin W, Sadie H, Talia G, Alice R, Esther P, Annabelle W and Bethan L who all contributed to a great team performance!

**Mrs Baker**

## Year 5 Lacrosse at Monmouth



On Wednesday, Year 5 experienced their first lacrosse match in a fixture with Inglefield House HMSG, in Monmouth. All twenty two lacrosse club players took part in this competition, playing with enthusiasm and commitment in three teams that they had named themselves! The results were: 'Team Cool' defeated Inglefield House by 15-11, 'Team Champions' lost to Inglefield House by 8-13 and 'Team Awesome' defeated Inglefield House 15-5. Well done girls!

**Mrs Baker**

## Toy Appeal

Do you have any old, good condition toys to spare? We will be collecting any unwanted items to give to a charity that supports children in difficult situations. Please send any items to Miss Griffiths in 3J. Thank you.

## Pink Vintage Tea Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March



Howell's School will be celebrating International Women's Day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March by holding a Pink Vintage Tea. All proceeds raised by the event will be going to Breast Cancer Care Wales. We do hope you will support us by purchasing a ticket and joining us in the Great Hall at 2.00pm. Come and enjoy performances from our Junior School, Vintage Jazz Ensemble and College Students. Why not bring along a friend or two? Tickets are on sale from the School offices.

## Year 1 Visitor

On Wednesday, Year 1 had a special visit from Dr Stephanakis and his fantastic team of dental hygienists. The girls learnt about the importance of cleaning your teeth, how to clean them properly, which foods are good and bad for your teeth and some fascinating facts! The girls had a brilliant afternoon and they all passed the clean teeth test - they even had a goody bag at the end of the afternoon. A huge thank you to Dr Stephanakis and the hygienists!



## Fairtrade Stall



To support 'Fairtrade Fortnight', members of the Fairtrade committee from our Junior School will be manning a stall selling various Fairtrade goods from 3.15pm to 4.15pm on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week in Hazelwood.

## Junior School Instrumental Concert



A reminder that if you would like to attend this concert, please return your ticket request slip to Miss Kenyon by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Thank you.

## Year 6 Hockey Club

A reminder that next Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, Hockey Club for Year 6 will take place at school and not at Leckwith.

## Nursery



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

## Plea from Year 2!

Year 2 need kitchen roll cardboard cylinders on Monday as they are desperate to turn them into butterflies! If you have any at home that you could send in, the girls would be very grateful. Thank you.

## **Kings Camps Discount**



Kings Camps best price of the year, ends at midnight on Friday 1st March - book now to claim your 10% discount on all 2013 camp places at Howell's School. Kings Camps combine the best elements of sports and holiday clubs to provide fun and exciting adventures for young people and peace of mind for parents. They give children aged 4 to 14 a chance to try a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, games and sports. You can book online at [www.kingscamps.org](http://www.kingscamps.org) or call 0114 263 2160. They offer staged payments, accept all childcare vouchers and because they know plans can change, you can amend your booking at a later date at no extra cost.

## **Buy, Sell, Fundraise and Advertise on 'Jumblebee'**



Welcome to 'Jumblebee', our new fundraising website which offers a service to Howell's school and its parents allowing communication, advertising, trading and fundraising. Our very own secure Howell's eBay and parent advertising portal!

It is free and easy to use and will be password controlled to invited users only. You will be able to buy and sell good quality second hand clothing, equipment, toys, bikes etc. amongst our community with the option to give a percentage of your profit back to the school's nominated fund (if you wish) - they even have their own App! You will also be able to advertise your business, to other parents for a small fee, which will also be donated to the fund. If you have a holiday property to rent, you can also place this on the site. All you need to do is visit:

<http://www.jumblebee.co.uk/register/kU3I4HDSVt>

Register your details and accept the terms and conditions, and then log in and have fun, whilst benefitting the school at the same time.

## **Parents' Association Spending Update**

Last term we sent out an email asking all HSL parents for a shopping list. We wanted to know how you would like us to spend the money you have raised. Thank you so much to everyone who took the time to reply. Every email, without exception, suggested that our funds should go towards improving sports facilities at school and in particular, to the development of an all-weather sports pitch.

Following the unveiling of the plans for the further development of sports within Howell's, we are delighted to announce that earlier this week, the Parents' Association was able to present Mrs Davis with a cheque for £10,000 to go towards the all-weather pitch. We look forward to making further donations towards the exciting new sports facilities in the coming months.

None of this would be possible without the generosity of so many Howell's parents. Thank you so much to everyone who attends our events, buys raffles tickets, donates cakes and raffle prizes and especially those who give up their time to attend meetings and volunteer at our events. Without your continued support, HSL Parents' Association would not be the success it is. Bravo!

## **Parents' Association Social and Fundraising Committee Meeting - Next Tuesday**

The next meeting of the Parents' Association Social and Fundraising Committee will be held on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm in the Senior School. We will be discussing our plans for events for the rest of the school year. Whether you just want to hear about what's in store, or if you have lots of ideas and are keen to get involved, you will be made very welcome.

## **Save the Date: Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The Parents' Association will be selling second hand uniform in school on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. More details will follow.

### **Reminder: Car Boot Sale This Weekend**



The Parents' Association Car Boot Sale will be held this Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 9am to 12pm (sellers can arrive from 8am). Pitches are £5 per car/£10 per van, payable on the gate.

### **And finally....**



A big thank you to Miss Christmas, Miss Griffiths and the Junior School catering staff who judged the 'Howell's Great Welsh Bake Off' cupcake competition earlier this week. They tasted every single entry!

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

**Judith Ashill (Mrs)**  
**Head of Junior School**



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PARENTS' ASSOCIATION



SUNDAY, 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH, 2013  
9am – 12pm

HOWELL'S SCHOOL  
CARDIFF ROAD, CARDIFF CF5 2YD

£5 per car / £10 per van

Payable on the gate or to book a space in advance, email:

[HOWPA@how.gdst.net](mailto:HOWPA@how.gdst.net)

Open to sellers from 8am, please do not arrive any earlier.

COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE.....



## International Women's Day

**Friday 8th March 2013**

*Supporting Breast Cancer Care Wales*



### ***Pink Vintage Tea***

Howell's School, Great Hall  
2-4pm  
Tickets £10

All proceeds to Breast Cancer Care Wales  
Tickets available from the main school office



Musical entertainment provided by Howell's Junior and Senior School girls.



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