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Nursery, Infant and Junior School Newsletter



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Dear Parents

Junior School Eisteddfod



What a wonderful Welsh celebration we had at school this week. Howell's Junior School certainly knows 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, Miss Powell and Mrs Lloyd-Jones as our presiding judges. 'Llongyfarchiadau' to Tabitha 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 Llewelyn was declared the winning house. The house captains were delighted to be presented with the cup. The afternoon was equally fun with a host of creative and lively activities. 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.



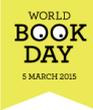
Netball

Two excellent wins on Friday at Rougemont School. Year 5 bounced back from a tough game at Monmouth with a 13-1 victory, with Becky D chosen by the opposition as Player of the Match. Year 6 put together another impressive performance, defeating Rougemont 12-1. Annie L was chosen as Player of the Game. Outstanding attitude and team spirit shown by all girls!

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who supported the book fair this week. Due to your generosity we have raised over £500 to be spent on books and resources for the girls.

World Book Day



To celebrate this year's World Book Day, the girls in the Junior School were asked to bring their favourite book to school, along with a prop or object which represents, or is featured in, the story. The girls shared their book and object with their class, explaining why it is important to them and it was fantastic to see such a wide range of books. We hope the girls are now inspired to try new and different books that they may not have heard of before. Reception girls also enjoyed a really successful book swap in which each girl donated a book. We hope they enjoyed their swapped book at home.



Fairtrade Fortnight

The Junior School Fairtrade team raised £203 selling chocolates and handicrafts on their stall after school last week. The girls on the stall were: Himani, Sanjana and Elinora. Each class in Key Stage 2 also entered a competition to buy as many Fairtrade products as possible both at home and at school during the fortnight. Well done girls!

Red Nose Week



We will be holding a 'Red Nose Week' for the Junior School. Noses will be sold for £1 and there will be lunchtime activities – such as 'gunge the teacher' on Monday for £1.50 and a Photo Booth on Wednesday for £1. We will also be allowing the girls to wear **RED** on Friday for £1 if they wish.

Footloose in Howell's!

The teachers of Howell's Junior School have done something funny for money! During assembly today, the girls were shown the first 30 seconds of a music video made by their very own teachers. If the girls would like to see the rest of the video, we are asking them to bring in donations which will go to Comic Relief.

The entire video will be shown in school as soon as the donations reach £200. If the girls manage to raise a whopping £300, the video will be released onto YouTube, through Twitter, posted on Facebook and published on the school website on Red Nose Day. The girls can start bringing in their donations as soon as they like; either to be given to their class teacher or to Mrs R Thomas.

Just to whet your appetite, here are some stills taken from the video...



Learning Train

The links to the class learning trains are as follows:

Nursery	Click Here
Reception	Click Here
Year 1	Click Here
Year 2	Click Here

Year 6 Storey Arms Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of Year 6 on Monday 16th March at 3.30pm.

Junior School Instrumental Evening 2015

The Junior School Instrumental Evening will be held on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7pm in the Junior School Hall. The following ensembles will be taking part: Junior School Orchestra, String Machine, Polished Brass, Junior Rock, Shake, Rattle & Roll, Flute Choir, Y3 violinists and Y4 cornet players.

Clothes Wanted



Mrs Randall is due to travel to Cuba in the Easter holidays and is collecting good quality second hand clothes for teenagers and children to hand out to the poor and needy. If you would like to donate, please bring donations to Mrs Randall's classroom. Diolch yn fawr.

Year 1 RHS Wheelbarrow Competition

Year 1 will be entering the RHS wheelbarrow competition this year and our entry will be based on Percy the Park Keeper. If you have any **unwanted**, woodland animal toys that we could use we would be very grateful. Unfortunately, we cannot guarantee that these will be returned.

Spanish



There will be no Spanish Club with Mrs Hardy running between Tuesday 17th March and Tuesday 24th March.

Themed Out of Term (TOOT) Holiday Care Club – Easter Weeks



We are now taking bookings in our Holiday Care Club for the **three Easter weeks, Monday 30th – Thursday 2nd April (4 days) and Tuesday 7th – Friday 10th April (4 days) and Monday 13th – Friday 17th April (5 days)**. The themes for the weeks will be 'Easter Eggstravaganza', 'Plant a seed and watch it grow' and 'Spring Surprise'.



The Holiday Club is open for 3 – 9 year olds in Nursery, Reception and Years 1, 2, 3 and 4 as well as their siblings, boys and girls. We also provide taster sessions for girls who may be considering joining Howell's.

If you would like book a place during the holidays, please email TOOT@how.gdst.net to express your interest and details will be forwarded to you.

The cost of each 4 day week will be £132 per child, a full week is £165 and days are also available at £35. The cost includes breakfast, lunch, all snacks and visits. Tea can also be ordered at an extra cost of £2.

Future dates:

Summer Half Term 26 – 29th May (1 week of 4 days)

Summer Holidays 20th – 24th July, 27th – 31st July, 3rd – 7th and 10th – 14th August

TOOT will be open for the first 4 weeks of the 6 week summer holiday.

Message from Mrs Davis

I would like to draw your attention to new no parking zig-zag lines that have been placed around the grounds of Howell's and I ask that parents kindly do not park on these lines. I have asked a member of staff to take photographs of anyone found parking on the zig-zags and I will need to meet with them. I am sure you can appreciate the safety of our students is of paramount importance and people who park in the way are endangering the safety of others.

Spread the Word

Don't forget to spread the word about our Charity Golf Day, in aid of *Pitch In*, at the fabulous Vale resort on Tuesday 19th May. If you know of anyone who may be interested in coming along to this event please do pass the information on, it really is a fantastic event and excellent networking opportunity for businesses. Full details and a registration form can be found by [clicking here](#).

Rhyme Time Nursery Open Morning

On Thursday 12th March we are delighted to be holding our free *Rhyme Time* themed Open Morning in our Nursery from 10.00am – 11.30am. The morning is aimed at prospective parents/grandparents and little girls aged from 1 to 3 years old and will give a good insight into our imaginative and creative Nursery. If you know of anyone who might be interested in finding out more about our Nursery please do pass on the information. To reserve a place please email Hannah Roberts at hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1825.

Parents' Association Ladies' Lunch

We hope that you will join us in the Great Hall at 12.30pm on Friday 20th March, for the Parents' Association Easter Ladies' Lunch. Guests will be entertained by girls from the Junior School, and to whet our appetites for the summer season, celebrity milliner Alison Tod will be showcasing some of her latest hat designs, using models from the Senior School and College. It promises to be a fantastic occasion. Tickets, priced at £25, are available from Senior and Junior School offices. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts and friends are all welcome. The ticket price includes a drink on arrival, two courses with coffee, and wine at the table. Hats are optional, but we hope that plenty of people will take the opportunity to dust off an Easter bonnet!