

# Junior NEWS ROUND UP



Date 7<sup>th</sup> April 2017

## The Head's update



Dear Parents

### Minibeast Madness



'This week Year 3 and 4 performed Minibeast Madness. It was a show of lots and lots of bugs, but there was also a bug squad. The bug squad was made up of four people who wanted to kill the bugs. They were two nasty and vicious inspectors 'Sect' and 'Cide' and their nasty helpers 'Snitch' and 'Swat'! What lovely performances! Thank you to all the teachers who helped, especially with the face paints, they were amazing! Thank you to the parents for the fantastic costumes. Here are some pictures!'

*By Mati-Haf Year 4*



### Junior Hockey Highlights

Hockey teams from Year 5 and 6 travelled to Swansea to take part in the Under 11 South Wales Cup on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, [click here](#) to read about the match.

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## Tennis

Two Under-9 Tennis teams from HSL took part in the annual Sport Cardiff Mini Red Tennis Competition at House of Sport (Leckwith) on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. The format of the competition involved each of the four team members playing one singles tiebreak (first to 7 points) and one doubles tiebreak per match. Team 1, consisting of Celeste R, Rhea M, Mati D and Lauren H played some great tennis on their way to two great victories against Lisvane (5-1) and Llanishen Fach (6-0). Georgie H, Carys M, Tallula C and Lili J (Team 2) matched their school-mates, defeating the same opponents by scorelines of 6-0 and 5-1 respectively. As a

result, the two HSL teams played off against each other to determine who would win the gold medals and who would win the silver medals. Team 1 managed to win 4 of the 6 tiebreaks to take home the gold, but all eight girls played superbly well all day with smiles on their faces throughout!



## Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Junior School students on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Velindre Cancer Care Chick Knit Appeal 2017

Thank you to everybody that supported the Velindre chick knit appeal this year by buying the lovely knitted chocolate filled chicks. We managed to sell all the chicks and raised £367.50 for Velindre Cancer Centre.

Well done and thanks to our year 6 charity prefects who gave up their playtimes to fill all of the chicks with eggs and deliver the orders to classrooms.

## Year 2 Life from Eggs

'THE CHICKS ARE ALIVE!!

On the 8<sup>th</sup> of March we had chick eggs from Charlotte the farmer, because she had too many eggs in the hen house. The chicks start off as a red dot. They eat the yolk which makes them grow and the white bit is a cushion for them. They take 21 days to grow. We have 8 chicks hatched so far, one is yellow and she or he is called 'Sunshine' and the oldest is called PomPom. Because we did not have a chicken we put the eggs in an incubator. We need to check the humidity is in between 50-60° and the temperature has to be up to 37°. We had chicks because our topic is 'Out of Eggs', this is a fantastic finish'. *By Pihu 2J*

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### 'CHICKS IN YEAR 2

In Year 2, we have had some beautiful eggs. The eggs have been with us for three weeks now. Some of the eggs have hatched! We have five little chicks at the moment, however, there is still seven eggs unhatched. We have kept the eggs in a nice and warm incubator. We had to check the temperature was thirty seven degrees and humidity was fifty to sixty %. The chicks names are Treasure, Jessie, Goldie, Chocolate and Cheeky. Treasure is yellow and her beak is black and orange. Goldie is gold and her beak is grey. Chocolate is also gold, she has a long neck and her beak is orange. Cheeky is black and a bit white. Her beak is white and she is normally cheeky!' *By Emily 2S*

### Hotch Potch

This morning, the girls in Key Stage 2 took a step out of their comfort zone. When they arrived in school each had a letter, which explained the adventure ahead. Using the 16 Habits of Mind, they had to think about how they were feeling before the unknown adventure began. From thinking flexibly, to persisting and managing impulsivity, they had to embrace the challenge ahead. The girls expressed how they were feeling in the group session. Some felt nervous, some felt excited, some felt scared and we talked about how to control these feelings. After assembly, they each went into their different challenge groups which took them into their panic zone. From science investigations, to solving a maths riddle, a story quest, developing performance skills, being creative in Design & Technology, to sport and mindfulness, I was very impressed with how each girl embraced the challenge and how the outcome for each was a positive one. We are privileged work each day with some of the most imaginative and creative minds in our school and I hope each and every girl uses the skills they learnt today to help them when they face new challenges ahead.

### Swimming

There will be swimming during the first week back after Easter. On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May just Year 3 will swim and then the galas will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May for Key Stage 1 at Howell's and Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May at the International Pool for Key Stage 2. There will be no swimming during the weeks commencing 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> May and lessons will be on water safety in the classroom.

Timings for the Swimming Gala on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May are:

Year 4	9.30am
Year 3	10.10am
Synchro	10.55am
Year 5	11.00am
Year 6	11.40am

### Class Photos

Class group photographs will take place on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, girls should wear their summer dress.

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## Wheelbarrow Competition

Please come to the RHS show at Bute Park this weekend and vote for the fabulous wheel barrow entry created by Key Stage 1 and gardening club. This year's theme is 'Welsh Myths and Legends' and we have chosen Santes Dwynwen's well.

*Today some people believe that Dwynwen's well, still located on the island of Ynys Llanddwyn, Anglesey, can determine the fate of lovers.*

*They say that sacred eels swim there, whose movements can predict the future.*

*If the well water boils during your visit, then you're guaranteed to find love and good luck.*



*Santes Dwynwen is considered to be the Welsh St Valentine.*

*Santes Dwynwen's Day is celebrated on 25<sup>th</sup> January*

## Junior School Instrumental Evening 2017

Further information and a ticket request form has been sent out with the girls involved in the Junior School Instrumental Evening being held at 7pm on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the Junior School Hall. The following ensembles will be taking part:

- Junior School Orchestra
- String Machine
- Polished Brass
- Junior Rock
- Band Skills groups who are ready to perform
- Shake, Rattle & Roll
- Junior Flute Choir
- Beginners' Flute Choir
- Guitar Stars
- Y3 violinists
- Y4 cornet players (both classes)
- The winning instrumental soloists from the recent Eisteddfod Individual Instrumental Competition.

Please return the reply slip to request tickets and confirm availability.

## Junior Competition Choir Auditions

Those girls in the current Year 3, 4 and 5 who have shown an interest in auditioning to be part of the JCC have taken home a letter regarding auditions being held on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2017.

## JCC

The first full rehearsal of JCC next term will be on **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May from 3.20-4.30**. There will be no choir rehearsal on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> as staff will be finalising places from the Tuesday auditions.

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## Summer Term Clubs

The new club list for the summer term will be emailed to you this afternoon.

## Spring Concert

A packed Llandaff Cathedral was the venue for this year's phenomenal Spring Concert on Saturday 1 April 2017. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Infant Choir

The infant choir are looking forward to inviting their parents along to the hub@howell's on the afternoon of Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The girls will perform a selection of some of their favourite songs. An invitation should have come home with your daughter this week.

## Keeping Score

I am delighted to let you know that the latest edition of our sport newsletter, *Keeping Score*, is available to read by [clicking here](#).

## Parent Blog

The latest instalment of our Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

## Diary Dates

### **Whole School Open Afternoon – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> May, Howell's will be holding a Whole School Open Afternoon, from Nursery right through to College, at 1.30-3.30pm. It is always a pleasure to welcome guests to Howell's and show them around our lovely school. There is no need to book; visitors can just turn up on the day.

### **Champagne Cycle Challenge – Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2017**

Get ready to don your Lycra and dust off your bikes for the annual Champagne Cycle Challenge on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July when the entire community comes together for a fun filled day to raise money for the Howell's Bursary Fund. There will be three routes, varying in length, so whatever your cycling ability there is a route for you. The day culminates with a glass of bubbly, barbecue and an obstacle course and bouncy castle for the younger children. Further information about how to book will be available in the Summer Term.

### **Summer Concert – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

Students will take to the stage in the Sports Hall on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July for this year's *Once Upon a Time* themed Summer Concert. The concert will include performances from Senior School students as well as the eagerly anticipated staff number, which always brings the house down.

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### Junior School Dates

Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Junior School Instrumental Evening
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Key Stage 2 Swim Gala
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2.15pm	Infant Choir Concert at thehub@howell's
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July 2pm-3pm	Year 1 - African Extravaganza

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## TOOT Timetable over Easter 2017



If you have booked your child into TOOT over Easter, please read the timetable below so that you know what is happening each day and what to bring.

For more information, email [TOOT@how.gdst.net](mailto:TOOT@how.gdst.net)

Week 1 Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> - Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April A Basket of Eggs				
Date	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 11 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>
Activities	Swimming	Dance	Cookery- Cranberry and orange hot cross buns	Trip to Caerleon Roman Museum to follow the Easter Trail
What to bring	costume, hat and towel	-	-	warm, waterproof coat, wellies

Week 2 Tues 18 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> April A Basket of Eggs				
Date	Tues 18 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>
Activities	Dance	Cookery- Flower pot nest cakes	Trip to St Fagans for Easter Egg Hunt	Swimming
What to bring	-	-	warm, waterproof coat, wellies	costume, hat and towel

### Art and craft activities for the 2 Easter Weeks

Easter cards, Easter baskets, spring pictures, decorating eggs and growing cress heads, Easter candles, pompom creatures, wind chimes, floral head bands and hama bead eggs.

Week 3 Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 28 <sup>th</sup> April An Italian Adventure					
Date	Mon 24 <sup>th</sup>	Tues 25 <sup>th</sup>	Wed 26 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Fri 28 <sup>th</sup>
Activities	Swimming	Dance	Cookery- pizza and Italian egg bread	Trip to ScienceCream Ice cream Parlour and a picnic in the park	Swimming
What to bring	costume, hat and towel	-	-	warm, waterproof coat, trainers	costume, hat, towel

### Art and craft activities for Italian Adventure

Portrait painting, pasta jewellery, volcanoes, card gondolas, tea light pots and mosaics.