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## HOWELL'S SCHOOL

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Nursery, Infant and Junior School Newsletter



10<sup>th</sup> January 2014

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I do hope you all had a lovely Christmas break. I would like to give a warm welcome to our new girls who joined this week.

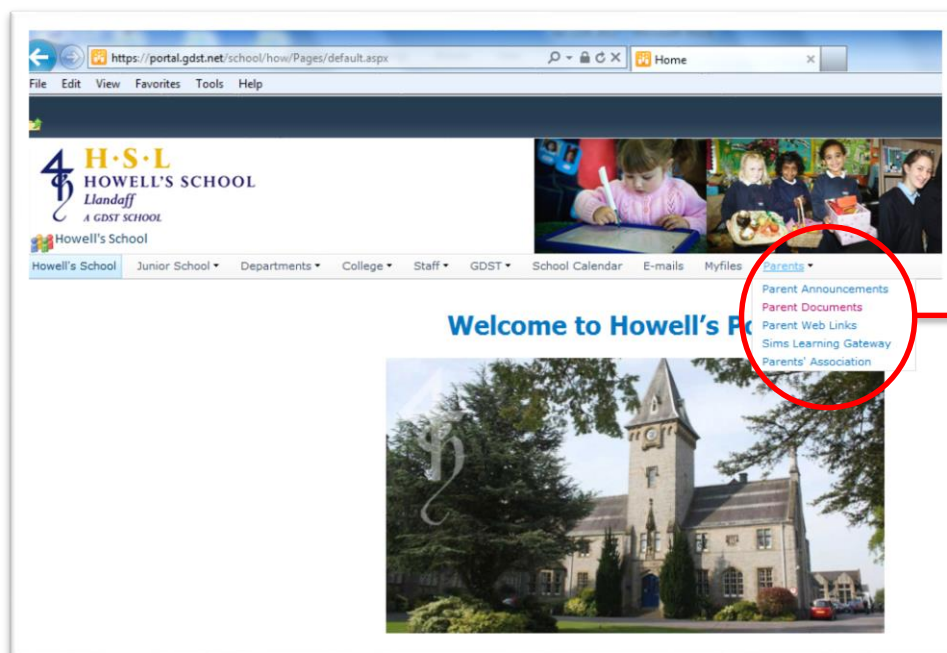
### Staff News

I am delighted to announce that Miss Laura Davies is expecting her second baby in July.

### Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters outlining the work that will be covered this term are available to view on the school portal at <https://portal.gdst.net>

All parents should have been sent individual log-ins for the school portal.



Click on:

- Parents
- Parent Documents
- Letters
- Junior
- Curriculum Letters Spring 2014

Please email Mr Maurice (Data Manager) at [phil.tech@how.gdst.net](mailto:phil.tech@how.gdst.net) if you have any problems using the portal.

### Year 2 Blog

The Year 2 blog is up and running! The girls have been blogging about their exciting activities in school. To find out what they have been doing, log on to the school portal and follow the link to the Junior School and then to the Year 2 area.

## Giant Egg in the Green Garden

On Monday we found a giant egg in the Green Garden. It was in a small nest. We had no idea where it came from. We discussed it back in the classroom because it was raining. *'The Museum of Strange Objects'* came to collect it as we were concerned that the egg would hatch and a huge dinosaur or a scary dragon could have come out! We are now thinking more about hatching eggs and things that come from eggs and we are going to visit the Museum next week to find out more about dinosaurs. We have also been discussing which came first, the chicken or the egg...?

**Emily T and Thalia A (Year 2)**



## Advance Notice...Junior School Instrumental Concert

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm** in Junior School Hall, featuring:



3J violins, 3S violins  
4J cornets, 4S cornets  
Junior Orchestra  
String Machine  
Junior Rock  
Flute Choir  
Brass Group

And the winners from the Eisteddfod solo instrumental competitions.

More information to follow!

## Maths Curriculum Afternoon – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February



Each year we hold a curriculum event for parents where we focus on a particular subject or group of subjects. This year the focus will be on Maths and parents are invited to school from **1.30pm – 3pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February**. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

## Year 5 Netball Club Cancelled

Year 5 Netball Club is **cancelled next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** as there is an INSET for all staff. Apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

## Nursery

A warm welcome back! The girls have all settled back into Nursery life and it was wonderful to hear all their holiday news. Our topic this term will be *'The Faraway Tree - Adventures in Nursery Rhyme Land'*. We will be focusing on the rhymes 'Incey Wincey Spider', 'Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star' and 'Jack Frost' this half term, as well as using other rhymes which have similar themes.

This week, however, we have gone off course slightly as the girls' imaginations have been ignited with the arrival of a giant egg in the Fairy Garden. We've asked the question, "Who lives in an egg like this?" This has led to lots of discussion and debate as the girls have all given their ideas and have given reasons for their thoughts. As the week has gone by we have been finding many clues and evidence. Clue number 1 - the extraordinary large egg. Clue number 2 - the remnants of a nest. Clue number 3 - red scales. Clue number 4 - paper with the edges singed and large holes burnt out of it. Our final clue today was enormous red glittery footprints in the garden. We have counted the toes and matched these up with the number of toes on the red dragon on our Welsh flag. We have all reached the conclusion that it must be a large, fire-breathing Welsh dragon. The girls have decided to design tickets and sell them to take other children on dragon tours - budding entrepreneurs in the making. The quest continues!

Miss Craig brought in her book about dragons. The girls, if they wish, can create, draw or find a picture of their own dragon - is it friendly or fierce, small or large? Please bring in your pictures any time during the term for our show and tell sessions.

**Mrs Scott**

## Year 1

Year 1 had a wonderful start to their week! They each received invitations to a *'Teddy Bear's Breakfast'* during the Christmas holidays. At 9 o'clock on Monday morning the girls arrived to find the art room brimming with cushions, blankets, hot chocolate, toast and biscuits. After eating a breakfast of their choice they returned to their classrooms to create bar graphs showing their favourite toast toppings. The girls used thinking maps to help them decide what they want to learn about their new topic during the next term. They shared their knowledge about *'Food'*, decided which trips they would like to go on and what kind of displays they would like around their classroom. The teddy bears joined the girls during their PE lesson and learnt some new ballet moves. It was a very exciting day and the girls, and their teddy bears, left school feeling exhausted but exhilarated!



## Sports Team Photographs

Proof copies of the sports team photographs were sent home this week. If you would like to place an order, please return the order form (including payment) to school by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January**. Cheques should be made payable to 'Colorfoto'. Alternatively, you can order on-line directly at [www.colorfoto.co.uk](http://www.colorfoto.co.uk)

## Junior School Menu

A copy of the lunch menu for girls in Nursery to Year 4 is available to view at the end of this newsletter. Next week will be Week 2.

## Whole School Open Afternoon

Our next whole school Open Afternoon, including the Nursery and College, will take place from 1.30pm – 3.30pm on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February. Everyone is welcome to join us, so do pass the information to anyone you think might be interested in visiting Howell's.

## Pitch In Dates for your Diary!



There are exciting *Pitch In* events scheduled to take place in 2014. The first of these being [Mumbai Magic](#) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February when Howell's Sports Hall will be awash with the scents of saffron and jasmine and colours of Mumbai... are you ready?!

Tickets cost £25 per person and include dinner, music and a magical evening (tables of 10 or 12); these can be purchased from the Senior and Junior School offices. Dress in your finest Indian attire! All welcome!

- [Mumbai Magic](#) on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February
- [Plant and Cake Sale](#) on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April
- [Charity Golf Day and Gala Dinner](#) on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May
- [Champagne Cycle Challenge](#) on Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

From 13<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> June, Mr Biebrach and Mr Elmes are leading a small group of very experienced cyclists from Land's End to Llandaff, cycling on average 90 miles per day, in aid of *Pitch In*. If there are any parents who wish to join this small group of staff for this challenge please email [vanessa.yilmaz@how.gdst.net](mailto:vanessa.yilmaz@how.gdst.net) by Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

**However, if you feel unable to take part, but would still like to support this event, we would be delighted to receive donations to *Pitch In*, the Astroturf Campaign, in the form of sponsorship. Cheques, cash or online donations are welcome. [Click here](#) for online donations. Please send cash and cheques to the main office, accompanied by the [Gift Aid Declaration](#).**

### College Fashion Show DVDs

DVDs of the fantastic College Fashion show that took place on Saturday 16th November are available to buy for £10 from the Senior and Junior School offices.

### Limited Edition Howell's Prints Auction

We are very grateful to everyone who placed a bid for the prints of Matthew Salisbury's beautiful watercolour of Howell's. There are a couple of copies of the print of available to be auctioned. [Click here](#) to see a photograph of the print. If you would like the chance to win a print please email your bids to Hannah Roberts by Friday 17th January 2014 at [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1825. We are accepting minimum bids of £30.

### Keep Pitching In

Do keep [Pitching In](#), all ideas are gratefully received! If you would like to advertise your business to the Howell's Community you can do so by registering and logging in to [Jumblebee](#). We want to make it as easy as possible and Hannah Roberts would be delighted to upload the advertisement on your behalf so do contact her. Hannah can be contacted on 029 2026 1825 or at [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net).

### Principal's Parking Permit

Thank you very much to Mrs Hill for generously supporting and winning the auction to use Mrs Davis' car park space this term.

### **Lost Property**

Isabelle H in Year 3 has lost her three-in-one school coat. It is named and I would be grateful if you could check at home over the weekend in case your daughter has picked it up accidentally.

### **Dates for your Diary**

A list of the important dates for this term follows at the end of this newsletter.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

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

## Howell's Junior School

### Important Dates for the Term Ahead

#### **JANUARY**

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January Senior School scholarship examination for girls in Year 6

#### **FEBRUARY**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February Open afternoon for prospective parents 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February Plymouth visit information meeting for parents of Year 5 girls **3.30pm** in Hazelwood

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February Maths Curriculum Afternoon 1.30pm - 3pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February School Closed

#### **Half Term - Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

#### **MARCH**

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair in Hazelwood (3.30pm - 5pm)

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair in Hazelwood (3.30pm - 5pm)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair in Hazelwood (3.30pm - 5pm)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March Book Fair in Hazelwood (3.30pm - 5pm)

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March Storey Arms information meeting for parents of Year 6 girls **3.30pm** in Hazelwood

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation Evening (Nursery only) **3pm - 6pm**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation Evening (Nursery to Year 6) **3.30pm - 6pm**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March Parent Consultation Evening (Nursery to Year 6) **3.30pm - 6pm**

#### **APRIL**

Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 'Junior School Instrumental Concert' featuring the Junior Orchestra, String Machine, Junior Rock Group, Flute Choir, Brass Group, Year 4 cornets, Year 3 violins and instrumental soloists - **7pm in the Junior School Hall**

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April **End of Term** (After School Care until 6pm as usual)

- Looking for something new to do on a Saturday morning?
- Keen to share your ideas?
- Want to explore and create through drama and music?
- Like to have fun and make new friends?
- Aged between 6 and 12 years old?



Then THE THEATRE BUNKER is for YOU!  
 FREE TASTER SESSION SAT 11<sup>TH</sup> JAN



At the bunker we don't just teach you how to perform, we let you lead the work and use your own creative ideas! If you want to find out more then come along to our FREE taster session this Saturday from 9am - 10.30am at Howell's School Llandaff, Junior School Hall.

For more info or to register your interest call The Theatre Bunker team on 07572 949722 or email: [info@theatrebunker.com](mailto:info@theatrebunker.com)

## Howell's Junior School Menu 2013 – 2014

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week 1</b>	<p><b>Jacket potato served with a choice of cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise or ham</b></p> <p>Full salad bar</p> <p>Homemade rice pudding, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast turkey/vegetable grill served with roast potatoes, carrots, peas and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Homemade flapjack, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Cheese and tomato pizza served with herby diced potatoes and wholewheat spaghetti hoops</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast chicken/veggie fingers served with potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Welsh cakes, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>100% cod fish fingers/vegetable fingers served with chips and peas</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>
<b>Week 2</b>	<p><b>Pasta with neopolitan sauce served with sweetcorn and garlic bread</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Cheese and biscuits, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>100% pork sausage/quorn sausage served with mashed potato, cauliflower, peas and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Homemade chocolate chip sponge and custard, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Chicken curry/vegetable curry served with rice, naan bread and poppadoms</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast pork/vegetable grill served with roast potatoes, green beans, cauliflower and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>100% chicken chunks/vegetable nuggets served with chips and baked beans</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Welsh cakes, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>
<b>Week 3</b>	<p><b>Cheese and tomato pizza served with new potatoes and wholewheat spaghetti hoops</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Homemade flapjack, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast beef/veggie grill served with roast potatoes, broccoli, carrots, yorkshire pudding and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Muffins, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Jacket potato served with a choice of cheese, baked beans, tuna mayonnaise or ham</b></p> <p>Full salad bar</p> <p>Apple crumble and custard, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast chicken/veggie fingers served with new potatoes, carrots, broccoli and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Ice cream, mousse, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Battered haddock/vegetable nuggets served with chips and peas</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Cheese and biscuits, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>
<b>Week 4</b>	<p><b>100% pork sausage/quorn sausage served with roast potatoes and baked beans</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Apple crumble and custard, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Pasta bolognaise/vegetable bolognaise served with sweetcorn and garlic bread</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Chicken curry/vegetable curry served with rice, naan bread and poppadoms</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Welsh cakes, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>Roast pork/vegetable grill served with roast potatoes, parsnips, carrots, peas and gravy</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Cheese and biscuits, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>	<p><b>100% chicken chunks/vegetable nuggets served with chips and wholewheat spaghetti hoops</b></p> <p>Full salad bar and jacket potatoes</p> <p>Cookies, fromage frais or jelly Selection of fresh fruit</p>