

15th March 2013

Dear Parents,

Red Nose Day



The Junior School was awash with 'wacky wellies' today to support Comic Relief 2013! Thank you to the Junior School Council for organising the sales of the red noses and thank you for your generous support of this worthwhile charity; we raised over £170.

Junior School Instrumental Concert



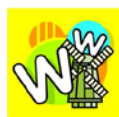
A reminder that this will take place on Monday 18th March at 7pm in the Junior School Hall. It will feature the Junior School Orchestra, String Machine, Junior Rock, the Brass Group, the Flute Choir and the Harp Ensemble. In addition, Year 4J and 4S will be playing their cornets and Year 3J and 3S will be playing their violins. The evening will also feature the section winners of the Eisteddfod Individual Instrumental competition. The girls involved will need to arrive in Hazelwood at approximately 6.40pm to tune instruments. They will need to wear their winter uniform for the concert. Refreshments will be available for parents on arrival.

ESU Workshop



On Tuesday, ten girls from Year 5 joined pupils from Lakeside, Llysfaen, Evenlode, Kitchener Road, Radnor Road and Herbert Thompson Primary Schools to our first Junior Schools' English-Speaking Union and Howell's workshop. The aim of the afternoon was to develop confidence and speaking skills in our younger members of society and to give them the skills and strategies to be able to compete in a public speaking competition in front of a large audience. All schools participated with great enthusiasm, which helped to make this event so successful. We are looking forward to the competition next week, which is to be held at Howell's in the Great Hall on March 19th at 5pm. Good luck to everyone!

Nursery



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

Mandarin Club

Mandarin Club has now finished for the term and will resume on Tuesday 23rd April.

Author Visit

Year 5 girls couldn't believe their ears on Thursday when famous children's author Cathy Cassidy told them she day-dreamed her way through school before she became a writer! She entertained her fans with stories from her own childhood, tips on writing and by reading an extract from her latest novel. She encouraged the girls to enter a competition on her website and they came away brimming with excitement.



Year 6 Solve a Mystery....



On Thursday, Year Six brought their Sherlock Holmes week to a climax by solving '*The Curious Case of the Missing Diamond*'. Using forensic techniques they successfully identified Irene Adler as the cunning thief who stole Lady Honoria Walpole's magnificent diamond! Many thanks to Miss Christmas and Mrs Churchman in the Senior School Science Department for organising and hosting this event and to the students of Year 12 for playing the role of Dr Watson to our budding Sherlock Holmes'.

Netball Matches

Our netball teams have been very busy in the last 8 days playing matches against Llandaff Cathedral School and also participating in a 'Quick-Net' Festival at Cardiff University, organised by Welsh Netball. Eight girls from Year 4 took part in this mixed festival, playing 3-aside games against Glan Morfa, Ysgol Pwll Coch and Llandaff City Primary School. This very energetic version of netball is action-packed and fun to play and a great experience for all concerned!

Results in matches with Llandaff Cathedral School:

- Year 4A drew with Cathedral School 4A 1-1, Year 4B lost to Cathedral School 4A 0-3, Year 4C defeated Cathedral School 4B 1-0.
- Year 5A defeated Cathedral School 5A 9-1, Year 5B defeated Cathedral School 5B 12-0,
- Year 6A defeated Cathedral School 6A 4-1, Year 6B defeated Cathedral School 6B 6-3

Very well done to all who played!

Mrs Baker

Hockey Cup

This Sunday, hockey teams from Years 4, 5 and 6 are heading down to Swansea to take part in the end of season South Wales Hockey Youth Cup Competition. Good luck to all who are taking part and many thanks to all parents who have been so supportive in bringing their daughters to fixtures throughout the hockey season, whatever the weather. Your involvement is greatly appreciated!

Mrs Baker

Egg-citing News in Year 2!

There were 15 new arrivals in Year 2 this week when the eggs that had been incubating in the two classrooms finally hatched. The girls have all been very excited to learn how to take care of the baby chicks. They had lots of fun naming the chicks with 'Chocolate' and 'Gangnam Chirp' being some of the favourites. A very big thank you to Miss Kenyon and Mr Jones for all their help and support with this project.



Reception Visit to Insole Court and Pugh's Garden Centre

Following an inspiring visit to Insole Court and Pugh's Garden Centre, the girls in Reception are constructing their own miniature gardens as part of their Spring weather topic. On a beautiful spring morning on Wednesday they walked around the grounds of Insole House looking at shapes, colours and interesting features and then bought a range of flowers, grasses and decorative objects at the garden centre to make their own. The girls enjoyed spending £1 and 50p coins and we didn't have much change! The gardens will be going home today and next week so we hope now for some warm weather so that they can go outside.



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.

Tennis Sessions – Wednesday 20th March



We have tennis coaches from UWIC visiting school next **Wednesday** to give all classes a taster session. We would be grateful if all the girls could wear their PE kit to school on the day. Many thanks.

Lost Property

A Sony Ericsson phone charger was found on the first floor of Hazelwood last night. If you think it may belong to you, please see Mrs Thomas in the Junior School office.

Easter TOOT (Themed Out of Term) Weeks



There are still a few places available for the Easter holidays; **Week 1 – 25th to 28th March (4 days)** and **Week 2 – 2nd to 5th April (4 days)**. The club is open for 3 – 7 year olds in Nursery, Reception and Year 1 and Year 2 as well as their siblings. The themes for the Easter fortnight will be 'Surprise, Surprise' and 'Daffodil Dance' and activities will include Easter egg hunts, a visit to a farm to see the Spring baby animals and lots of Easter crafts. If you would like book a place for **Week 1 and/or Week 2**, please email

TOOT@how.gdst.net to express your interest and details will be forwarded to you. The cost for each week (4 days) will be £132 and this includes breakfast, lunch, all snacks and visits. Tea can also be ordered at an extra cost of £2.

Parents' Association

- **Second Hand Uniform Sale**

The Parents' Association will be selling uniform at a Grand Second Hand Sale, held on **Thursday 21st March**, in the Senior School Board Room from **8.30am until 9.30am**, and then again from **3pm until 5pm**.

Any donations of school uniform and sports kit will be very gratefully received, and can be left in Junior and Senior School offices, **and all funds raised will go towards the all-weather astro-turf sports pitch.**

- **Save the Date!**

The Parents' Association will be holding an evening of wine tasting at Entrecôte, in Cardiff Bay, on Friday 11th May. Tickets will go on sale after the Easter holiday.

And finally....

Thank you to Miss Griffiths for organising the whole school 'sing-a-long' (staff included!) of the official Red Nose Day song during assembly this morning.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Judith Ashill (Mrs)
Head of Junior School