

Junior NEWS ROUND UP



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The Head's update



Dear Parents

Regional Cross Country Final

On Tuesday 7th November, the Year 5 and Year 6 Cross-Country teams travelled to Trelai Park in Ely to take part in the Regional X-Country Final that they had qualified for following such good performances at the city-wide final before the half-term break. Despite the unpleasant weather, the girls were in good spirits and Year 5 were first to take to the long and demanding course. After a frantic first 500m, Carys M, Isabella P, Tallula C and Georgie H established themselves towards the front of the 80-girls in the race and ran together well. Despite many girls from other competing schools powering forward, the team of four continued strongly until the end, finishing in 5th, 6th, 7th and 10th, amounting to 28 total team points. This was comfortably good enough for 1st overall, making Howell's the Year 5 Regional Cross-Country Champions for 2017.



Year 1 Visit the Post Office

Year 1 have been learning about the journey of a letter. The girls wrote letters to their families at home and then visited Llandaff Post Office to post them. After a lovely autumnal walk to the High Street, the girls went into the post office in groups where they asked the Postmistress for a first class stamp before giving her the correct coins making 65p. Read more [here](#).

"Yesterday, we went to Llandaff Post Office. We went to the beautiful, lovely park and past the Cathedral School. I asked for a first class stamp. I put my letter in the post box. We went back on our minibuses". *Adel - 1S*

"We went to the Post Office, but before we got there we had to walk. We looked at the beautiful park in Llandaff. Then we walked behind the Cathedral. It was fun, then we got to the Post Office. We had lots of fun, we got the 1st class stamp and then we posted our letters." *Isabelle - 1J*

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Author Angela Fish Visits Year 1 and Year 5

This week, Year 1 met children's author Angela Fish. Angela spent some time talking to the girls about the process of writing a book; from her initial story ideas to the published book on the shelf in the book shop. She even gave us a sneak preview of her new picture book, including what the front cover may look like. [Click](#) for photographs.

Many thanks to Angela for answering all the girls' questions.

“Angela Fish is an outstanding author, she writes books for all ages which are always interesting. Right now Angela is writing a book called Molly and the Magic Mirror, which, as she told us, is coming out next December. Whilst you are waiting for that, I'd recommend reading Ben and the Spider Gate, Ben and the Spider Prince and Ben and the Spider Lake. I loved this trilogy and I hope that you will too.” *By Aleyna J Year 5*

Coca Cola Challenge



The Real Business Challenge was exciting and a great experience. We competed against 11 other teams, 10 from Seniors Schools and one other from a Junior School. We had to create our own juice brand and make an advert for it. We could have two ingredients (fruit or vegetables) not including water and we had to write all the facts about our juice on a programme designed by Cardiff University on the laptop. Once we were done we had to pitch it to some judges and the other teams watched too.

We are eagerly waiting to hear the results

Written by Shifa S and Emily S

Bute Park Trip

On Tuesday, Year 4 set off for a fun day of activities in Bute Park. We found out about some of the trees in the park, created art from nature, made playdough models on the branches and used our senses to describe the bark. We finished the day by practising our orienteering skills to find clues to solve a puzzle. We had a lovely day and didn't even mind the damp weather!



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Heads Up at Howell's

This week was 'Heads Up @ Howell's Juniors'. The girls enjoyed a range of activities including relaxation and mindfulness sessions, 'No Pen Day' and Buddy Walks with their partner class. The week was topped off on Friday when all the girls joined together to watch the feel good film, 'Sing'.

Children in Need

We have been a sea of spots in the Junior School today. The girls have enjoyed their day and have raised a fantastic £280.35! Thank you so much everyone Pudsey will be thrilled.

Road Closure Next Week

From Monday 20th November, a section of St Michael's Road will be closed from the junction with Palace Road to the junction with Caewal Road, due to upgrades to the gas pipes. Parents and students who usually arrive at school via Howell's Crescent may need to amend their route to school.

Nasal Flu Immunisation

A reminder that we have the nasal flu immunisation on Thursday 23rd November for Reception to Year 4.

A Night in the Great Hall

On the evening of Wednesday 15th November, we rolled out the red carpet in celebration of the spectacular restoration of the Great Hall with an evening for major donors and VIP guests. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

This week's instalment of our Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

Eco School Switch-off Fortnight

From Monday 20th November, Howell's is taking part in the national Switch-off Fortnight campaign. [Click here](#) for more information.

Bag-2-School

Many thanks for all the kind donations for the last Bag2School collection in October. Together, and with help from our local community, we raised £112. As this was organised as a tutor group competition we are pleased to announce Year 7H and Year 5 as the winners. Thank you all and as a reminder, our next Bag-2-School event will be held in the Spring Term.

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Junior School Dates

Thursday 23 rd November	Nasal flu immunisation for Reception to Year 4
Tuesday 5 th December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Show
Wednesday 6 th December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 Show
Friday 8 th December 3.30pm to 4.30pm	JCC Open rehearsal – JCC parents welcome
Tuesday 12 th December 1.45pm	Year 5 and 6 singing at Llandaff Cathedral
Tuesday 12 th December 1.45pm	Nurs, Rec, Year 1 & 2 Show
Tuesday 12 th December 7pm	JCC Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral
Wednesday 13 th December 1.45pm	Nurs, Rec, Year 1 & 2 Show
Thursday 14 th December 9.30am	Nurs, Rec, Year 1 & 2 Show
Thursday 21 st December	School finishes at 1pm. There will be no After School Care.

Diary Dates

St Cecilia's Day Concert

Next Wednesday, 22nd November, we will be celebrating St Cecilia's Day with a concert of performances from our music scholars. This is a free concert and you are warmly invited to attend. Drinks and canapés will be served at 6pm, and the concert will start at 6.30pm in the Great Hall. It would be marvellous if you are able to join us for what promises to be an enjoyable evening of music, celebrating the talented music students that we have in school. Please could you let us know if you are able to join us by emailing Mrs Phillips at liz.phillips@how.gdst.net.

Parent Pyramid

Don't forget that our next [Parent Pyramid](#) drop in session will take place next Thursday, 23rd November at 2.30pm in the Hub @ Howell's. All parents are welcome to join us.

Call Out For Cakes for the Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair is on Friday 1st December, and we will need lots of cakes to make our hugely popular cake stall a success. Homemade cakes are always the most popular with our customers, but if you don't fancy yourself as a Prue Leith-type, shop-bought cakes are also very greatly appreciated. All donations of cakes will be gratefully received, and can be brought to the Senior and Junior School offices on the morning of the fair.

Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Tuesday 12th December. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 7.00pm, which will include performances from the Junior School Choir (afternoon only) Senior Choir, College Choir, Youth Choir, Jazz Group and Orchestra. The services will also incorporate readings from students, staff and governors. There are no tickets required and we recommend arriving early in order to get a good seat.