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The Principal's Update

The Christmas spirit has continued to build in Howell's this week. A very big thank you to Annabel Loosemore, Rachel Eling and the Parents' Association for the amazing work they did to make the Christmas Fayre on Friday 29th November so successful. It was an excellent occasion and raised a magnificent £2,500 for [Pitch In](#), £940 was raised on the Cake Stall alone! Many thanks to everyone who made and donated the fabulous cakes. The Flower Pot Tombola had students queuing around the block, and raised £463, which was all down to the generosity of the Junior School girls and their parents. The Christmas Fayre takes a lot of planning and an army of volunteers so thank you to everyone involved.



On Sunday evening our Senior Choir, along with Senior and Junior School dancers, performed a selection of Christmas songs at Tenovus' 70th Anniversary concert at the Wales Millennium Centre. Our Head Boy, Rob L, recited Clement Clarke Moore's poem *A Visit from St Nicholas* beautifully. The evening was hosted by the brilliant Rob Brydon and other performers included Tenovus' Choirs from all over Wales, tenor Wynne Evans and harpist Catrin Finch. It was a magnificent evening and the students received a wonderful ovation from the audience of 1400. The Senior Choir, Year 13 Performing Arts Group, Flute Ensemble and College Gentlemen performed festive favourites at the English Speaking Union's Christmas Concert which took place in Howell's Great Hall on Thursday evening. Both were wonderful occasions and I would like to congratulate everyone involved!

The Senior Choir was asked once again to join the people of Llandaff in for the Big Switch On of the High Street lights on Wednesday 27th November. [Click here](#) to read more about the evening.

It was a pleasure to welcome S4C to Howell's on Thursday, who staged three sold out performances of Cyw's Christmas Show in the Senior School Hall. The show featured the characters Dona Direidi, Ben Dant, Heulwen, Oli Odl and Huwi Stomp, as well as two Cyw presenters. 450 children from local schools joined us for the performances.

On Friday 22nd November College students enjoyed an American Lunch to raise money for the 5 Cs, a children's cancer charity. [Click here](#) to read more about the lunch.

I was delighted to host two celebration teas for College students this week to celebrate a variety of excellent achievements. [Click here](#) for more information.

On Thursday 21st and Tuesday 26th November students held 'pyjama days' and raised a fantastic £1020 to help those in need as a result of the typhoon in the Philippines. Very well done to you all!

Many congratulations to Team Howell's who came first and second at the regional final of the Kids' Lit Quiz on Monday 2nd December – they were competing against 22 other teams from South Wales. [Click here](#) to read more about the quiz.

Five talented linguists, Grace B. (Year 12 Spanish), Christina C. (Year 13 German), Laura T. (Year 13 French), Kudzai S. (Year 13 German) and Sophie L. (Year 13 French) were selected to participate in the Council of Europe *Juvenes Translatores* Competition on Thursday 28th November. [Click here](#) to read more about the competition.

On Saturday 5th October, College student Zaynub A. took part in and won an international trampoline competition in Cardiff. Congratulations Zaynub! [Click here](#) for more information.

Thank you to those who have returned the Parental Questionnaire. [Click here](#) to complete it online. If you prefer to complete a hard copy, we are sending one home with your son or daughter. It is always useful to have parental feedback. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any specific queries.

Please [click here](#) for the extra- curricular clubs timetable for Years 7-13 for December 2013 to February 2014.

On Friday 29th November, 28 Howell's Dads attended the annual Fathers' Lunch which was held at the County Club. To read more about the lunch [click here](#).

On Tuesday night our Year 10 public speakers participated in the English Speaking Union's Public Speaking Competition held in The Bishop of Llandaff School. [Click here](#) for more information about the competition.

Congratulations to our two College debating teams who were successful in the Debating Matters Competition, which was held at the Redcliffe Sixth Form Centre in Bristol on Tuesday 3rd December. [Click here](#) to find out more about the competition.

The College rugby team had a very good win over Cardiff High, with the final score 22 - 15. [Click here](#) to read more about the game.

Medic Journey International and *Inspiring Futures* are working in partnership to organise a weekend conference for prospective medical students. The conference, hosted at University College London Medical School on 13th-14th April 2014, will give students a comprehensive insight into the medical school application process and medicine itself, as well as the opportunity to learn some clinical skills. [Click here](#) for more information.

On Tuesday 3rd December I was thrilled to join more than 240 students, parents, staff, alumni, Governors and Friends for our *Evening of Glitz and Glamour at John Lewis*. It really was a wonderful evening. [Click here](#) to read more about the event.

I am enormously grateful to the Hywelian Guild for so generously donating £1,000 to *Pitch In*. We are extremely grateful to everyone who has supported and continues to support the campaign.

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.qdst.net.

On Monday 16th December from 6.00pm – 8.00pm we are holding our first Cocktails @ Christmas event for Hywelians in the Great Hall. If you are a Hywelian and would like to join us please contact Hannah Roberts on 029 2026 1825 or at hannah.roberts@how.qdst.net.

Our Senior Choir is very pleased to be performing Christmas favourites at the SWALEC Stadium on Tuesday 10th December at the South Wales Chamber of Commerce Christmas Lunch, hosted by the famous Welsh tenor Wynne Evans.

I am very much looking forward to attending the Parents' Association's Big Christmas Bash at the Radisson Blu tomorrow evening. I'm sure it will be a wonderful occasion and am delighted that 200 people are attending!

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal