

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 17th September 2021

The Head's Update

We have come to the end of our second week back at school and another enjoyable and a busy one for the girls and staff. It has been lovely to see all our girls coming into school each day with confidence and happy faces as they settle into new routines and continued learning.

The week started with an exciting visitor as we welcomed Hywelian and Olympic hockey medal winner, Sarah Jones, back to Howell's on Monday morning. She was welcomed to the Prep School amongst an enthusiastic wave of flags and inspired all our girls, from our youngest girls in Nursery to our oldest future sports stars in Year 6. [Click here](#) for more information. I hope the girls continue to be inspired each day in school.



Photo Day

HOWELL'S
PREP SCHOOL
THURSDAY
23RD SEPTEMBER



Individual Photographs

On Thursday 23rd September, Colofoto will be visiting to take individual photos of the girls. The girls may wear either their winter or summer uniform for their photo and their hair should be neatly tied back. They may wear blazers for the photograph, if they have one. If your daughter has PE on that day,

I suggest she comes to school in her uniform and changes for PE. Thanks for your co-operation.

Face Masks

In order to keep our community as safe as possible, it would be enormously helpful if parents could wear face masks when on the school site.

Infant Mandarin Club

There are still spaces available in the Wednesday Mandarin Club for girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, 3.15-4.15pm. Girls don't need to have any previous experience of Mandarin to join, it is a beginner's class which is taught through song, games and role play. If you would like to find out more or book your daughter a place, please contact Angela Yuan via email angela_yuan@hotmail.com.

Gymnastics Club start date

The Year 3-6 Gymnastics Club run by 'gymnastics4schools', will be starting Friday 24th September, after school.

'Stepping Stones' Launch

This week Mrs Holley relaunched 'Stepping Stones' award scheme for girls in Years 4, 5, and 6. Girls involved will complete challenges and tasks across the year, in the four areas of Service, Activity, Skill and Physical. We look forward to seeing the girls working hard with their tasks during the year to achieve either their bronze, silver or gold awards in the summer term. For more information about the Prep School's own award scheme, have a look at the 'Stepping Stones' Firefly page for more information. [Stepping Stones — Howells School \(fireflycloud.net\)](#)

Online Learning

Online learning is available for girls who are well, with no symptoms, who are isolating or waiting for results. If your daughter is not in school because they are unwell, they would not be expected to be online and take part in lessons.

Please let Mrs Hatcher know if your daughter is isolating or waiting for a test result and she will ask the class teacher to set up online learning as soon as is possible. As you can appreciate this may take a little while, whilst also teaching and so may not be available for the first couple of lessons of the day. Many thanks for your understanding.

Final Call for Year 5 & 6 soloists for next week's Tea Concert!

There is still space for soloists at next Friday's Tea Concert! If your daughter would like to perform, please email me on ian.beckett@how.gdst.net by Monday! If you would like further information please do not hesitate to ask. The concert will take place next Friday, 24th September at 3.30pm in the Great Hall.

Languages Week



Next week we will be celebrating Languages Week in school. We are learning about all the different languages which the girls in our school family speak. It would be wonderful if you speak another language at home if your daughter brings the word 'hello' written down to share with us in school. If she could also draw the flag which represents the country that would be wonderful. We will be creating a display with all our voices united together! I can't wait to see how many parts of our world are represented in our school.

'Speech and Drama' Exam Success!

In the summer term, a huge number of the Prep girls took their LAMDA exams after many months of classes and rehearsals with Mrs Cooksey. A huge congratulations to all girls in last year's Year 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 who took part in these, all achieving either a merit or distinction result! A special well done to the current Year 3 girls who sat these exams for the very first time when they were in Year 2.

Ben and Gran and the Whole, Wide, Wonderful World

This week Reception class have been reading *Ben and Gran and the Whole, Wide, Wonderful World*. [Click here](#) for more information.

Georgia selected for the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama's Junior Conservatoire

We were delighted to hear that Year 3 musician Georgia G has been selected for the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama's Junior Conservatoire, after auditioning in the summer. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 5 learn about spherical bodies

The girls in Year 5 have been learning about spherical bodies in their science lessons this week and have been looking at comparative sizes and distance. [Click here](#) for more information.

Emily and Francesca's Green Fingers

We were delighted to receive a photograph just before the summer holiday from Emily, Year 5, and Francesca, Year 2. Both girls attended an Open Day during the summer term during which they planted a marigold seedling and it is wonderful to see the beautiful flower they have grown. [Click here](#) for more information.

Jacky, Lottie and Eve enjoy a Hockey Course in Millfield School

Over the summer holiday, three girls in Year 6, Jacky K, Lottie M and Eve W, attended a week-long hockey course in Millfield School. [Click here](#) for more information.

An Afternoon Tea in Aid of Marie Curie raises over £7,000

On Saturday 11th September, it was a pleasure to host An Afternoon Tea in Aid of Marie Curie at Howell's. [Click here](#) for more information.

Co-Ed College Open Evening

Our Co-Ed College Open Evening will take place on Thursday 30th September from 3.45pm until 6.30pm. To start the evening, Mrs Davis will give a presentation and then, while the students attend four taster lessons, parents are invited to a carousel with presentations on Careers & UCAS, the Extended Project Qualification and Stretch & Challenge, the Laureate and Extracurricular Programmes as well as Alumni Relations. It will be a fast-paced, interesting evening for everyone, and is open to our current Year 11 students as well as students at other schools. To book a place and for more information please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 02920 261832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in coming along.

Diary Dates

w/b 20 th September	Languages week
Thursday 23 rd September	Individual Photographs taken by Colofoto
Friday 24 th September 3.30-4.15pm	Tea Concert Years 5 and 6
Friday 1 st October	Howell's School Harvest Festival
Monday 4 th October	Black History Month begins
w/b 11 th October	Heads Up week
w/b 11 th October – Friday 22 nd October	Parents' Consultations Nursery-Year 6 online
Monday 25 th October-Friday 5 th November	Half term (2 weeks)
Friday 12 th November	Children in Need
w/b 15 th November	Anti-bullying Week (One Kind Word)
Thursday 25 th November	Flu vaccinations for Prep and Senior Schools
Friday 26 th November	Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 1 st December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 show in the Great Hall
Thursday 2 nd December 6pm	Year 3 and 4 show in the Great Hall
Friday 3 rd December 7pm	Year 5 and 6 Tenovus Carol Concert in Llandaff Cathedral (TBC)
Tuesday 7 th December 1.45pm and 6pm	Carol Service Llandaff Cathedral (Year 5 and 6 perform during the afternoon service only)
Tuesday 7 th December 1.45pm	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 show in the Prep Hall
Wednesday 8 th December 1.45pm	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 show in the Prep Hall
Thursday 9 th December 9.30am	Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2 show in the Prep Hall
w/b 13 th December 3pm	Christmas Bandstands
Friday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 17 th December 1pm	End of term, 1pm finish, NO ASC

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Judith Ashill, Deputy Principal, Head of Prep School