

Prep School

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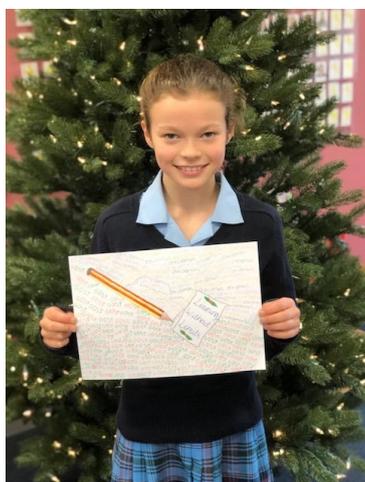
Christmas is well and truly on its way! All the girls have been busy rehearsing for their forthcoming concerts and we look forward to seeing you there!



Staff News

I'm delighted to let you know Miss Robyn Taylor, our teaching assistant in Reception is expecting her first baby in April.

GDST Christmas Card Competition



Well done Erin (year 6) on your entry being selected for the GDST Christmas Card competition! Although Erin's design didn't win, her entry can be viewed on the GDST website.

JCC Open Rehearsal

This week saw a special Open Rehearsal for the Junior Competition Choir (JCC). The 50 members of the choir were able to invite their parents and friends along to Wednesday afternoon's rehearsal to see what goes on! Ms Edwards led the choir in a series of vocal and physical warm-ups before rehearsing 4 pieces from their current repertoire, which included 2 seasonal pieces in preparation for taking part in the evening Senior School & College Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral. The audience of more than 40 even applauded after some parts of the rehearsal! Parents and choir members were treated to a drink and a cookie and many of the visitors commented on how hard the girls had worked throughout the rehearsal. JCC will also sing for the Prep School before the end of term in a special assembly.

Thank you girls and parents for your support so far this year with JCC.

Mr Beckett and Ms Edwards



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Christmas Jumper Exchange

Is your reindeer getting a little snug? Have you outgrown your jingle bells? A week today— on Friday 6th December, 8-9.30am —the Parent Pyramid will be holding a Christmas jumper second hand sale in the Hub, where you can donate your outgrown festive knits and pick up replacements for a small donation. Any donations of jumpers can be brought into school between now and next week, and left in the Main Office, or with Mrs Hatcher in the Prep School.

Own It: an app to keep students safe online

The BBC has created **a new app to help keep kids safe online**. [Own It offers invaluable help, advice, digital skills and inspiration for children aged 8 to 12.](#)

The app is free to download and comes with a special keyboard that offers helpful tips and friendly advice as you type. Plus there are plenty of helpful how-to guides on how to build digital skills such as vlogging.

After School Care

In the lead up to Christmas the roads around Cardiff start to get quite congested, so please allow enough time to collect your daughter promptly from After School Care. Please note our staff are only employed until **6pm**. In future, any girls picked up after this time will incur an excess charge of £10.00 each 15 minute or part thereof that they are late collecting.

Prep School Christmas Music on the Bandstand 2019

Once again, there will be music in the Old Tennis Pavilion in the Car Park during the final week of term. Parents are very welcome to come along and listen or even sing! Many of our Prep School instrumental and vocal ensembles will be performing.

Monday 16th December

From 3pm to approximately 3.20pm

Infant Choir

Shake, Rattle & Roll Percussion Group

4S Class Brass

3J Class Strings

Tuesday 17th December

From 3pm to approximately 3.20pm

Junior Flute Choir

Junior Rock

Band Skills Groups (*some still TBC!*)

Wednesday 18th December

From 3pm to approximately 3.20pm

String Machine

Junior Orchestra

Junior Wind Band

The groups will play as parents arrive at the end of the day, but we will make sure that we finish playing in time to catch school buses.

Girls, please ensure that you have a warm school coat and hat that day and please remember your instrument and music if you are an instrumentalist!

You might also like to bring a bit of tinsel to decorate your instrument!

Many thanks for your hard work and commitment this term!

Merry Christmas! *Mr Beckett, Mr Cheeke, Mrs Lloyd-Jones & Ms Groves*

Paracetamol Elixir

Please do not send in any Calpol to school with your child, we have a supply at school that we can administer, if you have given consent, if your daughter is unwell during the day until you can collect her.

Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis was delighted to welcome Prep School students to a Celebration Tea on Thursday 28th November. [Click here](#) to find out what we celebrated.

Back to School

On Saturday 23rd November, 20 Hywelians joined us for a very special reunion to celebrate 50 years since they started their education at Howell's. [Click here](#) for more information.

Hywelian Advent Service in Cowbridge

On Tuesday 26th November, the Bridgend Branch of the Hywelian Guild held their traditional Advent service in the Holy Cross Parish Church in Cowbridge. [Click here](#) for more information.

Llandaff Christmas Lights

On the evening of Wednesday 27th November, Howell's Senior Choir enjoyed a walk along Cardiff Road to take part in the celebrations to switch on the Llandaff Christmas Lights. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Glitter Ball

A table has become available for the Glitter Ball 2019 in the Great Hall at Howell's on Friday 6th December. The shimmering evening will include a drinks reception followed by a three course dinner and dancing, and for those who wish to continue the party after hours, we will run a shuttle bus from Howell's to the Cameo Club in Pontcanna. The table is available to buy for £650 for a table of ten (or £780 for a table of 12). To reserve a table, or for more information, please contact Mrs Thomas on bethan.thomas@how.gdst.net.

Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Wednesday 11th December. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 6.30pm, which will include performances from the Year 5 and 6 Choir (afternoon only), Junior Competition Choir (evening only), Senior Choir, College Choir, Youth Choir, Wind Ensemble and Senior Orchestra. The services will also incorporate readings from students, staff and governors. There are no tickets required so we recommend arriving early in order to get a good seat.

Prep School Dates

Tuesday 3 rd and Wednesday 4 th December 6pm	Year 3 & 4 Production in the Great Hall at Howell's
Wednesday 11 th December	Year 5 & 6 (afternoon) and JCC (evening) taking part in the Howell's School Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral
Wednesday 11 th December @ 1.45pm Thursday 12 th December @ 9.30am Friday 13 th December @ 9.30am	Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2 Production in the Prep School Hall
Monday 16 th December Tuesday 17 th December Wednesday 18 th December	Prep School Music on the Bandstand in the carpark after school
Thursday 19 th December	End of term – Prep School finish at 1pm No After School Care.