

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 1st October 2021

The Head's Update

It was lovely for the Prep School to join (virtually) with the rest of the school community in Senior School and College this morning for our Harvest assembly. Different sections of the school donated to support a variety of charities and this year the Prep School have been supporting 'Reaching Out' a local foodbank. I have been overwhelmed, once again, by the number of donations of food items we have received this morning. Many thanks to all the Prep School families for your generosity and kindness. [Click here](#) for more information.

Netball News

Please note that the Year 3 Netball Club will now change to a Tuesday lunchtime. Friday lunchtime will be 'Netball Shooting Practice' for girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6.

European Day of Languages

This week the girls in Prep School have been celebrating European Day of Languages in their French and Spanish lessons with Madame Davies. [Click here](#) for more information.

Beth sy'n bod?

This week Year 2 girls have been undertaking Welsh Beth sy'n bod doctors' role plays. [Click here](#) for more information.

Effie's link to the Titanic

Last week Year 3 learned about the Titanic and writing poetry based on this important historic event. [Click here](#) for more information.

Erin raises over £400 for the Princess Trust

Many congratulations to Erin B (Year 5) who has donated her hair to and raised over £400 for the Princess Trust. [Click here](#) for more information.

Prep School launches Howell's Tea Concert series

The Prep School were delighted to launch the 2021/2022 Howell's School Tea concert series last Friday afternoon. [Click here](#) for more information.

Are You Ready to Step Through the Looking Glass?

Welcome to Wonderland as you've never seen it before. It's almost time for the curtain to go up on Alice, starring students from Year 8 to Year 12. Laura Wade's contemporary adaptation of the Lewis Carroll classic follows Alice, a young girl with a vivid imagination and a family life that's less than perfect as she escapes her chaotic home for a topsy-turvy world of rabbit holes, pocket watches and talking caterpillars.



Alice will be performed in the Great Hall for four nights, Monday 18th to Thursday 21st October, at 6pm. This is a modern production, and is suitable for children from Year 5 and up.

All tickets are £10, and the price includes pre-show tea and cake at the Hatter's Tea Party at Howell's from 5.15pm.

Tickets will go on pre-sale to the cast on Saturday 2nd October, and will be on general sale from Tuesday 5th October. All ticket sales will be online, using Evolve, and a link to the box office will be emailed to parents once ticket sales are live. Tickets will be distributed the week before the show. Please contact the school directly if you have any special access requirements.

Whole School Open Day - Saturday 16th October

Our whole school Open Day for prospective parents and students will take place on Saturday 16th October from 9.00am until 2.00pm. Visitors will have the opportunity to look around the school and talk to staff members over a coffee and a Welsh cake. To register, please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.

Year 7 Taster Day – Saturday 16th October

On Saturday 16th October, Year 6 students will have the opportunity to discover more about what our Senior School has to offer and experience life in Year 7 first-hand. Girls in Year 6 will receive an invitation next week. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in attending. To register, please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.

Bringing Up Britain

On the evening of Wednesday 29th September, the GDST's Director of Innovation and Learning, Kevin Stannard discussed the many benefits of single sex education on BBC Radio 4's Bringing Up Britain. [Click here](#) to listen to the programme.

E-safety

The internet is amazing and we have relied on it more in the last 18 months than ever before. Children can play, learn, create and connect - opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. We are very aware that online safety continues to be a concern for parents and wanted to update you on some of the resources we have to help you. The NSPCC website in particular has lots of useful advice for you including how to set up parental controls and how to talk to your child about being safe online – [click here](#) to view. Our Firefly online safety pages are regularly updated and there are age appropriate videos for you to watch with your child and discuss the concerns raised – [click here](#) to view.

The NSPCC has a link to net aware this is a parent guide to the most popular social networks. This gives you information about the sites, apps and games your child uses and can help you to make an informed decision about whether you think they are suitable. We are aware that we do have some girls in the Prep School with Instagram and TikTok accounts – however the recommended age for social media platforms is 13. YouTube Kids is an age appropriate site that does not include some of the adult content that can be found on other sites – [click here](#) to view.

As part of your child's curriculum and the development of digital competency, at the start of the school year, each class discusses how we can all stay safe online and the dangers we may face on the internet. Because there are always concerns about children having access to undesirable materials, our school internet access provider operates a filtering system that restricts access to inappropriate materials. Every pupil signs an acceptable use policy so that we know they have read and understood our school's rules on staying safe. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Ashill or Mrs Darnton (Assistant Principal and Digital Lead).

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Judith Ashill, Deputy Principal, Head of Prep School