

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 24th September 2021

The Head's Update

It has been another busy week in Prep School and I'm so proud of how the girls have settled into routines, their new timetables and for many, enjoying taking part in our variety of clubs and co-curricular activities. Year 5 and 6 have already been developing and refining their musical skills and many have shown they are willing to showcase their talents, by taking part in the first Prep School Tea Concert after school today. Very well done to everyone who took part!

This morning the international students in our Co-Ed college led a fascinating assembly, during which they talked about their home, China. We learnt about China, where they come from and what it is like to live in Hong Kong. They also shared the twelve zodiac animals and the story behind these and told us about the languages that they speak. We were interested to learn about why they decided to move to Wales and join Howell's. Many thanks for joining us.



Harvest Appeal

Next Friday 1st October, we will be joining (virtually) the rest of the school for our special Harvest assembly. This Harvest, we are supporting 'Reaching Out', a charity foodbank based in Ely, Cardiff and would greatly welcome your support in donating to them. Each year group in the Prep School has been asked to donate a different type of food item to help ensure we can give them a variety of foods. [Click here](#) to find out what we are asking each year group to donate.

If you would like to donate to the Harvest collection, your daughter will need to bring her food item to school on Friday 1st October. We are always so grateful of the support shown by the Prep School families.

Charity at Howell's 2021

Supporting charities is important to us here at Howell's and in these challenging times in particular we still want to support some of the charities that mean so much to members of our school community.

Own-clothes days

We will still be having our usual themed own-clothes days. With the success of the way we collected your contributions and donations to the charities last year we are again asking you to make a one-off donation of £5 which covers the following days:

- Go Green Day (22 October) – The Size of Wales
- Pyjama Day (12 November) – Children in Need

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- Christmas Jumper Day (17 December) – City Hospice
 - Wear Red for Velindre (18 February) – Velindre

We have set-up just-giving pages for this and are asking you to make your donations by House (please give name and first letter of surname as well as form group when you make the donation). The donations will then be sent to the different charities:

- Llywelyn – [click here to donate](#)
- Hywel – [click here to donate](#)
- Glyndwr – [click here to donate](#)
- Dewi – [click here to donate](#)

Doors to Manual

This morning, our Reception girls enjoyed a trip to Disneyland, safely piloted by Captain Davies. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 2 celebrate Roald Dahl

Over the last few weeks, Year 2 have been reading 'The Twits' and celebrating the author's life and literature to mark Roald Dahl Day, which was on 12th September. [Click here](#) for more information.

Megan wins a prize for growing a 5ft 2 Leek

Many congratulations to Year 3's Megan S who has demonstrated her tremendous gardening skills by growing a leek that is over 5ft2. [Click here](#) for more information.

Xanthe triumphs in the Doodle Maths Summer Challenge

Xanthe G in 3S completed the Doodle Maths summer challenge at home and received a badge and certificate. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 4 visit Llandaff Cathedral

Year 4 had a fabulous time at Llandaff Cathedral last Friday. [Click here](#) for more information.

Maria Makes a Splash

Last weekend, Year 5 swimmer Maria M took part in her first gala for Cardiff Swimming Club, the Annual Club Championship, and won three silver medals for 50m in breaststroke, front crawl and backstroke. [Click here](#) for more information.

Antarctic Artwork

As part of their topic, Journeys, Year 5 have been studying the Antarctic art work of Francis Hatch and Alison Lester and have recreated watercolour images from the inspiration. [Click here](#) for more information.

Origami Club

The Year 6 Origami Club had great fun this week making their own paper water bombs and launching them. [Click here](#) for more information.

Highlights of visit from Olympic medallist, Sarah Jones

It's not every day an Olympic medallist lends a hand on our hockey pitch. On Monday 13th September, we were delighted to welcome Bronze medal winning hockey player and Howell's alumna Sarah Jones to Howell's. Our youngest girls greeted Sarah with a flag-waving victory parade before she talked to students from Year 3 to Year 9 about her journey from Howell's to Tokyo and spoke to our Talented Athlete Programme students about her training regime. She even had time to put in a little coaching with Year 3, who were having their very first hockey lesson. It was wonderful to have Sarah back with us, and she has promised to come and visit again very soon.

To see some of the highlights from her visit, captured on film, click [here](#).

Episode 2 of the GDST's Raise Her Up podcast is live!

This week the GDST speaks to Dr Charlotte Faircloth from the University College of London about how to model gender equal parenting in the home. Whilst we all strive for equality, at home we can sometimes easily slip into gender typical roles without the awareness of what every action achieves and what impact this can have on our children. Episode 2 provides practical and realistic tips on how we can all help to improve equality

within our own four walls. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcast.

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. 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.

I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Mrs Judith Ashill, Deputy Principal, Head of Prep School