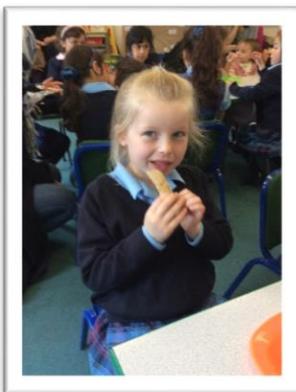


15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

Dear Parents

#### [Foods from around the world](#)

On Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April, Year 1 had an exciting afternoon of sampling different foods from around the world. Lots of the girls brought in dishes to share and some parents also came in for the afternoon to talk about their dishes and share them with the class. For an account from the girls' tasting of the variety of dishes please [click here](#).



#### [Farm to Fork](#)

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April Year 1 started the summer term by taking a trip to Tesco. They went on a special 'Farm to Fork' trail around the store. The girls have recounted their trip for the newsletter.

"First of all we went the bakery and we made our own bread" Amelia.

"We learnt how we make bread, how it cooks and how it rises" Isabella.

"We looked at all the different types of bread that they make in Tesco and saw how they had risen by being in a warm place. The yeast made them rise" Illeana.

"We asked the baker to make us some special bread, it was a plaited loaf and we ate it in the afternoon at school" Charlotte H.

"Next we went to the fisherman and we learnt about fish" Mina.

"We found out that some fish could really hurt you by cutting you with a sharp bit on their back and on the gills. The fish was called a Bass" Charlotte Ha.

"We got to try some little fish called cockles. Lots of us really enjoyed them," Heidi.

"We then went to the cheese place and tried some cheese that said 'Danger' on it!" Eloise "We tasted Apple cheese and it was tasty" Pihu.

"French cheese was my favourite cheese" Seren.

"I liked the stinky cheese" Isabella.

The girls were able to try 5 different cheeses, these were: Welsh cheddar, Smoked English Applewood, French Brie, Danish blue cheese labelled 'beware' and Mexican Mexicana Extra Hot which was labelled 'Danger'. This last cheese was incredibly hot and described as being "Yuck" by Alex.

The girls had a wonderful trip and thoroughly enjoyed their morning at Tesco. Many thanks to the helpers who accompanied us on our trip.



### Royal Mail Young Letter Writer Competition



Lauren W (Year 5J) entered the Royal Mail Young Letter Writer Competition earlier this year, along with 100,000 other children from all across the UK. Entrants were asked to write a letter of application for their dream job and Lauren wrote applying to be an RAF Fighter Pilot!

We were thrilled when we heard that Lauren had reached the Welsh area final in February, and then this was quickly followed by the announcement that she was the overall Welsh finalist in her age category. Lauren was put then forward for the National finals which were judged by a panel of literary experts.

As recognition for her success, she received a cheque for £200 for herself, and the same for the school, along with a certificate of achievement. We are thrilled for Lauren and wish her many congratulations!

### Howell's Chess Teams are double ECF Girls' Schools Champions

Many congratulations to the Howell's Junior and Senior School chess teams who won both the under 19s and the under 11s categories in the ECF Girls' Schools Championships which took place over the Easter holiday at St Catherine's School, Bramley. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Enterprise Troopers

Four girls represented 'The Velindrettes' and Howell's in the Welsh final at the Doctor Who exhibition during the first week of the holidays. It was a tough competition but they were all amazing ambassadors for the school. They shone on the stage and won the best presentation award.



### Magic Maverick

Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a PHSE session with Magic Maverick this week. They had an action packed time with drama based tasks and discussion of gender stereotypes.



### Instrumental Evening 2016

The Junior School instrumentalists are busy rehearsing for next week's Instrumental Evening. Thank you to all those who have replied requesting tickets. There are some seats still available, so if your daughter is able to take part or you would like tickets, please let her class teacher know as soon as possible. Alternatively you can email [juniorsec@how.gdst.net](mailto:juniorsec@how.gdst.net) to leave a message.

The concert, next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April, begins at 7pm and takes place in the Junior School Hall. It will be just over 1 hour long. The Junior School Orchestra, String Machine, Flute Choir, Junior Rock 5, Junior Rock 6, Rocktastic, Shake Rattle & Roll, Year 3 violinists and Year 4 cornet players will be performing, along with winners from the recent Junior School Eisteddfod Individual Instrumental Competition. The evening will be a feast of wonderful music!

Performers are asked to return to school that evening at 6.30pm wearing their winter school uniform. They will be assembling in rooms in Hazelwood. Refreshments will be available for the audience in the Hazelwood foyer.

Thank you parents and girls for your continued support!

*Mr Beckett*

### Junior Orchestra Next Week

As the Junior Orchestra is performing later on Thursday evening, there will be no after school orchestra rehearsal next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

String Machine – Extra rehearsal for String Machine on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at lunch time – please remember your instruments girls!

*Mr Beckett*

### The Parent Pyramid is open for business!

Don't forget that our inaugural Parent Pyramid drop-in session will take place in the Howell's Hub on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. The Hub will be open all day. Whether you are interested in finding out about the parent community at Howell's or simply fancy a nose at the new Hub and try out the coffee, please do drop in! We would love to see you. [Click here](#) for more information about the Parent Pyramid.

### Back to School for Rachel Eling

We are sure you will thoroughly enjoy reading the first instalment of Rachel Eling's (Parent, Hywelian and Marketing Team) fascinating blog for parents, Back to School. It is available by [clicking here](#).

### Last call for Fathers' Lunch

All Howell's Dads or male carers are cordially invited to the Howell's Fathers' Lunch on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 12pm for 12.30pm at the Cardiff County Club. Tickets cost £35 each for a 3 course lunch plus wine. The speaker at the lunch will be Professor Dylan Jones Evans, a new Howell's father. Dylan is Professor of Entrepreneurship and Strategy at Bristol Business School and is a business journalist with the Western Mail. To book tickets please email [arh@bcbn.com](mailto:arh@bcbn.com).

### Hywelians Return to Howell's - Cheese and Wine Evening

Tickets for our Hywelians Return to Howell's Cheese and Wine Evening on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm are selling like hot cakes, so buy your tickets soon to avoid disappointment! Two Hywelians Nicola Allison (Chateau de Seuil vineyard in Bordeaux) and Katherine Spencer (The Cheddar Gorge Cheese Company), will host the evening in the Great Hall. Tickets cost £20 and can be reserved by emailing [Hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:Hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net) or by asking for Hannah or Vanessa at the

main office in the Senior School. We are extremely grateful to Nicola and Katherine who are generously providing everything free of charge and they have requested that all proceeds go towards the Howell's Umbrella Giving scheme. To find out more about Howell's Umbrella Giving [click here](#). We hope you will be able to join us for a lovely evening.

### Get Golfing

We are delighted to let you know that we have set a date for this year's Howell's Golf Day and we really hope you're able to join us this year. It will take place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May, followed by drinks and dinner in the golf club. Even if you don't play golf you would be very welcome to join us for drinks and dinner in the evening. [Click here](#) for more information. This event continues to grow year on year and we hope that you will join us for yet another great occasion.

### Junior School Dates

Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Reception Parents' Evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Junior School Instrumental Evening
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	May Day
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Swimming Gala at Cardiff International Pool (parents welcome)
30 <sup>th</sup> May to 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Half Term

### Toot



**TOOT May Half Term 31<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> June (4 days)**

**Summer Dates 18<sup>th</sup> July – 19<sup>th</sup> August (5 weeks) 2016**

**The summer is quickly approaching and if you are looking for childcare during May half term week 31<sup>st</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June or the summer weeks below, email TOOT @how.gdst.net with the dates you need asap.**

TOOT is open to girls aged 3 – 9 years and their siblings. We also offer taster sessions for those thinking of joining Howell's.

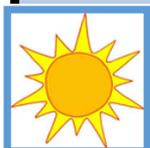
There will be lots of themed activities including arts and crafts, cookery, swimming, dance, outdoor exploration and a visit off site each week.

#### Summer dates

Toot is open for the first 5 of the 7 week summer holiday.

**18 - 22<sup>nd</sup>, 25 – 29<sup>th</sup> July,  
1 – 5<sup>th</sup>, 8 – 12<sup>th</sup>, 15 – 19<sup>th</sup> August**

**EARLY BOOKING IS ADVISABLE**



Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Judith Ashill  
Head of Howell's Junior School  
Acting Principal