

Prep School

ROUND UP



Date 30th November 2018



Staffing News

As you know, Mrs N Holley is leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Gareth Halfpenny will be spending the day with Mrs Holley and the girls in the class on Friday 14th December.

Gymnastics News

On Friday 23rd November, Howell's took part in the Cardiff and Vale Novice Qualifiers at the Sport Wales Centre. The U12s had a brilliant competition with Aseel leading the team made up of Eleni, Loulou, Nicole, Numa and Sophie to win joint gold with Bishop of Llandaff High School. Qualifying for the finals, the team then had to pull out all the stops again on Monday to go for a podium position. Missing out on gold by less than half a mark the U12s finished 3rd in Wales.

The U11s also competed on Friday 23rd November and produced some excellent routines across the board. The team consisted of Aleighka, Bella, Chloe, Isabella and Georgie. The girls did very well and were pipped to the top spot by Rhyd-y-Pennau School by a whisker. Producing high marks on the vault all the Howell's over 9s were looking on route for a medal. To the delight of the girls, their families and everyone at Howell's the U11s were crowned the Welsh Novice Champions. [Click here](#) for more information.

Chess Competition

On Tuesday, Howell's went to Cardiff City Football Club to take part in a chess tournament. There were ten schools competing and each school took ten pupils. There were five rounds overall. The winner was awarded 1 point and if you drew, you had half a point. In total, Howell's had 22 points by the end, which put us in 6th place. We all had a great time and really enjoyed the competition.
By Anika K



Tenovus Lovelight Carol Concert 2018

Wednesday evening saw over 60 girls from Years 5 and 6 take part in the annual Tenovus Cancer Care Lovelight Carol Concert in St John's Church in the centre of Cardiff. The choir for Howell's Prep School was just one of many acts on the programme, which included the Tenovus Sing with Us Cardiff North & South Choirs, vocalists Demi Holborn and Richard Moulton and saxophonist, Jo Wood. Hosted by ITV Wales' Carl Edwards, the Howell's choir sang a set of 3 songs and also joined the Sing with Us Choirs in a finale rendition of The Greatest Showman's, *This is Me!* Interspersed through the evening's entertainment were 3 poems on the theme of *Lovelight*, beautifully and sensitively written by girls in Year 6. During the lively concert there was also time to reflect and remember when the church lights dimmed and each member of the audience held a lit candle. Broken only by the distant strains of the music from the Christmas street market outside, this was the most poignant moment of the event. The girls from Howell's School sang and read beautifully and the staff accompanying them were delighted by both their performance and behaviour. Thank you for your support at this event - a really special way to begin the Christmas season! Mr Beckett



An Author Visit for Year 6

Year 6 were excited to welcome author Angela Fish back to Howell's on Thursday 29th November to hear about her most recent books. Angela has been visiting this year group since they were in Year 2, and they always enjoy listening to her talk about the writing process and take tips from her to help with their own writing. [click here](#)

Coffee and Mince Pies

Year 6 parents are invited for coffee and mince pies with the Principal on Monday 3rd December at 2.30pm. This will be an opportunity for Year 6 parents to ask Mrs Davis questions they may have with regards to transition to Year 7. We have changed the venue to our new Pavilion so may look at the new facilities if you have not had the opportunity so far.

Great Fire of Llandaff!

This morning Year 2 welcomed Blue Watch from Ely Fire Station to school. After visiting the fire station earlier in the term, the girls wrote to them to ask them to help with a special project. As part of the 'Fire and Ice' topic, Year 2 girls have been learning about the Great Fire of London. As a homework project, girls made models of Tudor houses and this morning they laid them out on the tennis courts to recreate Pudding Lane. The girls remembered the houses had to be very close together, then stood back as Blue Watch started the fire. Although the girls had mixed feelings about watching their hard work burn, we thought about how lucky we are to have a warm and safe home to return to this evening and imagine how it may have felt for the people in 1666.



Year 5 were lucky enough to also have Ely Firefighters join them in class this morning. They watched a video that showed how quickly fire spreads (a bedroom fire, caused by hair straighteners, took 2 minutes to destroy the room and its contents) and were taught about how to react in a fire and to spot possible causes (including Christmas tree lights).



Teachmeet

Teachmeet at Howell's: Challenging and Stretching the More Able and Talented

Over 60 teachers from across South Wales and beyond gathered at Howell's on Tuesday 27th November for our Teachmeet event; focussing on ways to stretch and challenge all students.

[Read more here](#)

Christmas Jumpers

Is your reindeer getting a little snug? Have you outgrown your jingle bells? A week today— on Thursday 6th December, 8-9am and 3-4pm—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.

A View From the Middle

I am delighted to share with you *A View from the Middle*, an evocative account of life at Howell's from a Senior School student's perspective, Alice B in Year 11. [Click here](#) to read the account.

Llandaff Christmas Lights

On the evening of Wednesday 28th November, Howell's Senior Choir braved torrential rain to take part in the celebrations to switch on the Llandaff Christmas lights. [Click here](#) for more information.



Prep School Christmas Music on the Bandstand 2018

Once again, there will be music in the 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 Junior instrumental and vocal ensembles will be performing.

Friday 14th December

From 3pm to 3.20pm

4S Class Brass

Junior Rock

String Machine

Band Skills Groups (*some still TBC!*)

Monday 17th December

From 3pm to 3.20pm

Junior Flute Choir

Year 1 and 2 Choir

Shake, Rattle & Roll Percussion Group

Tuesday 18th December

From 3pm to 3.20pm

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 & Mrs Davis

Diary Dates

Carol Services

Llandaff Cathedral will once again provide the perfect setting for this year's Carol Services which will take place on Tuesday 11th December. There will be two services, one at 1.45pm and another at 7.00pm, which will include performances from the Year 5 and 6 Choir (afternoon only), Prep 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

Monday 3 rd December	Year 3 and 4 Show 6pm in Great Hall
Monday 3 rd December 2.30pm	Invite to Year 6 parents @Hub for 'Coffee and mince pies with the Principal'
Tuesday 4 th December	Year 3 and 4 Show 6pm in Great Hall
Tuesday 11 th December	HSL Carol Service 1.45pm Year 5 and 6 singing
Tuesday 11 th December	HSL Carol Service 7.00pm JCC singing
Tuesday 11 th December	1.45pm Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Wednesday 12 th December	1.45pm Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Thursday 13 th December	9.30am Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Wednesday 19 th December	Wear your Christmas jumper on top of your uniform
Wednesday 19 th December	End of Autumn Term – 1pm finish – No After School Care