

# Prep School ROUND UP



Date 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018



## Reception Raise £151.20 for LATCH

Our Reception Classes have all taken part in a Young Enterprise project this term. The project began as a lunchtime club in which the girls met to decide on a business plan. The girls decided to make Christmas decorations, cards and chocolates to sell at our School Fayre. They carried out some research by asking family and friends their thoughts about the price and style of Christmas decorations. The girls designed, made and sold their products and we are delighted to tell you that they raised £151.20 for LATCH. A representative from LATCH will come and visit us in the New Year to talk to the girls and receive the money. Congratulations girls!



## Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, the Urdd held the heats of their regional swimming gala at Penarth Leisure Centre, where primary schools from all over Cardiff competed for a place in the National Finals. There were amazing swims from our Year 4 team; Yume A, Nell CP, Isabella C and Elizabeth S, also our Year 5 and 6 team, Sophie D, Amelia D, Isabella P, Celeste R and Phoebe C. Only the fastest overall swimmer in an individual event or school relay team will qualify to represent the school and the region in the finals which will take place in January at Cardiff International Pool. We hope to hear the results next week!



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## Aladdin Trouble

On Monday and Tuesday evening this week, Years 3 and 4 performed 'Aladdin Trouble' to family and friends in the Great Hall! It was a visual sensation with a super set, colourful costumes, a vast array of props and some fantastic visual effects. The acting and singing was fabulous and the girls were very professional. I was **so** proud of you all. I received so many compliments from our guests who were lucky enough to watch your performances. A huge thank you to everyone involved.



## Meeting for Parents of Year 6

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Monday of this week, there will be another opportunity to discuss with Mrs Davis, any queries you may have with regards to transition from Year 6 to Year 7. This has been arranged for Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 5.30pm in the Hub.

## Infant Library

Our Infant library has been refurbished! The walls have been painted using muted colours and it has been transformed into a lovely relaxing work space, ideal for our young readers. Our unwanted shelving was donated to a local Cardiff School, so we were pleased that someone else could benefit. Thank you to Miss Louisa Gardner who has worked extremely hard on this project.



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## After School Care

Please ensure you allow ample time to collect your daughters from our After School Care provision which finishes at **6pm**. A charge of £15 per 15 minutes is applicable after 6pm.

On some occasions next week, Breakfast club and ASC will be in the Nursery, please look out for the signs to direct you. This is due to the Infant show in the Prep School Hall.

## Hour of Code

The girls in the Prep School have been taking part in the annual Hour of Code event. The Hour of Code started as a one-hour introduction to computer science, designed to demystify "code", to show that anybody can learn the basics, and to broaden participation in the field of computer science. It has since become a worldwide effort to celebrate computer science.

## The Fun of the Fair comes to Howell's

It certainly was feeling a lot like Christmas at Howell's on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November when we kicked off the festive season in style with the Howell's Christmas Fair which took place in the Sports Hall, Drama Room and Day Room. More than 50 stalls, including many run by Howell's students, were set up the afternoon, and students, parents, grandparents, staff, alumni, governors and friends enjoyed visiting the wide selection of stalls. Father Christmas parked his sleigh in the Drama Room, and the long queue of children were all delighted to whisper their Christmas wishes to him. The Christmas Café, run by a wonderful team of parent volunteers, was a huge hit with visitors who stopped off for a drink and cake. The cakes were all generously provided by students, parents and staff. Howell's XL radio station was in attendance throughout the afternoon, broadcasting a selection of Christmas tunes and interviews with students and staff. Many thanks to the Mrs Eling, parents, students and stall holders for all they did to make it such a special occasion. [click here](#) to read more.

## Christmas Jumper Exchange

Thank you so much to everyone who supported the Parent Pyramid's Christmas Jumper Exchange on Thursday. The few jumpers that remained at the end of the day will be donated to charity. This will be an annual event, so please to hang on to any festive knits that are looking a little snug after the 12 days of Christmas, we will be delighted to help you pass them on to a new home next year.

## When I Grow Up!

On the evening of Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December, we launched our partnership with the Wales Millennium Centre when 150 members of the Howell's family, from Nursery through to our Co-Ed Sixth Form College, enjoyed the RSC's superb production of *Matilda the Musical*. The evening began with a pre-performance reception in a private area in the Ffresh restaurant, where drinks and snacks were enjoyed and girls had their hair braided by students to match Matilda's. Following the reception, everyone made their way to their seats in the circle where they were mesmerised by the sensational performance. Once the curtain came down some of the guests were taken on a backstage tour during which they discovered exciting backstage secrets and had an exclusive insight into the production. It was a superb evening and we are enormously grateful to the staff at the Wales Millennium Centre and the RSC who made it such a memorable evening. [Click here](#) for more information.

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## 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 14<sup>th</sup> December**

**From 3pm to 3.20pm**

4S Class Brass

Junior Rock

String Machine

Band Skills Groups (*some still TBC!*)

### **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

**From 3pm to 3.20pm**

Junior Flute Choir

Year 1 and 2 Choir

Shake, Rattle & Roll Percussion Group

### **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December**

**From 3pm to 3.20pm**

Junior Orchestra

Junior Wind Band

### **String Machine**

Next Tuesday, 11th December, String Machine will not run at lunchtime due to the school Carol Services. We will have a rehearsal on **Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime** ready for the bandstand performance on Friday.

### **Junior Rock**

Next Tuesday, 11th December, Junior Rock will not run after school due to the school Carol Services. There will be a rehearsal on **Thursday lunchtime** ready for the bandstand performance on Friday.

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*

Day	Group	Final Rehearsal	Final Performance
Monday	Junior Flute Choir	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand
Monday	Year 1 & 2 Choir	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand & Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> - Noah's Ark hospital visit
Monday	Junior Radio	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	
Monday	Shake Rattle & Roll	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand
Tuesday	Junior Rock	No Rehearsal Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Additional LUNCHTIME rehearsal session on Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December with Band Skills groups	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand
Tuesday	String Machine	No Rehearsal Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December Additional rehearsals Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> & Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand
Wednesday	Junior Wind Band	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand
Wednesday & Friday	JCC	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December Additional rehearsal during the school day Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December - Evening Carol Service at Llandaff Cathedral & Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December - performance to Prep School in assembly
Thursday	Band Skills	Rehearsal Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December to decide which groups are ready to play on the Bandstand on Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December for any groups ready to perform on the Bandstand
Thursday	Junior Orchestra	Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December - Bandstand

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## Term Dates

As the end of term approaches, we would like to remind you of the term dates for the remainder of the academic year which you can find by [clicking here](#).

## Parent Blog

This week's Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

### 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.

#### Year 7 Entrance Examination

Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 26th January 2018. For more information or to register please contact our Admissions Officer, Chrissie Hall-Davis, at [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone who may be interested in sitting the examination please do pass on the information.

#### Howell's Co-Ed College Open Night

On Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019 we will be holding our second Co-Ed College Open Night, The College Experience, between 4pm and 7pm. It will be an action packed evening beginning with an introduction to our Co-Ed College from Sally Davis (Principal) at 4.30pm. This is open to Howell's students who didn't attend the first Open Night and also to those who perhaps might like to try some more lessons. Prospective students will then have the opportunity to attend taster lessons and current students will be on hand to take tours for parents. There will also be Parent Carousels which will be manned by various staff members and current parents find out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. For external enquiries: to book a place and for more information please email [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net) or telephone 02920 261832.

#### Howell's Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination

There will be another opportunity for current Year 11 students into sit our Co-Ed College Scholarship Examination on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 4pm – 6pm. Please contact Mrs Hall-Davis for details on 029 2026 1832 or by email at [Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net](mailto:Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net). If you know of anyone interested in sitting the examination please do pass on the details. Please be aware that this is an opportunity only for students who were unable to sit the examination in November.

#### Whole School Open Afternoon

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? Our next Open Afternoon for Nursery right through to our Co-Ed College is on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February from 1.30-3.30pm, so why not come and see for yourself? Just pop in on the day, or for further information email [admissions@how.gdst.net](mailto:admissions@how.gdst.net) or telephone 029 2026 1832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think may be interesting in finding out more about life in Howell's School.

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## Prep School Dates

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	HSL Carol Service 1.45pm Year 5 and 6 singing
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	HSL Carol Service 7.00pm JCC singing
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	1.45pm Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am Nursery, R, Y1 and Y2 Show in Junior Hall
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Wear your Christmas jumper on top of your uniform
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>End of Autumn Term – 1pm finish – No After School Care</b>
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> January	First day of Spring Term
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' meeting for Year 6 parents
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2019 inclusive	Half term