

Prep School

ROUND UP



Date 14th December 2018



Staff News

As you know, Mrs Holley leaves us on Wednesday after nearly 13 years teaching at Howell's. Mr Gareth Halfpenny spent today with Mrs Holley and her class for a handover in preparation for January.

News of Girls

Congratulations to Seren H, Year 6, whose Christmas Card design was selected to represent Howell's in the GDST Christmas card competition. [Click to view our festive gallery.](#)

Carols in Llandaff Cathedral

It was a crisp and clear winter day on Tuesday 11th December as the services of nine lessons and carols took place in the stunning surroundings of Llandaff Cathedral. [Read more here](#)
Congratulations to Jessica M and Ayesha N Year 6, who read so confidently during the afternoon and evening services respectively.

Lights, Camel, Action!

Our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 girls entertained their audiences over three magnificent performances on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. The show was exceptional and I was so proud of all of the younger members of our school community. Thank you, as always, to all the staff and of course parents and grandparents for supporting us.



Multi Sports Year 4

Eleven girls from Year 4 took part in a multi-sport event at Eastern Leisure Centre on Thursday 13th December. The students got to take part in athletics, badminton, football and shooting activities, scoring points along the way. It was a fun-filled morning with lots of exciting races and events. Two of the Howell's groups (Howell's Antlers and Howell's Baubles) finished as joint runners-up in the combined team competition and went home with silver medals. A huge congratulations must also go out to Elizabeth S, who deservedly won the gold medal in the individual target shooting competition after an astonishingly accurate display. Read more [here](#)

Prep School Swim Team

Congratulations to our swim team who, despite fierce opposition, qualified for both the freestyle relay and medley relay in both age groups at the Urdd Swimming Gala. Sophie D and Amelia D from Year 6, also qualified in individual events. We wish you all good luck for the National Finals taking place at Cardiff International Pool on 26th January 2019.

Christmas Lunch

Our Prep School Christmas lunch is on Monday 17th December.

Christmas Jumper Day

Girls may wear their Christmas jumpers over their uniform on the last day of term – Wednesday 19th December. Don't forget we finish at 1pm next Wednesday and there is no After School Care provision.

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.

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

Wednesday 19th December

Some of the Prep School staff will entertain you singing carols in the Bandstand as you collect your daughters. We will be collecting money to support Latch, so if you do have any spare change we would be grateful.

Meeting for Parents of Year 6

If you were unable to attend the meeting on Monday 3rd December, 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 16th January 2019 at 5.30pm in the Hub.

Bag-2-School Collection

Many thanks for all the kind Bag-2-School clothing donations on Thursday 6th December. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Chess

There are still a few spaces left for our after school chess club. Chess takes place after school each Thursday 3.15-4.15pm with Mr Timothy Kett. This club is for Years 2-6. If you would like more information or would like your daughter to join in January, please contact Mr Kett directly timothykett@yahoo.co.uk

Fibretastic Craft Club

We are delighted that after a really successful first term Fibretastic Craft Club is expanding and can take another group of girls. The club is run by Ruth Moore and Jenny Watts of Ammonite Yarns – an independent yarn shop in Pontyclun. The aim of the club is to foster the girls' enjoyment of fibre arts and lay the foundations for crafting outside the club.

During this term, the activities included sewing needle cases and Christmas stockings, experimenting with wet felting and hand spinning using wool fibre, hand weaving on small looms and braiding techniques. From January, the club is expanding to take 16 girls and places are available for both beginners and girls who have attended previously.

Please contact Ruth Moore directly for more information or to book a place ruth@ammoniteyarns.co.uk

Mysterious Maths club

We are delighted that Seran Pearson (formerly of Spaghetti Maths) is returning to the Prep School in January to start her 'Mysterious Maths' club with Years 3-6. This creative maths club will take place each Thursday evening after school for 6 weeks. For more information or to book a place for your daughter in the club, please go directly to Seran's website www.mysteriousmaths.co.uk

Christmas Greetings from the TOOT Staff and Dates for 2019

After a busy autumn half term in the TOOT Holiday Club, we are looking forward to the New Year and have the 2019 TOOT dates for your calendars. We also have good news about **February Half Term** following many requests from parents to reinstate this half term week. Mrs Sally Davis is happy for us to run the week if we can secure enough booking to make it financially viable. I am sending out Booking Forms today and a final decision on whether the week will run will be made on Friday 18th January. Please send in your bookings as soon as possible. Here is the message from Mrs Davis.

Toot didn't run last February half term due to lack of numbers. In response to parental request, we are looking at whether we run this year. The decision will be made on January 18th, giving parents 5 weeks to make alternative arrangements if they need to. However, over 30 parents have expressed an interest, but I do need parents to book and pay by 17th January ready for our meeting with Mrs Ludlam on 18th January, when a decision will be made. Mrs Ludlam will be sending the information out this Friday on the Prep School Round Up and email. Sally Davis, Principal

The dates for Easter, summer and autumn are as follows:

Easter 2019 8th - 26th April (3 weeks)

Summer 2019 22nd July - 23rd August (5 weeks)

Autumn 2019 28th October - 8th November (2 weeks)

TOOT caters for all Howell's Junior School children from 3 - 11 years and their siblings both male and female. Our base is in the Junior School Hall and we have access to the wonderful grounds around both Senior and Junior School for our activities.

More information about the Feb Half Term (if running) and Easter TOOT arrangements will be sent out to parents in January and do look out for the posters around school. Our email address is TOOT@how.gdst.net for queries and to make bookings. Do have a fabulous holiday.

Merry Christmas and a Happy and Peaceful New Year from all the TOOT staff!

Diary Dates

Year 7 Entrance Examination

Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place on Friday 26th January 2019. For more information or to register please contact our Admissions Officer, Chrissie Hall-Davis, at 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 31st 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. 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 to find out more about College life and the opportunities it brings. To book a place and for more information please email Chrissie.Hall-Davis@how.gdst.net or telephone 02920 261832. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think may be interested in attending.

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 11th 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. 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 19th 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 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.