

Prep School

ROUND UP



Date 18th January 2019



Year One and the Teddy Bears' Picnic Breakfast

On Monday 14th January, the Year 1 enjoyed a delicious Stunning Start to their new topic, Food, Glorious Food! The girls were invited to bring their favourite teddy bear into school for a fun picnic. The girls (and some of their teddies) enjoyed toast with a variety of toppings, fruit and hot chocolate, all to the tune of *The Teddy Bears' Picnic*. After reading *Biscuit Bear* by Mini Grey, we continued with the bear and food theme later in the week. The girls wrote exciting new adventures for Biscuit Bear and finished off by baking and decorating their very own Biscuit Bears, complete with icing aprons. Everyone walking through Ty Hapus on Thursday afternoon said our baking smelled delicious! For photographs, [click here](#).

Year 4 Sing with the African Children's Choir

On Thursday evening, Year 4 had the opportunity to sing at St David's Hall with a massed primary schools choir made up of some 550 voices as part of the African Children's Choir 2019 tour of the UK. The girls spent a busy afternoon in rehearsals and sound checks with both the African choir and the local schools' choir before the concert began. St David's Hall was packed with parents and supporters at this charity fund-raising event. Dressed in a variety of colourful costumes, the African Children's Choir thoroughly entertained the audience and local schools with a mesmerising display of singing, energetic dancing and rhythmic African drumming. Howell's Prep School girls sang 4 items with the African Choir and another 4 songs as part of the local schools' massed choir and they performed superbly. Both teachers and parents were very proud of the girls' performance, behaviour, initiative and flexibility at what was an uplifting and somewhat humbling occasion. I am sure that this will have been a memorable experience for Year 4.



JCC Congratulations!

Our Junior Competition Choir entered the GDST Young Choir of the Year – they were extremely impressed with the incredibly high standards of all the performances. I am delighted to let you know that our JCC choir has been selected to perform at the final at Cadogan Hall. Many congratulations!

Year 6 Meeting

A meeting for Year 6 parents regarding transition to Year 7 with Mrs Sally Davis, Principal, will take place on Monday 28th January in the Hub at 5.30pm.

Curriculum Letters

If you would like to read what your daughter will be learning this term, then Curriculum letters will be available on Firefly today.

Message from Mrs Davis

It is with great regret that I must inform you that Mrs Vanessa Yilmaz, Director of External Relations, will be leaving us to take up a new position at the educational recruitment company Eteach later this term. This new role is a fabulous opportunity for her but of course a great loss for Howell's. For more than 15 years, Mrs Yilmaz has made a significant contribution to the school helping to shape its development and arranging wonderful experiences for our students. I can't thank her enough for the unconditional commitment and enthusiasm she has shown throughout that time. She will be with us until the end of March, so everyone will have the chance to say their goodbyes and give her their best wishes for the future.

Cava and Canapés

On Friday 11th January, we returned to the splendid surroundings of the Lansdowne Club in the heart of Mayfair for our fourth evening of Cava and Canapés for alumni in London. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Piano Peripatetic Recognised in the New Year's Honours List

Howell's talented piano peripatetic, Jan Ball, was awarded a BEM (British Empire Medal) in the recent New Year's Honours list for her services to Music. Many congratulations, Jan.

Healthy Snacks

Key Stage 1 girls should bring a healthy snack for morning break. Please do not send in crisps. Please slice grapes and cherry tomatoes, as they can be a choking hazard.

After School Care

Please ensure that you arrive on time to collect your daughter from our After School Care provision. You need to arrive before 6pm, when the provision ends.

Parent Blog

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

Prep School Dates

Friday 25 th January	Year 7 Entrance Exam
Monday 28 th January 5.30pm	Meeting for Parents with Sally Davis re Year 6 transition in the Hub
Friday 1 st February	Wear Red for Velindre
Thursday 21 st February	Eisteddfod
Monday 25 th February to Friday 1 st March 2019 inclusive	Half term
Monday 4 th March	JCC competing in Barnado Choir final in London
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character!
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief
Tuesday 12 th and Wednesday 13 th March	6L Parents' Evening
Tuesday 26 th and Wednesday 27 th March	Nursery to Year 6 Parents' Evenings (except class 6L)
Wednesday 3 rd April	Whole School Photograph
Friday 5 th April	End of Spring Term 1pm finish - no After School Care

TOOT February Half Term 2019

February Half Term - Monday 25th February to Friday March 1st.

Dear Parents

February Half Term TOOT 2019 is going ahead!

After requests from parents to reinstate February TOOT and lots of bookings, Mrs Davis is happy to run the Holiday Club this year.

Many thanks to those who have booked their children in already and enabled the Club to go ahead.

We still have places on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday so if you have not yet made a booking, please complete the attached form and send it into school as soon as possible.

More information about the theme, activities and events will be sent out next week.

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. The cost is £45 per day or £200 for a 5 day week (Mon – Fri). This includes breakfast, fruit snack, one cooked meal at lunchtime, all activities and the Thursday trip out of school. If staying after 4pm, your child will need to bring a packed tea.

Our email address is TOOT@how.gdst.net for queries and to make bookings.

We hope to see you over half term.

Kind regards

Mrs Ludlam

Diary Dates

Year 7 Entrance Examination

Our Year 7 Entrance Examination will take place next Friday, 25th 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. 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 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.

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 Morning

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? We will be holding our first Whole School Open Morning for Nursery, Prep School and Senior School on Tuesday 19th February from 9am-11am, 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 interested in finding out more about life in Howell's School.

Story Time Nursery Open Morning

We are delighted to be holding a Story Time themed Open Morning in our Nursery from 10.00am – 11.15am on Thursday 14th March. The Open Morning will provide an excellent opportunity for little girls to explore the creative, stimulating and nurturing environment of our Nursery, where we plant the seeds of curiosity, nourish them with experience and care and watch as our girls grow in confidence, compassion and knowledge. If you or if you know of anyone who would like to join us, places can be reserved by emailing hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephoning 029 2026 1825.