

Junior NEWS ROUND UP



Date 23rd March 2018

The Head's update



Dear Parents

Sports News

The U11 netball team took on Rougemont in a friendly match on Wednesday 14th March and played with flair and style. Playing a strong defensive game, we were able to intercept many of the Rougemont players into the circle. Frankie J played with consistency and excellent timing controlling the ball as she passed. As a cohesive team the girls played very well and show great promise for the future.

Royal High School Bath Visit – Day of Sport

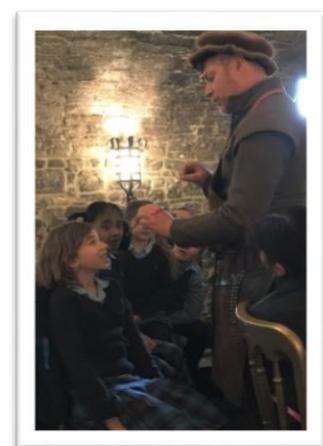
On Wednesday 21st March, 39 students from Year 5 and Year 6 at Royal High School, Bath were welcomed at Howell's School by Year 6. After a picnic lunch, the girls either made their way to the netball courts or the swimming pool to take part in some friendly competitions. The swimmers raced in a gala, undertaking a variety of freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly races before coming together to compete in some relay races. It was a very busy and enjoyable gala, with many girls getting the chance to demonstrate their expertise in the pool! Outside, 5 netball teams in total competed in a small round-robin tournament where lots of good team-play was on show. After an hour of play, the netball players made their way to the Sports Hall to take part in Miss Batchelor's dance workshop. This proved to be a very popular and active hour, with the swimmers joining later in the afternoon. The day culminated with refreshments in the dining hall, before Royal High School departed at 3.30pm. It was a great afternoon of sport, with so many GDST girls enjoying themselves on the netball court, in the swimming pool and on the dance floor.

'Food, Glorious Food'

This week Year 1 welcomed their families to the Junior Hall to join them for their 'fabulous finish' to this term's food topic. Girls sang food inspired songs, including instrumental accompaniments and also performed two different Welsh folk dances. The girls enjoyed being the teachers as they invited their parents to the dance floor and taught them the dances! The tea party finished with a delicious range of cakes, biscuits, sandwiches and fruit kebabs, lovingly prepared by the Year 1 girls. Well done girls, all the staff in Year 1 are so proud of all your confident performances, enthusiasm and hard work this week!

Year 5 Trip

On Thursday, Year 5 went on a trip to Cardiff Castle to take part in two Tudor workshops. The first was a detailed tour through the grimy world of Tudor medicine. The girls learnt about all sorts of weird and wonderful treatments - some which could make you worse, but some which are actually still used today! The second workshop was a Tudor dance tutorial. The girls learnt a posh pavane and the horses' brawl, which would have been danced enthusiastically by Tudor peasants. The whole day was a lot of fun and the girls thoroughly enjoyed being transported back to the 16th Century!



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Fairtrade Stall

The Fairtrade reps were very busy during Fairtrade Fortnight, despite the snow doing its best to put us off our stride! Our planned visit to the Fair Do's Shop was snowed off, but we still managed to stock and run our stall for two days. We didn't have as much to sell as we wanted, but the stall was a huge success and we sold out within ten minutes on our second day! Thank you to all the Fairtrade reps and to everyone who supported the stall, helping to raise awareness of Fairtrade.



'Danceathon' for Sports Relief

Girls in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 danced their socks off this Tuesday afternoon to raise money for Sports Relief. Many thanks to Mrs Manning for organising a fun event which had all the girls (and staff) moving, shaking, singing and giggling all afternoon!



Year 5 sleepover!

Last night, Year 5 returned to school at 7pm to sleepover! After watching Harry Potter and drinking hot chocolate, the girls snuggled down with their teddies for a good night's sleep. What a lovely way to end the term! Thank you to Mrs Thomas, Miss Hagerty, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Hodson and Miss Jones for staying over too.

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Friendship Week at Howell's

The Wellbeing reps were very busy during the first half of the Spring term when we celebrated Friendship Week. The girls worked hard to think of activities to build on friendships and relationships in school. Every class chose their activities from those ideas and had a lot of fun! These included Compliment Circle Time, Musical Friends and Friend-For-A-Week, where the girls chose a new group of friends to play with for a few minutes throughout the week. We started off the fun with an assembly when everyone joined in with a rip-roaring sing-and-dance-along to A-Tooty-Ta – check out Dr Jean on Youtube if you want to feel really happy over the Easter break!

The Wellbeing Reps: Emily, Lois, Rhea, Mali, Elizabeth, Francesca, Safia, Charlotte, Isra, Lottie, Dahlia, Sena, Amelie, Chloe and Elodie



Summer term clubs

The list of the Junior School clubs is being emailed out to parents today. Please check the list carefully as there has been some changes to clubs.

The sports clubs have now changed to the summer activities of athletics, rounders and kwik cricket.

The following clubs have now finished for this year; Chess, Spaghetti Maths, Philosophy, Newspaper Club and the Enterprise Club.

Please note there is a change of venue for Gymnastics held each Friday. This will be held in the Junior hall for the summer term and parents are to collect from the hall door.

Uniform

Girls should be in summer uniform from Monday 16th April. Thank you.

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RHS Wheelbarrow Competition

Girls from our Year 1 and 2 Gardening Club have worked really hard on their entry for the wheel barrow competition at the RHS show at Bute Park on 13-15 April. If you visit, please remember to vote for us!



Art Club

Miss Ashman would like to thank you for all your interest and response to her Art Club. It will now run as a Key Stage 2 club combining Years 3-6 together. The club will start on the first Thursday after the Easter holiday from 3.15pm until 4.30pm in the Art room.

Choir

Year 1 and 2 Choir will have an informal end of year concert on Tuesday 15th May at 2.30pm to 3.00pm in the hub.

Stay and Play

If you have any good quality toys that you no longer need that are suitable from birth to three, we would be very grateful for donations for our Stay + Play sessions. Please could you bring any donations to Ty Hapus before the end of term. Thank you so much for your generosity.

Junior School Instrumental Evening 2018

The girls taking part in the Junior School Instrumental Evening took home ticket request letters this week. Please return the reply slip by Wednesday 18th April to signify your daughter's commitment to the event and to request tickets for yourselves.

By way of reminder:

The Junior School Instrumental Evening will be held on Thursday 26th April 2018 at 7pm in the Junior School Hall (2nd week after the Easter break). The following ensembles will be taking part:

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- Junior School Orchestra
- Junior School Wind Band
- String Machine
- Junior Rock
- Band Skills groups (*who are ready to perform*)
- Shake, Rattle & Roll
- Junior Flute Choir
- Y3 violinists (both classes)
- Y4 brass players (both classes)
- The winning instrumental soloists from the recent Eisteddfod Individual Instrumental Competition.

Thank you, girls for your hard work and commitment to the ensembles this term!
Keep playing over the Easter break! *Mr Beckett*

A Report about the Chicks in Year 2

By Dahlia

"On Monday 5th March the farmer dropped off 8 chick eggs. The farmer's name was Sam. He was a man. Sam brought the eggs in an incubator (I was really excited).



The chicks were called Sunshine. She was a Pekin chicken. Midnight was a Marans Black. Miss Cuddles was a Silke. Ginger was a Rhode Island Red. Penguin was a Pekin chicken and Teddy was a Rhode Island Red. We took care of these chicks so we cleaned out their hay and gave them new water. I wish we had the chicks for longer. First to hatch was Sunshine. Sunshine was a Pekin chicken. Sunshine reminded me of the yellow flappy bird with a bottle cap on his head.

After two weeks, the chicks went back to farmer Sam's. After 20 weeks the chickens are old enough to lay eggs of their own."

GDST Creative Writing

Tilly won 1st prize in her category (Year 3 and 4) in the GDST Creative Writing Competition. The theme was 'ambition' and Tilly's story (The Quest of Hedgehog Bobus) was described as 'original, imaginative and compelling' by the judge Harriet Goodwin, an alumna of Bromley High School.

GDST Girls Run the World for Sport Relief

On Tuesday afternoon students and staff in the Junior School, Senior School and College donned their running shoes to take part in the GDST mega round-the-world challenge, GDST Girls Run the World, aiming collectively to run 25,000 miles to raise funds for Sport Relief. Howell's travelled an astonishing 719 miles, raising £559.15 for this important charity. Many thanks to Mrs Crawford and the entire Sport Department for the hard work they did to make the day such a roaring success. [Click here](#) to see a short film which captures the spirit of the day.

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Spring Concert in the Great Hall

After last year's Llandaff Cathedral spectacular, the Spring Concert returned to its rightful home of the Great Hall on Thursday 22nd March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

This week's Parent Blog, *Ready Steady Revise*, is available for you to enjoy reading by [clicking here](#).

Hywelian News

Congratulations to Hywelian Stephanie D, who left Howell's in 2017. Stephanie left us and took up a Business Apprenticeship at Deloitte and has recently won Apprentice of the Year at the Wales Contact Centre Awards, hosted by Claudia Winkleman at the Wales Millennium Centre. [Click here](#) for more information.

The Secret Life of 4 and 5 Year Olds

The makers of Channel 4's *The Secret Life of 4 & 5 Year Olds* are recruiting for the next series and filming will take place over the summer holiday. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Whole School Open Afternoon

Keen to know what goes on behind the doors at Howell's? Our next Open Afternoon for Nursery to Year 13 on Thursday 10th May 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 might be interested in coming along.

Rhyme Time in the Nursery Open Morning

On Thursday 14th June, Howell's is holding a Rhyme Time themed Open Morning in the Nursery from 10.00am – 11.15am. The Open Morning will provide an excellent opportunity for little girls to explore the creative, stimulating and nurturing environment of the Howell's 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 know of anyone who would like to join us, you can reserve a place by emailing Hannah Roberts at hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net or telephoning 029 2026 1825.

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Junior School Dates

Monday 16 th April	Summer Term begins
Thursday 19 th April	Class Photographs – Summer Dress
Wednesday 25 th April	Storey Arms Meeting for Year 6 Parents 3.30pm to 4pm in 6S
Thursday 26 th April	Junior School Musical Evening
Monday 7 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Thursday 24 th May am	KS2 Swimming Gala at Cardiff International Pool (Parents invited)
Friday 25 th May	Inset Day
Monday 28 th May to Friday 1 st June	Half term
Monday 4 th June	Inset Day
Friday 15 th June 12.30	Junior School Sports Day at UWIC, Cyncoed
Friday 13 th July	1pm Finish for Summer holiday There will be no After School Care

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Dear Year 4, 5 and 6 girls,

Howell's Library is delighted to work closely with local independent bookshop, Griffin Books, and we would like to alert keen readers to an event they are holding on an INSET day which may be of interest.

Author Cressida Cowell will be at All Saints Church, Victoria Square, Penarth on Friday 25th May holding two events, one at 9.45 – 11.45 and another at 12.45 – 2.45.

Tickets are £5 each and included in the price is a signed copy of Cressida's book 'The Wizards of Once' or one of the 'How to Train Your Dragon' series of books.

To book a ticket, please talk to your parents/guardians in the first instance – they will need to telephone 02920 706455 to book tickets.

Full contact details for Griffin Books: <https://griffinbooks.co.uk/>

We're sure it'll be a fantastic event!

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TOOT Timetable over Easter 2018



If you have booked your child into TOOT over Easter, please here is the Timetable so that you know what is happening each day and what to bring.

Venue Week 1 – Nursery with drop off and pick up between Hall and Music Wing
 Venue Weeks 2 and 3 – Junior School Hall with drop off and pick up at Hall doors.



Week 1 Mon 26 th – Thurs 29 th March Easter/Spring is Sprung!				
Date	Monday 26 th	Tuesday 27 th	Wednesday 28 th	Thursday 29 th
Activities	Swimming with Mrs Griffiths Bookmarks	Dance with the TOOT band Easter cards	Cookery- Nests of eggs Decorated boxes	Trip to Cefn Mably Farm Park to see the spring baby animals
What to bring	costume, hat and towel	-		warm, waterproof coat, wellies if wet

Week 2 Tues 3 rd – Fri 6 th April Easter/Spring is Sprung!				
Date	Tuesday 3 rd	Wednesday 4 th	Thursday 5 th	Friday 6 th
Activities	Swimming with Mrs Griffiths Rabbit heads	Cookery- Easter biscuits Spring bouquets	Trip to Mountain View Ranch for Gruffalo and Easter egg trail	Swimming with Mrs Griffiths Butterflies
What to bring	costume, hat and towel	-	warm, waterproof coat, wellies if wet	costume, hat and towel

Art and craft activities for the Easter Weeks include

Yoga, decorating eggs, egg rolling, Easter bunting, making a grass head and pond in the garden, junk modelling, pompom creatures, floral hair bands and spring collages

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Week 3 Mon 9th – Fri 13th April Reptiles Rule!

Date	Monday 9 th	Tuesday 10 th	Wednesday 11 th	Thursday 12 th	Friday 13 th
Activities	Swimming with Mrs Griffiths Spiral snakes	Visitor into school from Animal Zone UK Crocodile sticks	Cookery- jellied snakes Colourful chameleons	Dance with the TOOT band Llandaff Fields Exercise Trail	Swimming with Mrs Griffiths Egg box turtles
What to bring	costume, hat and towel	-	-	warm, waterproof coat, trainers or wellies if wet	costume, hat, towel

Art and craft activities for Reptiles Rule include

Yoga, making beaded bangles, frilled lizards, jumping frogs, sponge reptiles, frogspawn play, jigsaws and much more!



Have a lovely Easter Holiday!!

