

# Prep School

## ROUND UP



6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

It's been busy at the Prep School with World Book Day, English Speaking Union, Fairtrade and our Eisteddfod celebrations today - what a wonderful way to end the week! I hope you enjoy reading all our news:



### Storey Arms



We had a fantastic week, the weather was very kind after weeks of rain we had blue skies and even snow! We managed to do all of the activities and every single one of us faced and conquered a challenge. Caving seemed to be the activity that made most of us nervous but it ended up being the overall favourite! We spent our time underground exploring the caves, sliding down slopes, being posted through the 'letter box' and flushed down the toilet! The week was all about team work and Miss Kenyon, Mrs Matthews, Mrs Peter and Miss Ashman were so proud of every single girl who showed care, support and compassion for their friends throughout the week. So many highlights and so many memories that will stay with the staff and girls for a lifetime! *Written by members of Year 6*



## ESU Primary School Public Speaking Workshop

How much noise do 100 10-year-olds make? Rather a lot, if you get them all in the Great Hall and teach them how to use their voices to full effect. This term, Howell's is joining forces again with the English-Speaking Union to host the annual Primary School Public Speaking Competition for children from nine local primary schools—plus a team from Howell's Prep School—which will take place on Wednesday 18th March.

In order to prepare the children for the competition, 10 students from each school attended a public speaking workshop on Tuesday 3rd March, led by Mr Walters. The lively and engaging workshop taught the children about the different roles in a public speaking team, helping them develop confidence when talking to groups of people through a variety of tasks and games. During the workshop, a group of Year 10 and 11 girls from Howell's gave the children an insight into being part of a public speaking team. All the children took an active role in the workshop and were full of great energy and exciting ideas. At the end of the afternoon, every school was assigned a different topic to present at the competition in two weeks' time. We look forward to welcoming back a team of three students from each school.



## Fairtrade

It's been the busiest week of our year for us Fairtrade reps! It has been Fairtrade Fortnight and with Year 6 at Storey Arms for one of those weeks, we squeezed all, of our activities into one week.

On Tuesday, the KS2 reps visited the Fair Dos Shop in Canton to choose stock for our Fairtrade Stall this week. We dropped in very lucky as there was a visitor there who helps run a Fairtrade cooperative for olive farmers in Palestine. The cooperative has been extremely successful and we heard how much more the farmers and suppliers now get paid for their olive oil, which is exported to the UK and the United States. The visitor, Mohammed, also explained how much the local communities have also benefited from the cooperative, with other shops, businesses and suppliers now earning more.

On Wednesday and Thursday, we ran our Fairtrade Stall, selling a variety of Fairtrade items. These included bracelets, jewelled boxes and pens, felt brooches and bookmarks, dream catchers, wooden animals and, of course, CHOCOLATE! Thank you everyone who visited our stall and helped to support Fairtrade. All the money we make goes straight back to the Fair Dos Shop who then ensure it gets back to the farmers, manufacturers and suppliers.

Finally, our assembly on Thursday morning explained how rainforests are being destroyed in some parts of the world, due to farmers trying to earn enough money to feed their families and buy medicines when they are ill. Fairtrade is helping farmers in rainforest areas to earn a fair wage for their hard work in forest-friendly ways, ensuring that our rainforests are kept safe.

Well done to all the Howell's Prep School Fairtrade reps, from Reception up to Year 6, who all worked tirelessly this week to help spread the word of the importance of choosing Fairtrade products wherever possible



## Eisteddfod

Howell's Prep School certainly knows how to celebrate St David's Day in style! During the morning the whole of the Prep School joined together for a very memorable and entertaining Eisteddfod. Each class presented an item in Welsh; these ranged from familiar traditional tunes, choral speaking, and the very hotly contested house choir competition won by Glyndwr. We were thrilled to share the morning with Mrs S Thomas, our Chair of Governors and Miss Christmas, Mrs Jarvis and Mrs Dunstan, as our presiding judges. 'Llongyfarchiadau' Sonoma was declared a well-deserved winner of the prestigious Bard competition with an amazing poem. Scores have never been so close and Llywellyn was declared the winning house, the first time in 16 years that Llywellyn house has won the Eisteddfod. The house captains were delighted to be presented with the cup. Every child should be commended for their contribution to make the day such a memorable occasion for the whole school. A special thank you to, Mrs Lloyd-Jones and Mr Beckett for organising the day and musical items



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## World Book Day

We all enjoyed our infant book swap for World Book Day with so many fantastic books going to new homes.



## Parents' Consultations

We look forward to welcoming you on either Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March for our parents' evenings. An Evolve letter with a preferred option for the evening and timeslot will be sent today.

## Holiday Club Easter 2020

Do you need childcare for the Easter Holiday? Howell's Holiday Club is open from 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> April from 7.45am to 6pm. If you would like more information or a booking form, please email [s.hatcher@how.gdst.net](mailto:s.hatcher@how.gdst.net) A four day week costs £160 per child or £45.00 per day to include breakfast, snacks and tea. Please book early to avoid disappointment!

## Eco School Bag-2-School

A warm thank you for all your generous Bag-2-School clothing donations. This collection was a great opportunity to reduce the amount of clothes entering landfill and enabled good quality clothes to be reused. We would also like to thank the Senior School Eco team who went out into the local neighbourhood to deliver the bags and collect the donations from the local community and Year 6 for their support on the day

## Howell's U18 Team Wins Hockey Wales National Finals 2020

After defeating Ysgol Glantaf in the Cardiff & Vale of Glamorgan Schools' Final last month, the Under 18 Hockey Team travelled to Swansea University on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March to take part in the Hockey Wales National Finals. [Click here](#) for more information.

## Wag this Way for City Hospice

On Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March, our very own Disney, accompanied by Mrs Toogood and Mrs Christ, will be joining City Hospice's Wag this Way walk in Bute Park. [Click here](#)

## Diary Dates

### Nursery Open Morning – Story Time

Sitting down with a book can be relaxing, comforting or exhilarating. At the Nursery at Howell's School, stories and book characters inspire the girls to be creative in their art work, adventurous in their imaginative play and caring in their friendships. If you would like to go hunting for snakes in the deep, dark wood or help a bear from Darkest Peru to find a home, join us for our Story Time Nursery Open Morning on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 10am to 11.15am. For further information, please contact Sally-Ann Hatcher at [s.hatcher@how.gst.net](mailto:s.hatcher@how.gst.net) or telephone 02920 261832.

### Mothers' Day Breakfast

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March, we will be holding our annual Mothers' Day Breakfast at 8-9am. We would love to see as many students as possible bringing their mums, grandmas and female carers along to start the day with a delicious breakfast.

### Spring Concert Tickets On Sale!

This year's Spring Concert takes place on Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 6pm. It promises to be a very special musical evening, culminating in a performance of Faure's beautiful Requiem. The following groups will be taking part: all Year 7 students, Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir, College Choir, Flute Group, Senior Jazz and the Performing Arts Group. Tickets (£10 for adults and free for under 18s) are on sale from the Senior School reception and include a drink in the interval. Please note that on this occasion the seating is unreserved.

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## Prep School Dates

Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Consultations
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents' Consultations
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Break for Easter finish at 1pm – no After School Care
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of summer term.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	May Bank holiday
Mon 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Half term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Inset Day

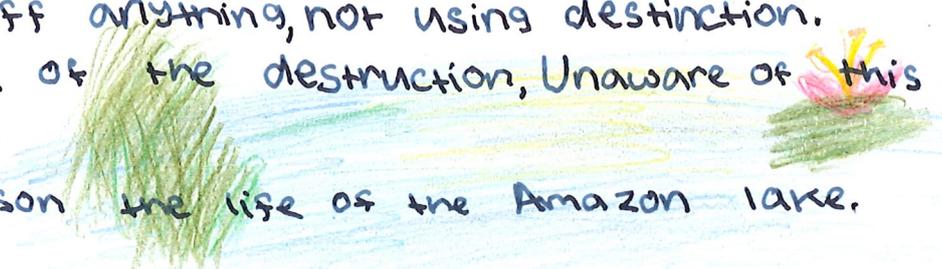
# The Amazon Lake

Juniper leaves, damp to the touch,  
Longing the forest floor so very much.  
The world is alive, the floor is awake,  
Down by the humid, Amazon.

Buzzing and humming, all merry and gay,  
Colourful crickets, they do this all day.  
Azure and cyan, together they make,  
The nazy and lazy, Amazon lake.

But then came assassins, greedy and vain,  
A concerned Mother watches, watches in pain.  
With every plunder, with every rake,  
They tear apart the Amazon lake.

Killing off wildlife on the brink of extinction,  
Shipping off anything, not using destination.  
Not aware of the destruction, Unaware of this  
mistake,  
They imprison the life of the Amazon lake.



Hungry for loot, trying to make profit,  
They dig up our mother, no-one trying to stop it.  
Desire in their eyes, blind to what they'd create,  
They ship off gallons of the Amazon lake.

Many years from now, no-one will know,  
Of the intricate forest, that here used to grow.  
People in lab coats, samples they take,  
Down by what's left of the Amazon lake.