

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 17th May 2019

By the time you read this, Year 5 will have returned from their three day residential visit to Llansteffan. They have been very lucky with the weather and have had an amazing time! More information next week! I know the girls' behaviour was exemplary and a huge thank you to Miss Hagerty, Miss Swann, Mrs Williams and Mr Beckett for accompanying them.



News of Staff

Mrs Matthews will be taking her sabbatical in June. This will commence after the end of year assessments during which time rehearsals will begin for Bussy; girls will take part in their enterprise project and during Buddhism week and therefore there will be minimum disruption to academic studies.

Stepping Stones - Years 4, 5 and 6

In assembly this week, girls taking on the Stepping Stones Award were reminded to complete their final tasks during the next few weeks. They should bring their completed portfolio of evidence (this can be a scrap book, Powerpoint, photo album etc.) into school on **Monday 1st July** and hand it to Mrs Matthews. We will be holding a special assembly in the last week of term to award the girls with their Bronze (Year 4), Silver (Year 5) or Gold (Year 6) badges. Thank you for your support.

Fun U11 Cricket Tournament

It was a busy afternoon on the field and hockey pitch on Friday 10th May, with girls from Redmaids Junior School, Bristol, Haberdashers Monmouth School for Girls and Howell's School combining to enter eight teams into a scatter ball cricket tournament. As the hosts, Howell's performed outstandingly well and won all three of their matches. All twelve of the matches that took place were thrilling, fast-paced encounters and all girls had fun whilst demonstrating some excellent batting and fielding skills! Thank you to Redmaids and Monmouth for coming and playing with such enthusiasm! For photograph [click here](#).

The New Parent App

We now have a convenient new way to share information with you about your child's school life. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Eira triumphs in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu

Many congratulations to alumna, Eira Culverwell, who has had terrific success in Brazilian Jiu Jitsu recently, winning gold medals at the European Championships, the Grand Slam Championships in Abu Dhabi and the British Open. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Online Course - Helping Girls Thrive

Mrs Harrison-Hughes has had a busy three weeks as a mentor on the GDST's online FutureLearn course 'Educating Girls: Teaching Approaches to Help Girls Thrive'. Over a thousand people from across the UK and beyond are following the course, learning practical strategies to help girls succeed in school and beyond, all informed by the GDST's research and experience. The course is free to join and we would recommend it to any parent interested in a sneak peek at the approaches used at Howell's and across the GDST that are proven to benefit girls. [Click here](#) for more information.

Diary Dates

Dads' Summer Lunch

On Friday 7th June at 1pm the annual Howell's Dads' Lunch will take place in Bully's restaurant in Pontcanna. The cost is £35, which includes a three course meal and half a bottle of wine. If any dads are interested in attending the lunch please email Dino Bartholomew at dino@bartholomewifa.co.uk or Jason Tuck at jason.tuck@me.com.

Parent Pyramid

The next Parent Pyramid drop in will take place on Thursday 13th June from 8.45am until 9.45am in the Hub at Howell's. We very much hope to see you there.

Informal Tea Concert—Friday 14th June

There will be an informal tea concert in the Great Hall given by Eisteddfod music finalists in both solo and ensemble categories on Friday 14th June at 4pm. This is an open event and all parents/staff/friends are invited to come along and enjoy tea, biscuits and wonderful music.

Second Hand Uniform Sale

Our next second hand uniform sale will take place in the Hub at Howell's on Thursday 11th July at 8am-9am and 3pm-5pm in the Hub @ Howell's.

Champagne Cycle Challenge, Summer Fair and Barbecue

Forget the Tour de France and the Giro d'Italia, Howell's unbeatable Champagne Cycle Challenge is fast approaching and will take place on Sunday 7th July, when the entire community will come together for a fun filled day to raise money for the [Howell's Bursary Fund](#). There will be three routes, varying in length, so whatever your cycling ability there is something for you—and each one ends with a glass of something cold and sparkling. The day will end with our Summer Fair so if you are not taking part in the cycle ride, come along to school from 3pm-6pm to enjoy a barbecue, ice-creams and strawberries and cream and well-stocked bar, as well as a bouncy castle and mega slide, stalls and games. Full details will be available after half term.

John Lewis Fitting Event

At 11am until 7pm on both Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th August, John Lewis will be holiday exclusive uniform fitting events for Howell's at their store in Cardiff. Staff from both John Lewis and Howell's will be on hand to help. If you would like to book a uniform fitting please call John Lewis on 02920 536 000 ext.4662. If you are unable to make these days you can also drop in to the Cardiff store at any time. Alternatively, you can shop online by [clicking here](#).

Prep School Dates

Tuesday 21st May	2.30pm to 3.00pm girls from Year 1 and 2 Choir will be performing a few songs for their parents in the Hub.
Monday 27 th May to Friday 31 st May inclusive	Half Term
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 6 Swimming Gala at Cardiff International Pool 11am
Friday 14 th June	Key Stage 2 Sports Day 1pm @ National Indoor Athletics Centre, Cyncoed
Thursday 27 th June	Reception to Year 2 'Meet the Teacher' at 3.30pm
Friday 28 th June	'Moving Up' day and Year 3 to 6 'Meet the Teacher' at 3.30pm
Friday 28 th June	Nursery Meeting 3.45pm in the Hub for new parents (and parents of girls that will continue in Nursery in September)
Monday 15 th July	Sports Day - Nursery in the morning Sports Day - Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 in the afternoon
Friday 19 th July	Summer term ends finish at 1pm no ASC



TOOT Holiday Care Club @Howell's



Now Booking for Summer 2019!

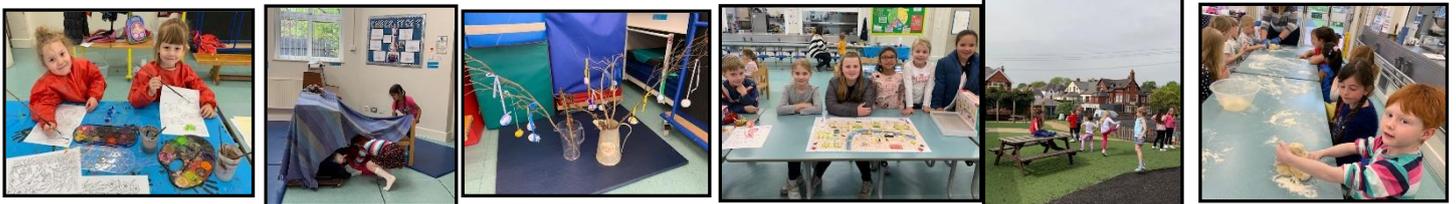
The TOOT Holiday Care Club is now taking bookings for the summer holiday weeks.

The Club, which caters for 3 – 11 year olds, will be open for the first five weeks of the summer holiday from Monday 22nd July to Friday 23rd August.

Please note that TOOT is not open during the May Half Term Holiday.

The Easter TOOT Club was very successful and the children enjoyed the wide range of activities and visits out of school over the three weeks.

The themes, Flower Fairies and A Basket of Eggs, offered opportunities for all ages to enjoy themselves while taking part in free play and activities such as painting, cooking, practising yoga, gardening, modelling, dance, construction, outdoor play and exploration in our beautiful grounds.



During the first week, the children made miniature gardens and fairy jar lanterns, and enjoyed a day out at Cardiff Castle, exploring the amazing rooms and recording their own version of a fairy tale with Dyfed, the resident storyteller.

In the second week, after decorating Easter trees with spectacular eggs and making Easter cards, the children visited Mountain View Ranch in Caerphilly where they discovered the Fairy Woodland and took part in the Gruffalo Trail, archery practice, space hopper fun and bouncing on the big yellow pillow!

Dyffryn Gardens was the splendid setting for our third visit of the holidays. After making Italian Easter bread and fabulous clay egg decorations through the week, we explored the Victorian house, entertained ourselves and other delighted visitors around the piano (with Mrs Lloyd Jones at the keys), and took part in the Easter Egg trail around the beautiful grounds with a prize made of chocolate to take home at the end!

In the final week, we all were very sad to say goodbye to Karen Lloyd who has now retired from TOOT, but we all enjoyed her farewell party and Karen was delighted to see everyone again.

Do enjoy the photographs!



The staff are now planning the activities for the summer, based around themes and ideas chosen by the children.

More information will follow shortly but please email TOOT@how.gdst.net to make a booking or to find out more about Howell's TOOT Holiday Care Club. The summer Booking Form is attached.