

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 19th July 2019

Today, we say goodbye to Mrs Praed, Mrs Manning, Miss Swann, Mr Halfpenny and Laura Hubbard. We are so sorry to see you all go and we wish you the very best for your future ventures.



Our lovely Year 6 are moving onward and upward, we wish them the very best of luck for their start in Year 7.

Nursery and Infant Sports Days

Following successful Sports Days for the older students earlier this term, it was the turn of the youngest members of the school to show their skills on Monday 15th July. The excited parents were joined on the new outdoor play area by Mrs Scott and the Nursery girls in the morning, with 45 girls taking part in four different events including the Bear Hunt Race and Jewel Collecting Race. It was great to see them putting into practice all that they have learnt this year. Congratulations to all of the students and a huge thank you to the Nursery staff and PE department for running such an enjoyable morning of activities.



With the nursery girls returning to their classrooms, the PE department began setting up the athletics track for what would prove to be another busy afternoon of events for girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. The excitement was really starting to build, with parents setting up picnics on the field to enjoy with one another ahead of their child's arrival. The afternoon started with a bang, as some excellent running and agility skills were demonstrated in the Over and Under Race. This was followed by the Sprint, Hoop and Bean Bag, Egg and Spoon, Quoit Balancing and Sack Races, but it was perhaps the Lap Race that wowed the audience the most. Every single girl in the Infant School ran this race with an incredibly high energy and determination, with medals going to those finishing in first, second and third. The imaginary podium was also used to celebrate the medallists for the Sprint Finals too (see results below), before the girls took part in the relay events to conclude the day. Well done to all of the students for competing so well, special congratulations to Hywel, who took home the House Cup!

Alongside the events on the track were the Howler Throw, Standing Long Jump and Speed Bounce competitions for the parents. Congratulations to Mr Meenagh, Mr Chamberlain, Mr John and Mr Williams who took home the prizes with some excellent individual performances!

Due to the groundworks associated with creating our wonderful new sporting facilities, Sports Day for the Infants has been off-site for the past two years, so it was great to be able to welcome everyone back this time! Thank you to all parents for supporting the event so well and a special thank you to all of those who joined us for Pimm's and strawberries in the pavilion at the end of the day—these refreshments will be available throughout the event next year for parents to enjoy in the sun!

Reception J Lap Race: 1st Megan; 2nd Holly; 3rd Annie
Reception S Lap Race: 1st Maiya; 2nd Sienna; 3rd Elisabeth
Year 1 Gwdihw Lap Race: 1st Josey; 2nd Suvira; 3rd Elodie
Year 1 Seren Lap Race: 1st Eliza; 2nd Felicity; 3rd Tiarni
Year 2J Lap Race: 1st Issy; 2nd Sena; 3rd Mai Van
Year 2S Lap Race: 1st Olivia; 2nd Amelie; 3rd Lydia

Reception Sprint Final: 1st Maiya; 2nd Megan; 3rd Emme
Year 1 Sprint Final: 1st Felicity; 2nd Josey; 3rd Eliza
Year 2 Sprint Final: 1st Issy; 2nd Amelie; 3rd Sena



Renaissance Day 2019

On Tuesday 16th July, visitors to Howell's would have been forgiven for thinking that they had stepped back in time, as students and staff took part in our first Renaissance Day, dressed in floor length velvet gowns and rustic peasant garb. A full day of period activities had been planned. In Biology, students created accurate botanical drawings, Maths had them solving puzzles that would make da Vinci himself think twice, in the art rooms the students created highly detailed drawings of the human form and there was a music workshop where the students sang a song about Henry VIII's wives to the tune of ABBA's Money Money Money, and lunch for everyone was an outdoor banquet of roast meats, pies and freshly baked bread.

The Prep School girls also took part in a variety of activities, including Tudor dancing, bread making, Jester workshops and performing Shakespeare in front of a green screen. The girls also created pop art versions of the Mona Lisa and completed a da Vinci-inspired treasure hunt.

It was a wonderful day, thank you so much to all the staff who really went to town with the theme and gave the students a memorable experience. [Click here](#)

Lights, Camera, Action!

On Wednesday, the Nursery girls took part in their end of year show in the Great Hall. They took to the stage in a sea of pink, accompanied to the tune of Circle of Life, by the Junior Competition Choir. The girls sang and performed their hearts out and they put on a wonderful show for their parents and grandparents.

Mrs Scott

Annual Cup Winners

I am delighted to announce that the Quinn Cup for this year was presented to Georgie H in Year 6, the Christmas Cup was presented to Alice W in Year 5 and finally the Baker Cup was presented to Tallulah C.



Back to Basics

In September, we will be relaunching our 'Back to Basics' initiative. We will focus on uniform, expectations of behaviour and standard of work. I thought it would be useful to share with you, some of what will be discussed with the girls:

Uniform

Girls should be proud to wear the correct Howell's uniform. This includes:

- A Howell's school coat
- Navy/black hair accessories with winter uniform, pink/white with summer uniform
- No large hair bows
- Navy knee length socks or navy tights should be worn with the winter uniform
- White ankle socks should be worn with the summer uniform
- Hats, scarves and gloves should have the school logo, or plain navy
- Ear muffs are not allowed
- Shoes should be polished
- Hair should be neatly tied back
- Earrings are **not** allowed
- Nail varnish is **not** allowed

Expectations

- Girls should always do their best, having high expectations of themselves
- Presentation should always be as neat as possible, this includes homework
- Homework should be returned on the correct day, or it will not be marked
- Any sub-standard work will be returned to be redone, either at home or during a lunchtime

Uniform

Summer dresses may be worn until October half term.

Club Fair

Our successful club fair will once again be taking place at the beginning of the new academic year. This gives parents an opportunity to find out about the extra curricular provision available and talk to the external providers and teachers who lead our clubs. I hope you will join us in the Prep Hall on Friday 6th September, 2.30pm to 3.30pm for parents of girls in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 and 3.30pm to 4.30pm for parents of girls in Years 3 to 6.

Please note that the club timetable will be emailed to parents before the start of the new term.

It's time to give your recorder a holiday bath!

We are sending the girls' recorders home over the holidays and are politely requesting that they be given a clean out! The simplest way is to take the instrument apart and let it soak in a bowl of warm soapy water for an hour or so. Then rinse the parts through and have a look inside - there should not be anything visible! (If your daughter has a recorder made totally from wood, please don't soak it – just rinse it through!) Finally, reassemble the instrument. Many thanks for doing this. The girls will now start the new school year with a clean instrument which might also produce a better sound! *Mr Beckett*

Charity Stalls

Thank you to the 18 groups of girls who worked hard on their charity stalls yesterday. The girls in Reception to Year 6 enjoyed attending and spending their pocket money! There were lots of happy faces and they raised money for their chosen charities which included Noah's Ark, Make a Wish, Asthma, British Lung Foundation, Dog Trust, Diabetes UK, PETA, RSPCA, Latch, Afrikids, The Bursary Fund, Greenpeace, Velindre, Baby Lifeline. The girls are still totalling the money but the total so far is £241.17!



Good Luck to Mrs Barbara Ludlam and her Toot staff , who have a very busy summer ahead, with lots of fun activities and trips planned . Mrs Ludlam will be retiring from Toot at the end of August . I would like to thank her for all she has done to make Toot so successful and we wish her all the very best for her retirement in September. News of her replacement will be announced in due course.

I would like to thank you all for the gifts, cards and lovely comments as another year ends. Thank you for all you support and I would like to wish you all an enjoyable summer. I look forward to seeing you late September, when I return from my delayed sabbatical.

All You Need Is Love

Love was most definitely in the air in the Sports Hall on the evening of Thursday 11th July at our Summer Concert. [Click here](#) for more information.

Music Examinations

Students in the Prep, Senior School and Co-Ed College took ABRSM, Trinity and LCM music practical examinations during the summer term and received terrific results. [Click here](#) for more information.

Alumna Jemima awarded prestigious Andrew Lloyd Webber Scholarship

We were delighted to hear that Alumna Jemima S, from the Howell's Class of 2016 has been awarded the prestigious Andrew Lloyd Webber Scholarship for her masters at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama. Congratulations, Jemima.

Harpist Ben joins Transatlantic Hot Club

Hywelian and professional harpist, Ben Creighton Griffiths, is performing at the Mansion House, Cardiff on 22nd August as part of Transatlantic Hot Club's UK tour. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

Mrs Davis thoroughly enjoyed hosting a Celebration Tea for Prep School students at break time on Thursday 18th July. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

John Lewis Fitting Event

At 11am until 7pm on both Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th August, John Lewis will be holding an 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](#).

SAVE THE DATE: Glitter Ball 2019

We are pleased to announce that after the runaway success of the Great Hall Crystal Ball in December 2017, the Parent Pyramid will be holding the Glitter Ball 2019 at Howell's on Friday 6th December. Tickets will be available to buy in tables of ten or twelve from the start of next term.

Prep School Dates

Monday 2 nd September	Inset Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	Inset Day
Wednesday 4 th September	Inset Day
Thursday 5 th September	First Day of Term
Friday 6 th September	Clubs Fair 2.30pm Reception, Years 1 and 2 3.30pm Years 3 to 6
Thursday 26 th September	Individual Photographs