

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 27th September 2019

It was lovely to return to school on Wednesday after my three week sabbatical in Crete. I have been so impressed with how well the girls have settled in to their new routines and classes. It was a real treat to meet with all our new girls today in the Prep School library. They especially enjoyed the Welsh cakes and juice! Looking ahead to our Open Day tomorrow, I'd like to thank the girls from Year 6 who have offered to give up their time to show prospective families around the Prep School. I hope you enjoy reading about some of this week's highlights.



Languages Week

This week as part of Languages Week, the girls in Year 2 have enjoyed taster French and Spanish sessions. Many thanks to the language leaders in our college for planning and leading the lessons for the girls. Gracias! Merci!

On Monday, as part of Languages week, girls from the Junior School had a visit from Señor Morgan (Head of Languages). They learnt that many English words such as tomato or avocado came from the Aztec language. They also discovered where chocolate originated from and how the Spaniards brought it to Europe.



Madame Davies introduced the girls to the uTalk Junior Language Challenge 2019/20, the only language competition for primary schools. The participants will develop their speaking and listening skills in Spanish for the 1st round and French for the 2nd round. The girls from Years 3 to 6 have been invited to enter the competition. At the end of Round 2 the highest scoring children for their region will be invited to take part in a Regional Final. This is an amazing opportunity for our pupils to excel at languages and get recognition for their success.

Trumpet Demonstration to Years 3 & 4

Mrs Davies, our trumpet tutor, gave a lively demonstration of the trumpet to Years 3 and 4 at the beginning of their singing session on Thursday! She played some different film themes to demonstrate the versatility of the instrument and also got the girls buzzing their lips! Some of them were able to get a good sound straight away out of a cornet. The girls also asked some very interesting questions. If your daughter was particularly interested and would like to begin learning the trumpet or cornet with Mrs Davies, please email Mrs Hatcher using s.hatcher@how.gdst.net and we will send you further information.

String Machine & Junior Orchestra

Both String Machine and Junior Orchestra are playing at our Harvest assembly next Friday, 4th October. The girls need to remember their instruments and music on this day! Many thanks for your hard work in these two ensembles!

Parents evening dates

There will be an opportunity for you to chat to the teachers about how your daughter has settled into their new classes at our parent consultation evenings. Parents evening will take place Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th October. Letters will be sent nearer the time giving you the opportunity to express a preferred day and time and appointments will be made then.

Year 3, 4, 5 and 6 PE

Please could all girls make sure that they have shin pads and gum shields for their PE lessons next week. They will not be able to play hockey without them.

Gymnastics

Please note there is no after school gym club Friday 11th, 18th and 25th October, due to the sports hall being used for Wizard of Oz.

Harvest

We are really looking forward to celebrating Harvest Festival with a special assembly next Friday, 4th October.

Please support our charities by reminding your child to bring their Harvest Festival donations straight to the Prep School Hall on Friday morning. Donations should be non-perishable goods, such as tea, coffee, biscuits, pasta or rice, any tinned goods (fruit, vegetables, rice pudding etc) or UHT milk. This year all donations will be shared between the Cardiff Foodbank, Barnardo's and City Hospice.

Thank you for your support as always!

Sport Cardiff GO TRI Aquathlon

Congratulations to all the Year 5 and 6 girls who took part in the Sport Cardiff GO TRI Aquathlon competition as part of the Cardiff Games on 11th September. It was an all-out effort for the girls, who had to complete 100m Swim followed by a four-lap run around a rugby pitch. Fantastic effort by all the 14 girls who took part. The athletes competed against boys and performed brilliantly. Overall the team from Howell's came 2nd, and Alex P came 3rd out of all the girls competing on the day.

Are you off to see the Wizard?

Rehearsals for the Wizard of Oz are going extremely well and the cast have shown real maturity in their commitment, energy and enthusiasm in all the after-school, lunchtime and weekend rehearsals. [Click here](#) for more information.

Parent Blog

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

Diary Dates

Parent Pyramid

Would you like to know more about what goes on at Howell's? Are you keen to get involved in the events that we run at school? Join us at the next Parent Pyramid drop in session this term and find out about how you can get involved.

The next Parent Pyramid session will be in the Hub at 8:45am next Tuesday 1st October, and we will be discussing the upcoming Christmas Fair, which is on Friday 29th November, as well as making plans for the Glitter Ball on Friday 6th December.

For more information, please contact Rachel Eling, Communications and Engagement Officer. r.eling@how.gdst.net.

The Year 7 Experience – Wednesday 16th October

On Wednesday 16th October, girls in Year 5 are going to take “One Giant Leap” into the Senior School to experience life in Year 7. This is also open to girls in Year 6 who have not yet attended a taster day. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might be interested in attending. For details please email admissions@how.gdst.net or telephone 029 2026 1832.

Follow the Yellow Brick Road: Monday 21st – Thursday 24th October

From Monday 21st until Thursday 24th October Howell's will be presenting its very own production of The Wizard of Oz featuring students from the entire school and college. Join Dorothy and friends on their exciting journey along the Yellow Brick Road. Tickets on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday cost £12 (£10 children) and for the gala performance all tickets cost £15 and are available from the main reception in the Senior School.

The Glitter Ball 2019 – Friday 6th December

Tickets have flown out of the door for this year's Glitter Ball which will take place on Friday 6th December. There are limited tickets available (£650 for a table of ten, or £70 individually) so if you would like to join us contact Mrs Thomas on bethan.thomas@how.gdst.net. The shimmering evening will include a drinks reception followed by a three course dinner and dancing, and for those who wish to continue the party after hours we have reserved the private room at the Cameo Club in Pontcanna, and will run a shuttle bus from Howell's to Pontcanna.

Les Misérables - Limited tickets available!

We are delighted that so many of our community are joining us for the special Howell's event at the performance of *Les Misérables* at the Wales Millennium Centre on Tuesday 10th December. A limited number of tickets have become available from our allocation for the Howell's Community to buy. Tickets include access to a private room before the performance where you can buy drinks and food before as well as order your interval refreshments. We will also have a private room during the interval. These tickets are available to the Howell's community on a first come first served basis; to reserve seats and arrange payment please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net

Prep School Dates

Friday 4 th October	Harvest Assembly
Tuesday 15 th and Wednesday 16 th October	Parents' Evenings
Monday 28 th October to Friday 8 th November inclusive	October Half term