

# Prep School

## ROUND UP



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2019

By the time you read this, our Year 6 girls will have returned from an action packed week of activities such as gorge walking, canoeing and caving. We have certainly missed them this week and look forward to seeing them all again on Monday. Year 1 had a lovely visit to Bristol Zoo this week, a perfect place to be in the sunshine. Our Junior Competition Choir performed exceptionally well in the whole school Summer concert last night, I was incredibly proud of them all.



As Year 6 have been on their residential this week, it was lovely to welcome Year 2 into the Hazelwood playground at break and lunchtimes to get them used to the play equipment for September! This meant that our Nursery girls explored the delights of Ty Hapus playground to aid their transition too.

### Staff News

Mrs Misty Praed will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Praed has worked in the Prep School for 15 years, she has been an excellent Teaching Assistant, making a real difference to hundreds of girls over the years. Thank you Mrs Praed for your commitment, creativity, hard work and for always making us happy!

Mrs Anna Manning will also be leaving us as a Teaching Assistant at the end of this term. Since her arrival, Mrs Manning has made a fantastic contribution to the Prep School. Although she will no longer be a Teaching Assistant, she **will** be continuing with her ballet teaching at Howell's.

Mr Gareth Halfpenny will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mr Halfpenny joined us in January this year, covering Mrs Holley, when she left at Christmas. I would like to thank Mr Halfpenny for everything he has done for the girls in his care.

Miss Laura Swann will be leaving us too at the end of this term. She has been covering Miss Griffiths whilst she's been on maternity leave following the birth of her second son, Rhys. Miss Swann is travelling to Australia later this year and I'd like to wish her good luck for her future.

One of our Catering team, Mrs Laura Hubbard is leaving us on the last day of term. Mrs Hubbard has a new role as a Teaching Assistant in a local primary school, something she has always wanted to do.

### Year 3 Trip

Many thanks to our helpful parents who accompanied us on our recent school trip to 'We the Curious' in Bristol. We enjoyed a Light and Shadow workshop where we refracted light using prisms, created shadow stories and learnt about how light travels in straight lines. After lunch, we explored all the exhibits then enjoyed a fascinating 3D Planetarium.

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## Sports Day

This week we had the opportunity to celebrate the outstanding performers from our Sports Day for Key Stage 2. Well done to the following girls who finished on the podium for each of the four events, as well as the overall medallists from each year group:

		Sprint	Run	Throw	Jump	Overall
Year 3	1	Sophie D	Sophie D	Isabella R	Alice D	<b>Alice D</b>
	2	Alice D	Alice D	Alice D	Jacky K	<b>Sophie D</b>
	3	Jacky K	Eve W	Elizabeth M	Sophie D	<b>Jacky K</b>
Year 4	1	Samantha J	Francesca H	Isabella C	Xinrong Z	<b>Isabella C</b>
	2	Isabelle C	Lottie A	Sophie B	Isabella C	<b>Xinrong Z</b>
	3	Illeana E-E	Elin G	Illeana E-E	Isabelle C	<b>Isabelle C</b>
Year 5	1	Francesca B	Celeste R	Phoebe C	Celeste R	<b>Celeste R</b>
	2	Amelia D	Eloise H	Eloise H	Phoebe C	<b>Phoebe C</b>
	3	Phoebe C	Francesca B	Celeste R	Chloe S	<b>Francesca B</b>
Year 6	1	Sophia C	Olivia C	Tallula C	Sophia C	<b>Olivia C</b>
	2	Olivia C	Tallula C	Olivia C	Liana N	<b>Tallula C</b>
	3	Lily H	Liana N	Elizabeth E	Olivia C	<b>Elizabeth E</b>

## Founders' Day

Today was Founders' Day, the annual event that celebrates the culture of philanthropy at Howell's, starting with our founder Thomas Howell's incredible bequest in 1539, right up to the present day. We enjoyed a special whole school assembly this morning, celebrating our whole school successes and charity events over the year.

## Mandarin exam success!

We are very pleased to announce that all of the girls in the Tuesday Mandarin club who took the YCT 1 exam passed with flying colours. Well done to Mai Van (Y2) Alexandra (Y4) and Tia, Poppy, Tatjana and Chloe Sp. (Y5) who all received their certificates in assembly this week!



## Uniform in September

Girls may return to school in September in either their summer dress, or winter uniform. They may wear their summer uniform up until October half term.

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## Charity Stalls

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July at break time, there are several groups of KS2 girls who will be setting up and running their own stalls to raise money for charity. The girls in Reception to Year 6 will all be invited to visit the stalls and make a purchase so if you would like your daughter to take part please send in a named purse with some small change (items will be up to £1) so that she can visit the stalls.

Message to the girls running the stalls

- Take your items for your stall to your classroom in the morning (Year 3 can use the Read Write Inc room in Hazelwood)
- Tables will be set up by staff for you to use
- Please bring a float (tub of change)
- Take all money home with you to count and let Mrs Matthews know the total on Friday.
- You will have opportunity to visit the other stalls so may want to bring your purse!

## Clubs

Please note that today is the last day for all clubs. There will be no clubs (lunchtime or after school) running next week. After School Care continues to run next Monday to Thursday.

## 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Nursery Sports Morning

We look forward to welcoming parents to our Nursery sports morning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30am at our Senior School field.

## Key Stage 1 Sports Afternoon

We hope you are looking forward to Sports Day for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. All spectators are welcome to arrive from 12:30 and bring their own picnic to enjoy on the field. The students will be eating as normal in the Dining Hall before arriving on the field at 13:00, with the first race set to begin at 13:15. The last races are due to finish at approximately 14:45, at which time all competitors and spectators will be welcome to join us in the Pavilion for Pimms, strawberries and ice-lollies. Alongside the events on the track for the students, all parents will be welcome to take part in the Howler Throw, Speed Bounce and Standing Long Jump competitions on the Hockey Pitch. There will be a prize for the furthest throw, longest jump and highest number of bounces in one minute. Looking forward to seeing you all on what will be a very exciting day!

## Disney Day – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July

On the last day of term, girls are invited to wear Disney themed costumes to school for our Disney Day.

## Year One Trip to Bristol Zoo

On Monday we went to Bristol Zoo on our school trip. I sat by Chloe on the bus. My favourite bit was the monkey house and the butterflies. After lunch we went to the African Workshop. The lady talked about Africa and showed us some African animals. She let us hold a mealworm. She didn't want us to hold a rat and a snake but we could stroke them. Then we raced back on the bus back to school. On the way back we laughed our heads off. *Eliza*

On Monday we went to Bristol Zoo. We went on a minibus and I sat with Zoe and Jessica. First we saw the flamingos. Next we saw the lioness and the turtles. Then we saw a big fat gorilla! We went straight through the shop back to the bus and back to Ty Hapus. *Sofia A*

On Monday we went to Bristol Zoo. We went on the bus. When we got there we had snack and then saw pink flamingos and some baby flamingos. Also we went into monkey jungle and there were some monkeys. We also saw a huge and furry gorilla and the little gorilla took the other gorilla's food! Then we went to the African Workshop and we touched a rat, snake and a mealworm! I had a lovely time! *Elodie*



## Renaissance Day

On Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July, students from Nursery to Year 12 will be taking part in a Renaissance day to celebrate the life and genius of Leonardo Da Vinci. The day will involve lots of exciting activities and we ask that your daughter come dressed for the occasion. This needn't be expensive or complicated. Some ideas could include:

### *Costume ideas*

- Long shirt with trousers or leggings and a belt.
- Shirt, waistcoat and trousers with long socks
- Peasant blouse and skirt
- Long dress and mop cap



## Pierced Ears

Please can I remind you that the girls are **not** allowed to wear earrings to school. If you are intending to have your daughter's ears pierced, please do so at the beginning of the summer holiday, so they may remove their earrings on return to school in September.

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## Parent Blog

The Parent Blog is available to read by [clicking here](#).

### Diary Dates

#### John Lewis Fitting Event

From 11am until 7pm on both Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August, John Lewis will be holding an exclusive uniform fitting event 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

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Nursery 9.30am Senior School sports facilities Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 1pm Senior School sports facilities
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July	Renaissance Day
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery Celebration 9.30am-10.30am Great Hall
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Reception Ugly Bug Ball – 2pm-3pm Prep School Hall
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Charity Stalls
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 2pm – Year 6 parents welcome
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer term ends <b>finish at 1pm no ASC</b>

## Last Day For Toot Summer Bookings!

If you have booked your child into TOOT over the Summer weeks, please read the attached timetable of the main activities and visits out of school so that you know what to bring and what is happening each day.

If you haven't booked as yet, please email TOOT as soon as possible! Please ensure that all paperwork is returned to school and payments made today.

Please do also check that you have completed the Medical/Registration Form on Firefly and Trip Permission Form (from 15/7/19) if your child is in TOOT on Thursdays.

The Club, which caters for 3 – 11 year olds, is open for the first five weeks of the summer holiday from **Monday 22nd July to Friday 23rd August from 8am until 6pm** each day. Breakfast, fruit snacks, a cooked lunch and drinks plus all the activities and trips are included in the cost which is £200 per week, Monday to Friday, or £45 per day. If your child is staying after 4pm for the longer day, they will need to bring a snack or packed tea.

**Things to bring:** a spare set of clothes (especially for younger children), sun cream and hat if warm and a warm, waterproof coat if cool.

Do email [TOOT@how.gdst.net](mailto:TOOT@how.gdst.net) for further information.

### **TOOT Contact Numbers and Email for Parents over the summer weeks**

**Email** TOOT @how.gdst.net

**Call** Howell's School 029 2026 1811 (Prep Hall)

Have a wonderful holiday. We look forward to seeing you over the summer!

Mrs Ludlam and the TOOT Team