

Prep School

ROUND UP



13th March 2020

Thank you very much for your understanding of and support for the measures we have taken at Howell's this week to ensure the school remains a safe environment in which to study. I am sure you will agree, the health and wellbeing of our students, staff and school community is of paramount importance



The girls have had a busy week! On Monday morning, I launched the 'Pole to Pole' GDST Sport Relief Challenge with the Prep School girls in assembly. They will be taking part in this challenge within their PE Sessions. Science week also began with a 'bang' with lots of experiments, activities and exploration shared during the week.

Whizz Bang Science!

We have had a fantastically scientific week at Howell's! The Book Buddy partner classes have become Science Buddies this week, meeting up to share some of the Science they have been learning so far this year. There were so many exciting activities to share, including Skittles chromatography, weird sound and touch explorations, masses of skeletons, banana bongos and fruit pianos, marshmallow and sweetie blood, beautiful butterfly lifecycles, crazy floating and sinking, nappy snowmen and races to see if older or younger children are faster! Classes have got involved in fun lunchtime science experiments with a little bit of magic thrown in! Have a look on the Prep School Firefly page, "Science Week", for lots of photos and more experiments to have fun with at home. We would love to see the results, so please bring in photos of your Science fun at home.



'On Tuesday, Year 5 did some amazing experiments with the College students. All the experiments were all fun and safe! Firstly, we did a volcanic experiment – we wrapped tin foil around a plastic cup and added baking powder and vinegar. We added food colouring and it erupted! It was exciting to see the colourful foam explode everywhere!

For our next experiment we mixed food colouring and water with fluffy material and made blue snow! Then we used coloured sweets for an experiment – we added hot water and watched while the colours spread everywhere on the plate – it looked like a rainbow!

For our third experiment we used baby oil. We added water with food colouring and put the oil on top. The oil stayed on the top because it is less dense. We then added a little tablet and it started creating bubbles in between the water and the oil! We learnt a new word - hydrophobic means to fail to mix with water. It was like a lava lamp – the bubbles were huge!

Finally, we made slime! Surprisingly, we added shaving foam! Also, we added glue, scented food colouring and baking soda.

We hope we will be able to do more activities like this in the future!' *by Kiana*



The Globe Theatre

After an early start from school, we arrived in London at Shakespeare's Globe Theatre to start our magical day! Susan (our tour guide) showed us around the 3rd Globe Theatre to have been built. We learnt interesting facts such as, the people who watched plays standing on the floor were called 'Groundlings' and the middle class people would watch from wooden benches a little higher up. We were also able to walk out from the Attiring Room onto the actual stage and recite a line from 'Twelfth Night'! we then took part in some drama games with Y5 girls from every other GDST school. These games included 'Show Me' where we had to demonstrate different feelings and characters and a Tudor Status game with playing cards! After lunch, we took part in some Tudor singing and dancing – it wasn't easy! Towards the end of the day we completed a 'Reflection River' where we all wrote down the things we learnt and enjoyed about the day. It was such a wonderful experience and one that we'll never forget!
Written by, Isra, Kiana, Nell, Isabelle, Erin and Fran



Howell's During the World War 2

It was such a pleasure to welcome alumna Barbara Forte back to Howell's on Wednesday 4th March to talk to the Year 7 History Club. [Click here](#) for more information

Disney's Sponsored Walk for City Hospice

On Sunday 29th 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. This is a 5km walk to raise awareness and funds for this very worthwhile charity. Further details, including how to register online and information on how to make a donation to sponsor Disney for this event, are available through the [City Hospice website](#). Alternatively, you can pick up a registration form from Main Reception.

Howell's alumna, Chloe, shortlisted for GDST Alumna of the Year

We are absolutely delighted that Howell's alumna, Chloe Smith, has been shortlisted for this year's prestigious GDST Alumna of the Year competition which is celebrating its 10th anniversary this year!

Chloe, who left Howell's in 2013, is the co-founder of the Bigmoose coffee shop – a coffee shop which has been expressly set up to mentor, train and employ vulnerable people in the city of Cardiff. The idea for the coffee shop came after Chloe had spent two years supporting the homeless population of Cardiff. Having volunteered at a soup kitchen, persuaded local restaurants to deliver hot meals, asked barbers and hairdressers to give haircuts to rough sleepers, and rallied the South Wales community to collect warm clothes and bedding, Chloe still wanted to do more. And so Bigmoose was born. After a Kickstarter fundraising campaign raised £30,000 in a week, Bigmoose opened its doors in March 2018, with all profits going to help homeless and other disadvantaged people get back into work and society. Bigmoose became a registered charity last year, with a focus on homelessness, mental health and prevention of suicide, and currently employs 22 people.

[Click here](#) for more information on all the finalists and to place your vote.

Prep School Dates

Friday 3 rd April	Break for Easter finish at 1pm – no After School Care
Monday 20 th April	Start of summer term.
Friday 8 th May	May Bank holiday
Mon 25 th May to Fri 29 th May	Half term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day