

# Prep School

## ROUND UP



Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2021

# The Head's Update

As we reach the end of the Summer Term, we would like to say a very big thank you to our amazing girls and staff in our Prep School. In an unpredictable and ever changing academic year they have demonstrated tremendous resilience and adaptability. Thank you also to you, our parents, for your unstinting support.



Today is tinged with sadness as we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 students before they start life in the Senior School in September. On Monday they attended a fabulous pop-up party in the Great Hall which we hope they enjoyed as much as we did! Wednesday saw them head to the Senior School where they had a busy day during which they experienced lessons including Drama, Science, Languages, Maths, Music, ICT and Art as well as make new friends. We hope they had a great day and are looking forward to starting in Year 7.

Howell's was full of colour on Monday, when students from Nursery through to College took part in our Colour Run, part of our "All the Fun of the Fair" celebration day. We hope everyone enjoyed this action packed and fun day as much as we did. You can see some fabulous photographs from the day on our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

### Thank You from Mrs Davis

I wanted to say a very big thank you to everyone who has donated to the Martha Bursary Award over the past two weeks. I have been completely overwhelmed by your extraordinary generosity which demonstrates what a very special community we have here at Howell's. I am absolutely delighted that together a terrific £8,400 has been raised. Thank you so much! If you missed the deadline to make a donation but would like to do so, please email Hannah Roberts at [hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net](mailto:hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net).

### Sports Awards Assembly

On Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, girls in the Prep School enjoyed their Sports Awards Assembly and the celebrations that followed. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Reception Make Love Spoons

Reception class have made some beautiful love spoons as part of their Welsh lesson this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

### Reception enjoy Sports Day at home

Reception class had their very own Sports Day in their gardens this year. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **At the Seaside**

As part of our topic Ar Lan Y Mor (At the Seaside), Year 2 had a fabulous time researching seashores of the past. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Christmas Cup**

The Christmas Cup was awarded to Daisy in Year 5. Congratulations, Daisy. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 5 girls raise £180 for The Dogs Trust**

Congratulations to Year 5's Daisy R-P, Chloe J, Georgina G and Dahlia P who have made bookmarks and sold them to raise money for the Dog's Trust. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **The Quinn Cup**

The Quinn Cup has been awarded to Year 6's Pihu for her consistently positive attitude, wonderful sense of humour and dedication to her school work. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Virtual Summer Concert**

Our Virtual Summer Concert is available to watch on our YouTube channel and you can watch it by [clicking here](#). I am sure you will agree that it is a wonderful concert featuring magnificent music making from staff and students. Many congratulations to everyone involved.

### **TAP Talk**

On the evening of Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July, we were delighted to welcome gymnast [Grace Harrison](#) to give our fifth TAP (Talented Athletes Programme) Talk on Microsoft Teams, in partnership with the Mintridge Foundation. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Cardiff County & Vale of Glamorgan Foundation Orchestra**

If you play an orchestral instrument and are currently in Year 5 or below you could join the CCVG Foundation Orchestra! You need to be approaching Grade 1 standard or above! Rehearsals are Thursday early evenings at Whitchurch High – Lower School site. If you would like to have lots of fun making music together, please email [ccvgfoc5@hwbcymru.net](mailto:ccvgfoc5@hwbcymru.net) for more information.

*Mr Beckett*

### **NACE Challenge Award Reaccreditation Report**

An independent charity founded almost 40 years ago, the National Association for Able Children in Education (NACE) works with member schools, education leaders and practitioners to improve provision for more able learners, driving whole-school improvement and raising achievement for all. NACE believe that providing for more able learners is not about labelling, but about creating a curriculum and learning opportunities which allow all children to flourish. This is reflected in Howell's ethos of recognising that all our learners have unique talents and commitment to providing a diverse range of opportunities that allow learners to develop their existing talents or discover new ones.

In 2017 Howell's applied to have its provision for more able learners accredited and successfully achieved the NACE Challenge Award in recognition of its excellence in this area. That accreditation became due for renewal in June 2021, and despite the challenges of remote learning, we were delighted to be reaccredited, becoming one of very few schools in Wales to have achieved this status.

We were thrilled to be told at the end of the day that the school had succeeded in becoming reaccredited but had a few days to wait to receive the full report. Full of praise, reading the report was a fantastic way end to the year, recognising our "outstanding practice", the "tangible and positive ethos", "innovative pedagogical approaches", and "rich learning experiences and well-structured differentiation [which] stimulate, motivate, challenge and engage more able pupils."

We hope you have a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing everyone for the start of the Autumn Term on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

**Abby Matthews, Deputy Head of Prep School (KS2)**

**Louisa Gardner, Deputy Head of Prep School (KS1)**

**Catherine Scott, Head of Early Years**

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