

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 11th June 2021

The Head's Update

It really has been wonderful to welcome the girls back to school this week full of smiles and refreshed after the half term break. We were delighted to welcome Mrs Ashill back on Thursday. She was thrilled to chat to parents and girls on the bandstand in the morning. We hope she will visit us again soon.



Prep School Friendship Week

This week we have been having a special focus on friendship and what it means to be a good friend to others. Thank you to the Wellbeing Committee for providing us with a lovely selection of activities that classes could choose from. A fabulous way to return to school after our half term break!

End of Term

Just a reminder that our term ends on Thursday 8th July. Girls in the Prep School should be collected at 1.00pm. There will be no After School Care on this day. Buses will still be running on that day

Year 1 create their very own paper dolls

During Friendship Week, Year 1 girls thoroughly enjoyed creating the designs for and cutting out their own paper doll friends. [Click here](#) for more information.

Kindness and Friendship Booklets

Year 1 have really enjoyed taking part in all the Friendship Week activities. They have created kindness and friendship booklets which are full of wonderful ideas to help build on our friendships and relationships. [Click here](#) for more information.

Amelie shines in the South Wales County Tennis Championships

Many congratulations to Year 4's Amelie C who has had great success in the u9 and u10 South Wales County Tennis Championships last week, coming runner up in both competitions. [Click here](#) for more information.

Crucial Crew

Year 6 took part in Crucial Crew's online safety event this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

Xinrong wins Instrumental Solo Competition at the Urdd Eisteddfod

We were delighted to hear that Xinrong Z, Year 6, won the Instrumental Solo Competition for Year 6 and below at the Urdd Eisteddfod over half term. Talented Xinrong wowed the judges with her beautiful performance of Minuets I and II from Cello Suite No.1 by J.S. Bach. Very well done, Xinrong, we are really proud of you! [Click here](#) to watch her performance.

Howell's Crocodile Holiday Club

We will be running the Howell's Crocodile Holiday Club during the summer holidays for five weeks from Monday, 12th July. If you would like to book a place, please click [here](#) to complete an online booking form by 12pm on Friday 25th June.

Remembering Martha

Many of you will know who Martha Pugh was, but families who have only recently joined us at Howell's may never have heard her name. Martha arrived at Howell's when she was three years old, skipping into the playground, brown curls bouncing. In January 2017 Howell's lost one of its brightest stars when Martha died just after her 13th birthday, after six years of treatment for cancer. Martha will remain forever a Howell's girl, and her parents Bec and Paul, as well as her baby sister Maud, remain very involved with the school.

In assemblies next week, Martha's friends, who are now in Year 12, will be talking to students from Nursery to Year 12 about their friend Martha and why remembering her is so important to them. Martha's mum, Bec, will also be joining us to talk to the students. The Martha Bursary Award was set up in Martha's memory to ensure that a student whose family are unable to pay the schools fees can benefit from an education at the school that Martha loved so much. Martha was someone who saw the best in everyone and the fun in everything, a quality we celebrate at Howell's.

In previous years, we have held a black tie Champions' Dinner to raise funds for the Martha Bursary Award, and students have climbed Pen-y-Fan in her memory. With current restrictions, we have been unable to do either of these events, however this term, in Martha's memory, we will be holding the following events:

- Disney Dress Up and Activity Day in the Prep School—Thursday 24th June
- Walking the equivalent height of Pen-y-Fan around the school grounds, Nursery to Year 12—Friday 25th June
- A cupcake sale to raise money for LATCH, the Welsh Children's Cancer Charity—Thursday 24th and Friday 25th June

Parents are invited to make a donation to the Martha Bursary Award. Information on how make a donation will be shared in the newsletter next week.

A date for your diaries, next term we will be holding a Champions' Dinner to raise money for the Martha Bursary Award on 19th November 2021 with Top Gear presenter Chris Harris. Tickets will go on sale in September.

GDST Song Commission recording – *Into the Light*

Next Friday afternoon, 18th June, girls in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be audio and video recording a song which was commissioned by the GDST during the COVID19 pandemic. Each class had an input into creating the lyrics through one of their online music lessons during lockdown and the girls have been learning the song since it came from the composer, Lin Marsh, in May. The GDST has asked each Prep School to prepare a video of the girls singing the song which will then be edited together to form a Trust-wide video which will ultimately be hosted on the GDST website and shared on social media. For this recording (which will take place in the Hazelwood playground and Prep School Hall), all the girls in Years 3 to 6 will need to wear their school uniform (not PE kit). Years 3, 5 and 6 will not be having PE on that day as it is the Senior School Sports Day. Many thanks for your cooperation.

Mr Beckett

Howell's School Virtual Summer Concert 2021

We are in the process of working on items for another exciting Howell's School Virtual Summer Concert. This will feature girls from Nursery through to the Co-ed College and be released at 5pm on Wednesday 7th July. On the morning of Monday 28th June, we will film the video to accompany the mass Nursery to Year 2 and Year 3 to Year 6 choir songs outside on the school field. For this filming, all the girls in the Prep School (including Nursery) will need to wear trainers, blue jeans (no rips) and a brightly coloured top (not strappy, cropped tops or hoodies).

In addition, the following Prep School music ensembles will be filming on set in the Great Hall on Monday 21st and Wednesday 23rd June:

- Prep School String Machine
- Prep School Wind Band

- Prep School Shake, Rattle & Roll Percussion Ensemble
- Prep School Flute Choir

These girls will need to wear trainers, a plain black top (not strappy, cropped tops or hoodies) and blue jeans (no rips) for the filming. Many thanks for your support with this.

Mr Beckett

After School Music Clubs week beginning 21st June

Please note that there will be no after school Music activities (Shake, Rattle & Roll, Theory Club, Wind Band and String Machine) during the week beginning Monday 21st June because staff will be involved with the filming of the school Summer Concert. Many thanks for your cooperation. Mr Beckett

Drowning Prevention Week

Following on from our classroom water safety lessons we are pleased to confirm we will be doing pool activities for the next couple of weeks for the girls to practise basic water safety skills and what to do in an emergency. Everyone in Years 2-6 will need to bring shorts and t-shirt to wear over their swimming costume and a plastic bag to put them in after.

Senior School Open Evening

We are delighted to be holding a Senior School Open Evening on Tuesday 15th June, 4pm – 6pm. Prospective families can book a tour, meet staff members and find out what makes a Howell's education so special. Please email Chrissie.hall-davis@how.qdst.net to book a place.

GDST Talks

GDST Talks with Lorraine Candy on *School's Out: Helping Your Teen Daughter Navigate Post-Covid Freedom This Summer* will take place on Thursday 17th June at 6pm via Zoom. This event is suitable for parents with children in Years 6-13. To book your place please click [here](#).

Diary Dates

Date	Event	Additional information
Friday 18 th June	Recording of GDST song with Y3, Y4, Y4 & Y6	Girls to wear school uniform not PE kit
Monday 21 st & Wednesday 23 rd June	Recording for Summer Concert with specific instrumental groups	Concert dress – black top, jeans & trainers
Thursday 24 th June	Disney Day	Wear Disney clothes
Friday 25 th June	KS2 Sports Day (for girls only)	PE kit (optional to wear house colour t-shirt and hair accessories – no face paints)
Monday 28 th June	Recording for Summer Concert with all girls from Nursery to Y6	Choir dress – brightly coloured top, jeans & trainers
Tuesday 29 th June	4.30pm Meet your Daughter's new class teacher (Teams)	An opportunity for parents to meet their daughter's September class teacher on Teams
Tuesday 29 th June	Stepping Stones Assembly	For girls in KS2
Friday 2 nd July	Nursery, Reception, Y1	PE kit (optional to wear house colour t-shirt and hair

	and Y2 Sports Day (for girls only)	accessories – no face paints)
Monday 5 th July	Sports Presentation Assemblies	For KS1 and KS2 girls
Monday 5 th July	All the Fun of the Fair!	Wear a white t-shirt for the colour run!
Tuesday 6 th July	Moving Up day	Opportunity for the girls to spend the day with their new teacher
Wednesday 7 th July	Howell's School Virtual Summer Concert released!	At 5pm
Thursday 8 th July	End of term	School closes at 1pm, buses leave at 1.30pm

We hope you have a wonderful weekend and are able to make the most of the sunny weather that has been forecast.

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