

# Prep School

## ROUND UP



Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021

# The Head's Update

What a fabulous week we have had in the Prep School; the girls have worked so hard and have also had lots of fun.

The past couple of days have been extremely special as we have spent time remembering Martha Pugh. Yesterday students and staff donned ears, tails, and lots of incredible costumes for Disney Day and it was fantastic to see such a

colourful display of outfits on display, which Martha would have loved. The girls were delighted to receive a visit from Martha's friends in Year 12 who helped them make beautiful lanterns, which they were able to take home. Today, students from Nursery to Year 12 walked the equivalent height of Pen-y-Fan around Howell's grounds. We are so grateful to our amazing parents, staff and students who have made a donation to the Martha Bursary Award. Over £3,000 has been raised so far; an incredible sum which demonstrates what a special and generous community we have at Howell's, thank you so much! If you haven't made a donation as yet but would like to do so, [click here](#). A very big thank you to Martha's friends in Year 12, her parents Bec and Paul, her little sister Maud and to everyone who made the day so special. Look out for a full write up and photographs next week.



This week we have been celebrating our uniqueness and talking about what makes us special as part of School Diversity Week. Girls in the Prep School have been thinking about the things that they are proud of and have come together to celebrate and to remember that we are all 'perfectly designed' remembering to love ourselves and to accept who we are.



Today, girls from Year 3 to Year 6 enjoyed a terrific Sports Day and this year there was a real sense of occasion and excitement from all involved. The girls enjoyed a variety of competitive and fun activities, there really was something for everyone!

### Staff News

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Hodson, who will be leaving us this year after 13 years teaching the Prep School. She will be greatly missed.

Information about your daughter's class teacher for the next academic year has been sent via school comms this afternoon.

### Reception girls taste their Howell's grown tomatoes

Recently, girls in Reception class were able to enjoy the first vine of their class grown tomatoes. [Click here](#) for more information.

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### **Minibeasts in Reception**

Last week Reception have created their own species of minibeasts. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Reception take their Art class outside**

Last week, while the sun was shining, Reception class took their Art lesson outside. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 1 Identify Liquids**

This week our budding scientists in Year 1 have been using their sense of smell to identify different liquids in science experiments. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 2 learn about Christenings**

Year 2 have been learning about the Christian celebration of a Baptism/Christening. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Mathematics World Cup**

The girls in Year 3 loved taking part in an exceptionally active Maths lesson for the Mathematics World Cup. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 6 display fantastic cricketing skills**

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June, Year 6 enjoyed some excellent cricket matches with students from the Cathedral School. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Year 6 tests their rafts in the swimming pool**

This week Year 6 had a wonderful time testing the rafts they had made in their Product Design lesson in the swimming pool. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Virtual Summer Concert Massed Choirs Filming Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

On the morning of Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will film the video to accompany the massed 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).

Many thanks for your support with this.

*Mr Beckett*

### **Second-hand Uniform Sale**

There will be an appointment-only second-hand uniform sale held in the Hub on Wednesday, 7th July. To book an appointment to come to the sale, please email Mrs Eling on [R.Eling@how.gdst.net](mailto:R.Eling@how.gdst.net).

We would be very grateful for any donations of uniform. If you have uniform your daughter has outgrown, bagged donations can be brought into school and left in the bandstand in the main school car park. All donations will be quarantined before the sale.

### **GDST Talks**

GDST Talks 2020/2021 concluded this week with Lorraine Candy in conversation with our CEO Cheryl Giovannoni about how to support your teen daughter to manage post-covid freedom this summer. The recording is now available [here](#).

They will return in the autumn with a series of podcasts, and would welcome your ideas and feedback, which you can share with us [here](#).

We hope you all have a fantastic weekend and look forward to seeing the girls back in school on Monday.

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

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