

Prep School

ROUND UP



Friday 28th May 2021

The Head's Update

We cannot believe we have reached the end of the first half of the Summer Term, it really has gone by in a flash. The girls and staff have worked so hard over the past seven weeks and we hope they enjoy a well-earned rest over the holiday and have lots of fun.



Message from Mrs Ashill

As we come to the end of the first half of the Summer Term, I would like to update you on my health situation. Firstly, thank you for all the good wishes, cards and lovely gifts I have received since I have been away from school. Since 2010, I have been aware that I have a genetic condition called Pseudo Xanthum Elasticum, (PXE). I had lost the central vision in my left eye in 2010, but the condition has been successfully managed by injections in both eyes every couple of months. Unfortunately, my recent injections resulted in an infection in my right eye, which has left me visually impaired, as the fluid inside is full of debris, a result of the infection and inflammation. The prognosis is uncertain at the moment, as to whether it will improve, but I am due to see another consultant soon, who may decide to operate on my right eye if it is appropriate. The care and support I have received so far has been truly excellent and I am confident (and hopeful) that my sight will improve in the future. Again, thank you so much for your good wishes and I will keep you updated on my progress.

Jewellery – A message from Mrs Davis

A reminder that it is our school policy that jewellery, including earrings, may not be worn by students from Nursery to Year 11 for safety purposes. If your daughter does wish to have her ears pierced, we do ask that this is done at the very beginning of the summer holidays; girls should not have their ears pierced over half term. I know that up until now we have allowed plastic earrings, however from after half term these will no longer be permitted. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, if a watch is worn it should not be internet enabled and must be removed for swimming and PE lessons and given to the teacher. Requests to wear jewellery for religious purposes should be made to me. Also, a reminder that extremes of hair colour is not allowed. Many thanks for your continued support on this matter.

Howell's Reception

During the half term holiday, from Tuesday to Friday, the main reception will be open from 9am-12pm.

After School Care, Breakfast Club and Walking Bus

Booking forms for After School Care, Breakfast Club and the Walking Bus will be sent out on Tuesday 1st June for the week after half term.

Congratulations

Congratulations from all the Howell's family to Mr and Mrs Manning on the birth of their little girl, Mila.

Meet Your Daughter's Class Teacher

After half term you will be informed about your daughter's class teacher for the next academic year. On Tuesday 29th June at 4.30pm you will have the opportunity to meet your daughter's new class teacher via Teams. The teacher will be able to give you an insight into the curriculum content, the timetable and expectations for the year ahead. The meetings will be recorded for you to watch if you are unable to attend. On Tuesday 6th July, all the girls will have an opportunity to spend the day/afternoon in their new classroom and they will use that time getting to know their class teacher for the next academic year.

Year 2 write scripts based on the Katie Morag story books

Last week, Year 2 loved writing their own scripts from the well-loved Katie Morag story books by Mairi Hedderwick, which are set on the fictional Scottish island of Struay. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 2 enjoy a Victorian seaside lunch

Last week, girls in Year 2 enjoyed a Victorian seaside inspired lunch of fish and chips in cones and a Hokey-Pokey ice cream. [Click here](#) for more information.

Year 5 learn about the Blitz

Year 5 have been learning about the Blitz as part of their World War 2 topic this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

Prep School Celebration Tea on Thursday 27th May

On Thursday 27th May, Mrs Davis was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for girls in the Prep School. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's School Virtual Summer Concert 2021

We are in the process of working on items for another exciting Howell's Virtual Summer Concert! This will feature girls from Nursery through to the Co-ed College and will be released at 5pm on Wednesday 7th July!

Last week, we made a start on recording the audio for the two massed Infant and Junior Choir songs.

After half term, in the week beginning Monday 14th June, we will film the video to accompany these songs. 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). This filming will be weather dependent, so we will let you know, closer to the time, the day in that week when it is due to take place.

In addition, the following Prep School music ensembles will be filming on set in the Great Hall during Monday 21st – 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. Again, we will let you know closer to the time which days the costume needs to be worn.

This is The Greatest Show

On the morning of Friday 21st May we began recording From Now On, from The Greatest Showman, with our Prep School choir in preparation for our Virtual Summer Concert. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Gratitude Film Wins School Stories Award

We are delighted to announce that our [gratitude film](#) has won the Best School Spirit Story in the [School Stories Awards](#). Congratulations to everyone involved. [Click here](#) for more information.

Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

As we pass the anniversary of George Floyd's death, we would like to express our appreciation to all the staff and students who have worked so hard this year to improve our understanding and actions regarding equality, diversity and inclusion. We are pleased to share [this leaflet](#) with you which gives you a flavour of some of the work we have done. After half term, some of our College students and staff will also be presenting to our governors and we will be appointing Equality Prefects in every form. We look forward to hearing their views and working with them.

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.gdst.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](#).

Kings Camps

Kings Camps will be running their Multi-Active programme at Howell's for 5-11s this half-term. The 4 days will be packed with fun games and amazing activities for children to enjoy in age-appropriate sessions. This past year has shown us the importance of keeping children active and as an organisation the relevance of our mission has never been greater "Get Children Active, Having Fun, and Learning Together".

Dates: Tuesday 1 - Friday 4 June

Hours: 8.15am - 5.45pm

Price: £179 / child (book summer at the same time to save 10% when booking a total of 4 weeks)

Book online at by [clicking here](#) or call Kings Camps membership team on 0114 2632160.

The Dogs Trust Event

The Dogs Trust is organising an exciting event for families and dog lovers this half term, taking place at Cardiff Castle between 1st and 4th June. They are inviting members of the public to get involved in painting a Snoopy sculpture, which will be featured on next year's A Dog's Trail with Snoopy. The event is COVID compliant and tickets are £5 for a group and can be booked by [clicking here](#).

Have a wonderful half term break and we look forward to seeing the girls back in school on Monday 7th June.

Abby Matthews, Deputy Head of Prep School (KS2)

Louisa Gardner, Deputy Head of Prep School (KS1)

Catherine Scott, Head of Early Years