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The Principal's Update

This week started with a bang when we launched Howell's Science Week in Assembly on Monday. Lots of interesting events and experiments have taken place including a competitive Biology challenge, explosive Chemistry demonstrations with Mr Thomas and Dr Morris' *Low Temperature Physics* event. At break and lunchtime the Library was bursting at the seams for the special screening of the Pixar film *WALL-E*, which is about a robot in a deserted world who is left to clean a largely abandoned city.

Years 7 and 11 were looking particularly smart on Wednesday for their respective form and formal photographs, which were taken by *Colorfoto*. I very much look forward to seeing the photographs when they are sent to us.



Yesterday our lovely Nursery was buzzing with 19 new little girls and their families. It really was a lovely, vibrant atmosphere and our current little girls were an absolute delight, the perfect ambassadors for Howell's. Thank you to Mrs Scott and her team who worked so hard to make the morning so very special, as well as the support from the marketing team, catering and maintenance staff.

Today has been a creative day for Year 11 Music and Product Design students who have been immersed in composing and making. I look forward to hearing and seeing the fruits of their hard work.

Aeronautical Engineering Challenge

As part of Science Week, budding aircraft engineers were put through their paces at a special Aero Challenge held at the Cardiff and Vale College this week. [Click here](#) for more information.

English-Speaking Union Primary School Public Speaking Competition

Following last week's workshop on public speaking, we welcomed back eight teams of local primary school children to the Great Hall to compete in the sixth English-Speaking Union Primary School Public Speaking Competition on the evening of Tuesday 13th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

RS Students Visit the Buddhist Centre

On Wednesday 14th March, RS students from Years 12 and 13 visited the Buddhist Centre in Cardiff to support their A Level learning of Buddhism. [Click here](#) for more information.

The McWhirter Conference, Oxford 2018

On Tuesday 13th March, Louise S and Dagmawi Y (both Year 12) travelled to Trinity College, Oxford for the two-day McWhirter Conference. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Techathon

On Friday 9th March our nine Digital Leaders travelled to South Hampstead High to take part in the 2018 GDST Techathon. [Click here](#) for more information.

GDST Johnston Memorial Scholarship

We were delighted to learn this week that Elin S, Year 13, has been awarded the 2nd prize in the GDST Johnston Memorial Scholarship. [Click here](#) for more information.

Welsh Sports Hall Athletics

Congratulations to Katie G, Year 7, and Michelle M, Year 7, who were both selected by the Cardiff and the Vale of Glamorgan School's Athletics Association to take part in the Welsh Sports Hall Athletics Competition at Cwmbran Stadium last weekend, 10th-11th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

National Junior Sculling Head at Dorney Lake

Talia G, Caitlan W and Olivia W (Years 11 and 12) represented Llandaff Rowing club at the National Junior Sculling Head at Dorney Lake on Tuesday 13th March. [Click here](#) for more information.

Urrd National Dance Competition

On Wednesday 7th March, the Howell's elite dance squad entered the Urrd National Dance Competition held at Barry Memorial Hall. [Click here](#) for more information.

Celebration Tea

I was delighted to host a Celebration Tea for Senior School and College students on Monday during which we celebrated many and wide ranging achievements. [Click here](#) for more information.

Howell's Eco News

The key focus last week for Howell's Eco Team was Waste Week. [Click here](#) to find out more about the activities we undertook in support of Waste Week.

Parent Blog

This week's Parent Blog, *In Full Voice*, is available for you to enjoy reading by [clicking here](#).

Urrd Eisteddfod

Congratulations to Year 8's Annie S who won the Piano Year 7-9 and the String Year 7-9 categories at the Urrd County Eisteddfod this week. She is through to the National Eisteddfod in Builth Wells which will take place during the May half term holiday.

Today, Year 12's Ikuni E is competing in the Welsh Learners' Recitation at the Urrd County Eisteddfod. Good luck Ikuni.

Easter Film Camp—9th-13th April with Hywelian Emily Howell

Former Howell's student Emily Howell is running another one of her very popular Film Camps over the Easter holidays. From 9th to 13th April (9am-3.30pm), Howell Productions will be filming an adaptation of Kipling's Jungle Book on a private estate in Old St Mellons. Suitable for children aged 7-13, the week-long camp is held outdoors and includes workshops, games and filming and culminates in a premiere of the film once the edits have been made. Emily and her team are all trained actors, and the film camp gives students the opportunity to be involved in the creative process of making a film from start to finish. For more information contact Emily on 07793 773073 or by [clicking here](#).

Diary Dates

Mrs Scott Steps Out

Mrs Scott will step out for the final time this term on Tuesday 20th March when she will be in St Andrew's Church, Penylan at 10am-12pm. Children learn through discovery, and thoughtfully structured play provides endless opportunities for them to find out about the world around them. Join the team from Howell's Nursery for a free stay and play event, where your little one can explore a world of adventure and imagination, and you can relax with refreshments and good company. Please do pass on the information to anyone you think might like to come along. For more information please telephone 029 2026 1832 or by email at admissions@how.gdst.net.

Sport Relief Mile

On Tuesday 20th March Years 7 -9 will be taking part in the *Sport Relief Mile*. We are inviting participants to each make a donation of £2 as we are taking part in the #GDSTgirlsruntheworld challenge whereby collaboratively we are aiming to run the circumference of the world and raise in excess of £40,000. The students will have a packed lunch at the end of period 4 and will then meet on the tennis courts from 14:00 to register and pay their contributions. The run will be taking place in Llandaff Fields and will go into period 5. The mile can done creatively: run, walked, jogged, skipped, hopped or three legged!

Spring Concert on Thursday 22nd March at 6.30pm

Tickets for the Spring Concert, which will include performances from students in Years 10 to 13 are flying out of the Marketing Suite so do buy them soon to avoid disappointment. The concert will take place in the Great Hall at 6.30pm. Tickets cost £6 and are available by asking for a member of the Marketing Team at the main office. Alternatively students can purchase them from the Marketing Suite at break, lunchtime or before/after the school day. [Click here](#) for more information.

Matilda Tickets – Sold Out

Our allocation of tickets for the performance of *Matilda* at the Wales Millennium Centre on Wednesday 5th December at 7.30pm has sold out. We are now operating a waiting list so if anyone would like to be added to the list please email Hannah Roberts in the Marketing Office, hannah.roberts@how.gdst.net.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing you for the last week of term which starts on Monday.

Mrs Sally Davis, Principal

Reminder: On the last day of term next week, Friday 23rd March, Howell's will close at the earlier time of 2.00pm. No after school care provision is being provided.