

A View FROM THE TOP



Friday 15th October 2021

The Principal's Update

The mental and emotional health and wellbeing of students and staff has been at the heart of our activities in this academic year's first HeadsUp@Howell's week. There has been an array of events and activities taking place encouraging our school community to make time for wellbeing and self-care. [Click here](#) to follow the link to this year's HeadsUp@Howell's newsletter which shares some of the wonderful ways we work together on our wellbeing in our community.



On Wednesday, it was a treat to welcome Mel from Griffin Books in Penarth back to Howell's to host a lovely pop-up bookshop in the Library for students in Year 7. As always, it was a hugely popular event, one which our students thoroughly enjoyed.

We are so looking forward to welcoming everyone to our four sold out performances of *Alice*, by Laura Wade, next week. Curtain up is at 6pm every evening, but please do join us in the dining room at the Hatter's Tea Party from 5.15pm. Please note that all **audience members over the age of 11 must wear masks** during the performance.

Alert on Squid Game

You may be aware from the media that a Netflix show 'Squid Game' is causing concern amongst parents, carers and teachers. Whilst the show has a rating of 15+ content and may be blocked by parents using parental locks it is being shared widely across social media platforms, including TikTok. Practical tips and guidance can be found by [clicking here](#) and further advice relating to online safety can be found on our Firefly pages by [clicking here](#). If you have any immediate concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Darnton who is our Digital Lead or Mrs Chyba who is our Designated Safeguarding Lead.

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As part of HeadsUp@Howell's Week, Year 7 have been concentrating on talking and writing about things that make them happy through the medium of French. [Click here](#) for more information.

Dahl-Esque Dragon's Den!

As part of their study of Roald Dahl's 'Boy', 7L and 7S created their very own sweets to go in Mrs Pratchett's sweet shop. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mrs Persson's Creativity Podcast

To listen to Mrs Persson's fabulous Creativity podcast [click here](#). I hope you enjoy listening.

National Poetry Day 2021

Poems have brightened Howell's walls over the past week, as we celebrated National Poetry Day on 7th October. [Click here](#) for more information.

Themed Own Clothes Days

We will still be having our usual themed own-clothes days. Like last year, we are asking you to make a one-off donation of £5 which then covers the following days:

- Go Green Day (22 October) – The Size of Wales
- Pyjama Day (19 November) – Children in Need
- Christmas Jumper Day (17 December) – City Hospice
- Wear Red for Velindre (19 February) – Velindre

Friday 22nd October, the final day of this half term, marks our continued whole school commitment to supporting the Welsh based environmental charity The Size of Wales. This annual Howell's event is marked through our Go Green celebration, where students are encouraged to dress in green clothing and accessories, symbolising their connection to nature and, in particular, recognising the need to reduce unsustainable deforestation. During the week ahead, members of the Howell's Eco team will be heading up assemblies in Senior and College to inform students of the important role environmental charities play in combating climate change, the importance of trees as carbon stores and the key role we all have as individuals to support these charities and to recognise climate change is very much a global crisis which is affecting the UK. So, enjoy greening up for next Friday's Go Green day.

We have set-up JustGiving pages for this and are asking you to make your donations by House (please give name and first letter of surname when you make the donation). The donations will then be sent to the different charities:

- Trotter – [click here to donate](#)
- Kendall – [click here to donate](#)
- Baldwin – [click here to donate](#)
- Lewis – [click here to donate](#)

Raise Her Up

The GDST has released a special episode of their podcast Raise Her Up in celebration of *International Day of the Girl*. Listen in to hear expert advice from writer and columnist Chloe Combi as we discuss the youngest generation – Generation A. [Click here](#) to listen to the podcast.

CyberFirst Girls Development Days

Don't miss the chance to attend the [CyberFirst Girls Development Days](#), an initiative, aimed at students in Years 8 and 9, inspired and led by the National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC) - a part of GCHQ. [Click here](#) for more information.

This weekend Howell's will be a hive of activity. Tomorrow I am looking forward to welcoming prospective students and families to our Whole School Open Day and Year 7 Taster Day. On Sunday, the dress rehearsal for Alice will take place in the Great Hall. I am enormously grateful to all the students and staff who will be in school over the weekend.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Sally Davis, Principal