

Prep School

VIRTUAL ROUND UP



Friday 17th July 2020

The Head's Update

Dear Parents,

I can't believe that this is the final newsletter of this academic year and what a year it has been! I have loved having the girls back for their Reconnect Weeks and I hope that they are feeling less anxious about returning in September. I have been so impressed with their commitment to Guided Home Learning and their resilience, adapting to the necessary changes so well. I am truly proud of them all.

I am also grateful to all the Prep School teachers, who have pulled together and worked so incredibly hard to provide an excellent online curriculum, plus Virtual Playtimes and Class Meetings. Also, our amazing teaching assistants and other support staff have provided invaluable Keyworker Care since Monday 23rd March. Everyone has worked together, supporting each other and the sense of community has been overwhelming.



Staff News

As you know, Miss Hagerty, who teaches Year 5, is expecting a baby next month, so she starts her maternity leave today. I wish her every good wish for the imminent birth and we are all looking forward to meeting the new addition! Take care Miss Hagerty!

Nominations

As I was unable to upload the nominations on Monday, I am pleased to announce the following girls received certificates earlier this week:

Iris (Rec) for completing every single activity since lockdown
Lauren (Rec) for a great week in school last week and for some beautiful art work
Hennie (Rec) for a great week in school last week and for some beautiful art work
Allegra (Year 1) adapting so well to the key worker environment
Maiya (Year 1) for working so hard in key worker care
Elina (Year 1) for writing a beautiful letter to your teachers, summarizing the year
Annie (Year 1) for speaking clearly and confidently during online class meetings
Sophie (Year 1) for speaking clearly and confidently during online class meetings
Sofia (Year 1) for learning her times tables, including her 9 times table!
Emma (Year 1) improving her sentence writing
Manon (Year 1) for improving her sentence writing
Felicity (Year 2) for working hard, trying her best and for playing the piano for 'Show and Tell'
Riah (Year 3) for growing a bumper crop of potatoes at home
Kiana (Year 5) for an amazing piece of written work, comparing the book and film of Carrie's War

Well done girls!

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Amelie's chess success!

Many congratulations to Year 3's Amelie C who came joint second in the UK Chess Gigafinal yesterday. She therefore qualifies for the prestigious UK Terafinal along with only four other girls in her age group in the UK. Delancey UK Schools Chess Challenge is the world's largest chess competition with 40000 entrants. This is Amelie's first time to qualify for the Terafinal where only a few children from each age group in the UK qualify. An amazing achievement, well done Amelie.

Leavers' Assembly

I had the pleasure this morning of listening to the Year 6 girls whilst they shared their memories of their time in the Prep School and their hopes and dreams for the future. They are a lovely cohort and it is clear that they have enjoyed their time in the Prep. I will miss them all and I wish them every success for their futures.

Quinn Cup



Congratulations to Eloise in Year 6 who was awarded the Quinn Cup for 'Service to the School'. Eloise is reliable, helpful, always happy and positive. She takes part in lots of extra-curricular activities and is a great role model for the younger girls. Eloise is an excellent ambassador and is committed to the school, she is a very worthy winner of this award.

The Christmas Cup

The Christmas Cup was donated to the Prep School by Helen Christmas when she retired from teaching. She asked for it to be awarded to a member of Year 5 who worked hard, persevered in all areas and showed a positive attitude towards school. This year, the recipient is Hana M L. She approaches every lesson with a smile and never gives up. Her determination and positivity exemplifies the Howell's spirit and we are delighted to award her the Christmas Cup for 2019-2020.

Prep Girls Raise £2,300 for Charity

On Saturday 11th July a group of generous girls from our Prep School cut their hair to raise funds for charity. It was a hugely successful event which raised an incredible £2300 for the Little Princess Trust and the Noah's Ark Children's Hospital. Very well done girls, we are very proud of you!



Year 6

Year 6 experienced their transition to Year 7 on Wednesday. They thoroughly enjoyed their day and I wish them all the best for their new adventure in KS3. They have been a fantastic Year 6!

Virtual Summer Concert

I am delighted to present the Howell's School Virtual Summer Concert, featuring students from Nursery to Year 13 – [click here](#). I know you will agree that this is a wonderful performance from all of our musicians across the school community. Thank you and well done to all students and staff who contributed.

Virtual Open Day

On Tuesday we held our second Virtual Open Day during which visitors had the opportunity to explore Howell's virtually and meet members of staff on Zoom. Do take a look at our special Open Day page by [clicking here](#). Many thanks to all the staff and students who made the day such a success.

Virtual Hywelian Coffee Morning

We have really missed welcoming our alumni back to Howell's over the past four months as they would have attended numbers events including their Summer Lunch and the Summer Fair. Thursday morning saw our first ever Hywelian Virtual Coffee Morning take place on Zoom. During the morning they found out more about how life in Howell's has changed in recent months as well as chat with each other, all from the comfort of their own homes.

Back to Basics

In September, we will be relaunching our 'Back to Basics' initiative. We will focus on uniform, expectations of behaviour and standard of work. I thought it would be useful to share with you, some of what will be discussed with the girls:

Uniform

Girls should be proud to wear the correct Howell's uniform. This includes:

- A Howell's school coat
- Navy/black hair accessories with winter uniform, pink/white with summer uniform
- No large hair bows
- Navy knee length socks or navy tights should be worn with the winter uniform
- White ankle socks should be worn with the summer uniform
- Hats, scarves and gloves should have the school logo, or plain navy
- Ear muffs are not allowed
- Shoes should be polished
- Hair should be neatly tied back
- Earrings are **not** allowed
- Nail varnish is **not** allowed

Expectations

- Girls should always do their best, having high expectations of themselves
- Presentation should always be as neat as possible, this includes homework
- Homework should be returned on the correct day, or it will not be marked
- Any sub-standard work will be returned to be redone, either at home or during a lunchtime

Uniform

Summer dresses may be worn until October half term.

Final Assembly

This afternoon, students and staff had the opportunity to watch Mrs Davis' final assembly which was a roundup of everything that has taken place over recent months. [Click here](#) to watch the assembly.

Finally, I'd like to thank you for all your support, kind messages of thanks and gifts, it really does mean a lot. I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and I am looking forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Judith Ashill, Deputy Principal, Head of Prep School