

# Prep School

## VIRTUAL ROUND UP



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

# The Head's Update

Dear Parents,

I continue to be impressed with the way the girls are engaging with the Guided Home Learning. This week alone more than 30 girls were nominated for such things as their hard work, motivation and enthusiasm. Considering they have been working this way since March, their attitude towards their work is amazing.

I was very impressed to hear that Lillybell in Year 3 has made a dress using a sewing machine!



I am really enjoying seeing the lovely activities the girls are taking part in and their beautiful creations.

This week I was delighted to lead assembly, which was all about being grateful as well as weekly nominations. Mrs Davis talked to girls in her Show and Tell assembly this morning about HeadsUp which takes place next week. She reminded everyone about the importance of staying connected, keeping active, enjoying our learning, taking notice of our surroundings and giving to others. [Click here](#) to see the assemblies and nominations for this week.

Many students will be distressed and confused about racial injustices and events that took place in America recently. As we process our own thoughts and feelings, it can be difficult to know what to say, or how much to say to our children and teens. Please [click here](#) to read an article you may find of interest by Karen Young at Hey Sigmund. As a school, we are looking for ways to address these issues so that all our community feels heard. If you wish to contact me with any thoughts on this, I would be very happy to hear from you.

### Virtual Open Day

On Thursday, everyone at Howell's did something they had never done before as we held our first ever Virtual Open Day. Our 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 and watch this space for our next Virtual Open Day.

### TikTok

Please [click here](#) to see a TikTok poster from for parents and carers, which has recently been published by the Welsh Government.

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### **Keeping Safe Online**

The Welsh Government digital resilience team has published the latest Keeping Safe Online news roundup which can be accessed by [clicking here](#).

### **The Getty Museum Challenge**

Over half term we set the Howell's Getty Museum Challenge to girls in the Prep School. They have recreated artistic masterpieces with items from their own homes and the results are amazing! [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Students Perform in Concert to Raise Funds for NHS Charities Together**

Three friends, all Year 5 students, have formed the group Paradox and recorded a benefit concert to raise funds for NHS Charities Together. The students, including Xinrong and Emily from Howell's, performed music by Tchaikovsky, Beethoven, Fleming and Chopin. As you listen to their music, be prepared to be amazed and be prepared to smile! [Click here](#) for more information and to see the concert.

### **Lily's Cakes Are Out Of This World**

Year 1's new science unit is Inventors and Scientists. This week, the girls are learning about American engineer, physician and NASA astronaut, Dr Mae Jemison. [Click here](#) for more information.

### **Virtual Summer Concert**

Plans are underway for an exciting Virtual Summer Concert, which will take place at the end of term. This will be another fantastic opportunity for Prep, Senior and College students to come together as a Howell's community and end the academic year on a high. In order to be involved, students should participate in the weekly virtual choir and orchestra rehearsals, which are available on the relevant Firefly and Teams pages. Please contact Ms Edwards ([A.Edwards@how.gdst.net](mailto:A.Edwards@how.gdst.net)) if you require any further information; further details of how to view the concert will be provided nearer the time.

### **Virtual Sports Day**

This year on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> June we will be hosting our first ever virtual sports day. The house captains have been busy filming motivational videos for all the students so please go to our [firefly](#) page to hear from them! Also on the page you will find ten challenges for sports day. Students should practise them in preparation for sports day, then all scores will need to be submitted via 'teams' on the day. We will be giving live updates via the Howell's YouTube channel. It's going to be a great day!

### **Wales Wellbeing Survey**

I am pleased to be able to promote a Wales Wellbeing Survey. Please do fill this in if you can. Swansea University and Cardiff University are supporting a national survey aiming to understand how the coronavirus pandemic has impacted the mental health and emotional well-being of people across Wales. To access the survey, or gain more information about it, please [click here](#).

Have a lovely weekend.

**Mrs Judith Ashill, Deputy Principal, Head of Prep School**