



The first steps...



*"And above all, watch
with glittering eyes the whole world
around you because the greatest secrets
are always hidden in the most unlikely places.
Those who don't believe in magic will never find it."*

– Roald Dahl



In 1982 a shy but adventurous 10-year-old girl arrived at Howell's School. She had travelled from her primary school in Africa to visit a number of schools. The purpose of the visit was to find a school. Howell's was a world away from anything she had ever experienced before, but there was something magical, warm and inviting that made this school stand out from all the others. The atmosphere of enthusiasm, enjoyment and security which greeted her captured her heart and this was the school she chose to be educated at. That little girl was me.



With 20 years' experience in teaching it is a privilege to find myself once again back on 'home' ground. I have many great, happy memories of being here as a child and this is where we begin in the Nursery.

I am immensely proud of the opportunity afforded me as a child and now as an adult in being able to play a role in the life of Howell's School.



Roald Dahl's book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* takes us on a journey which stimulates, excites and makes one think! In the book Charlie never gives up hope of finding a golden ticket and has confidence and strength of spirit as he embarks on the visit to the Chocolate Factory. The same principles apply for your daughter. We want her to develop an 'I can do' philosophy for all she will encounter in life and to embrace new ventures, developing creativity and an originality of thought in an atmosphere where she is allowed to take risks, have her own ideas and stretch her mind. I found my golden ticket when I gained the post of Head of Nursery and being part of your daughter's first steps in education is something which I embrace wholeheartedly. It is with genuine excitement that I welcome the opportunity to be part of her journey in finding her golden ticket.

Mrs Catherine Scott, Head of The Nursery @ Howell's



We appreciate that for families with young girls, flexibility is key. We are able to offer full or part-time places subject to availability.

- Our Nursery is open Monday to Friday during term time.
- Our usual 'school day' is 9am to 3pm. However, we offer an inclusive Breakfast Club from 7.45am and After School Care until 6pm.
- During the holiday periods we are delighted to offer Howell's Junior School Themed Out of Term Holiday Care Club (TOOT), which are themed weeks designed to provide continuity for your daughter run by our own staff, operating from 8am to 6pm. Please email Toot@how.gdst.net for further information.



◆ Personal, Social and Emotional Development

We support and encourage the girls to develop self-esteem and social and emotional skills, including a positive self-image and to care for each other and their environment.

◆ Communication, Language and Literacy

Girls are provided with a wealth of opportunities and authentic activities that will support them in developing the confidence to acquire speaking, listening and early literacy skills in a range of situations and for a variety of purposes.

◆ Mathematical Development

The girls learn about sorting and matching, classifying, shape, space and measure, pattern and recognising, writing and using numbers.

◆ Knowledge and Understanding of the World

This covers exploration and investigation, designing and making, ICT, time, place and communities. iPads are used as a learning tool. We provide opportunities for the girls to encounter creatures, people, plants and objects in their natural environments and in real-life situations. Cookery sessions are enjoyed weekly.

◆ Creative Development

This important area of learning includes creating music and dance, exploring a wide variety of media and materials, developing imagination and imaginative play and responding to experiences, expressing and communicating ideas in a variety of interesting and exciting ways.

◆ Physical Development

The girls have many opportunities to explore movement and space through running, climbing and balancing, both in our indoor hall and in our wooded Adventure Playground. We have a designated PE specialist. The girls swim weekly in our indoor heated swimming pool on site, taught by our swimming instructor.

◆ Welsh Language Development

The Welsh language is delivered through all areas of our curriculum enabling the girls to experience, use and enjoy Welsh in their everyday activities. The girls learn about Wales and Welsh culture through art, craft, dance, music, Welsh folk tales and songs.