

15th June 2012

Dear Parents,

Llandaff Society Jubilee Art Competition



Congratulations to Eva M (Reception), Tilly T (Year 2), Fiona B (Year 3) and Georgia M-P (Year 4) who won prizes in the recent art competition organised by the Llandaff Society. The theme of the competition was to illustrate *'The Day the Queen Came to Cardiff'* and the judges were impressed by both the observation and imagination of the winners. The prize winners were invited to the Green, Llandaff on Tuesday 5th June to receive their prizes. Well done girls!

Year 5 Residential Trip to Plymouth

The sun shone on Year 5's trip to Plymouth before the half term break. The girls worked together to climb up the lighthouse and pretended they were Sir Francis Drake playing boules as the Armada approached. They stepped back in time to explore the tiny Tudor street, complete with a Merchant's house and spice chest. All the girls imagined they were escaping religious persecution by boarding the Mayflower, before sailing off to a new life in the USA. Bowling, wonderful food and lots of fun and games made the whole trip truly exciting and our last stop at the Golden Hind replica was the icing on the cake!



Swimming Presentation Assembly

A presentation assembly was held yesterday to celebrate the Swimming Galas held before half term. All the races contributed to a house total and the results of the infant and junior galas were added together. Congratulations to Dewi who came first with 123 points. Hywel came second with 118 points, Glyndwr came third with 116 points and Llywelyn were fourth, scoring 103 points. Two cups were awarded for the most improved swimmers in the infants and juniors and the winners were Veda (Year 1) and Anoushka (Year 6). Congratulations girls!

Newspapers Needed!



Year 4 need newspapers for a classroom project on the Olympics and would be very grateful for any you are able to send in. Thank you.

Urdd Success!



Congratulations to Nia W (Year 4) who came third in the individual recitation competition at the Urdd National Eisteddfod in Snowdonia over half term. Well done Nia!

Year 3 Visit to '@Bristol'

Year 3 had a brilliant day out visiting '@ Bristol' on Tuesday. We all very much enjoyed our visit to the planetarium where the girls answered confidently about what they saw in the night sky. To link with our Light and Shadows topic we were given the opportunity to explore how light travels in straight lines, experiment with the amazing opaque/transparent electric window invention and investigate how rainbows are formed by prisms. We were also kept extremely busy exploring all the hands on activities. Our trip was made so much easier by our accompanying helpers, Mrs Trafford, Mr Simmonds, Mr Connolly, Ms Linnard, Mrs Williams and Maria who gave of their time and enthusiasm to make this trip such a special day for Year 3!

Mrs Randall



Reception Girls Before School

In preparation for their move to Year 1, the Reception girls may (if they wish) play in the Hazelwood yard between 8am – 8.35am where teaching assistants will supervise them each morning. Please sign your daughter in as usual in the Junior School Hall when you arrive.

Administering Medication



A reminder that if you require us to administer medicine during the school day, please ensure that the medication is labelled with your daughter's name and that you give clear written instructions on the timing and dosage.

Nursery

Next week, the girls in Nursery will be focusing on the sound 'ch'.

Class Photographs

You should have received a class photograph proof this week. If you would like to order a copy, please return the proof with payment **by Friday 22nd June**. Thank you.

Wanted: 2nd Hand School Uniform

Do you have any school uniform your child has outgrown this year? Following the success of the Second Hand Uniform stall at the HSL PA Car Boot Sale in March, the Parents' Association will be selling uniform again at the Summer Picnic, held on Thursday 5th July, after the Junior School Sports Day. Any donations of school uniform and sports kit will be very gratefully received, and can be left in Junior and Senior School offices.

South Wales Year 5 and under Tennis Finals



Yesterday, Alicia L, Chloe C, Natasha S and Ellie L represented Cardiff Schools' in the South Wales U10 Tennis Championships at David Lloyd Centre in Cardiff. In the preliminary round they defeated the champions of Neath Port Talbot and Rhondda Cynon Taf. Following this they took on the Vale of Glamorgan champions, St Andrews School, in a closely fought contest, emerging as narrow winners. The final was another tight contest with St Michael's School, Carmarthenshire. Despite playing their best tennis of the day, the girls were narrowly defeated, thus finishing as runners-up. This is an outstanding result and the girls should be very proud of what they have achieved. Well done to you all!

Parents' Association News

• **Summer Picnic and Fayre – 5th July**

The fun begins at 3.30pm immediately after the Junior School Sports Day and continues until 6pm. Mini fairground rides (some for Senior School pupils and some for younger pupils), splat the rat, varied selection of food vendors and more. All-inclusive wristbands will allow unlimited use of the fairground rides. The wristbands can be purchased in advance for £10. On the day individual rides will cost £2 a time. A form to purchase wristbands will be available on HSLPA page of school website soon.

• **Summer Prize Draw**

The Parents' Association will be drawing a raffle at the Summer Picnic. Your daughter has brought home a book of raffle tickets today. There is a top prize of a stay in a 5 star rated self-catering Pembrokeshire farmhouse for up to 12 people! Please return your payment, or unsold raffle tickets in an envelope to your daughter's class teacher. Tickets are priced at £1 each (£5 per book). Thank you for your support.

• **Annual General Meeting - 26th June in the Senior School Dining Room at 6.30pm.**

Please come along to our AGM where Mrs Eddy will deliver a presentation on the artwork project undertaken within the school. We are keen to recruit new trustees who have financial experience and also to boost the numbers of trustees with girls in the infant section of the school community. Please consider whether you could fill these vacancies. Trustee nomination forms and Notice of AGM are on the HSLPA page of school website.

• **Jingle Bell Ball - Saturday 8th December 2012.**

Yes, the seasons are getting confused! The weather feels autumnal, back to school kit is in the shops and the tickets for the annual Christmas ball are on sale. We thought you might like some advance warning to take advantage of the **EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT**. Tables of ten are priced at £750 but tables of ten purchased **by 28th September are £700**. A copy of the 'Jingle Bell Ball' ticket application form can be found at the end of this newsletter. If you cannot put together a table of ten we may be able to assist you, please see the school website for further information.

I hope you have a lovely weekend,

Judith Ashill (Mrs)
Head of Junior School

'JINGLE BELL BALL'

ST DAVID'S HOTEL & SPA, SATURDAY 8TH DECEMBER 2012

Dust down that dinner jacket and pull on your dancing shoes, it's nearly that time again!

The 'Jingle Bell Ball' will take place on Saturday 8th December 2012 at St David's Hotel and Spa, ground floor ballroom. The annual ball is the major fundraising event in our calendar. Buying a ticket for this event directly supports HSLPA in providing educational opportunities for the pupils of Howell's School Llandaff. Last year's ball raised over £7k for our school, and with your support we hope to do the same this year.

The ticket price, which has been frozen at £75 since last year, includes a Champagne reception, dinner and then it's straight onto the dance floor for the disco. No auction to hold things up means more time for dancing!

EARLY BIRD £50 DISCOUNT: pay before 28 September 2012 and get a discount of £50 per table of ten.

If you wish to attend, but cannot put together a table of ten, let us allocate you a seat. You may not know your fellow guests, but we will do our best to place you with people close to your child's year group. Please complete the application form and we will be in touch once a table of ten has been filled. No tickets can be allocated or cheques cashed until a table of ten has been completed. Discount does not apply.

TICKET APPLICATION

£750 table of ten

Early bird discount for payment by 28th September - £700 table of ten

Tickets will be allocated on a first come first served basis AND ONLY upon payment in full.

NAMES	PUPIL'S CLASS	EMAIL DETAILS	DIETARY REQTS, if any
Table host			
Guest 1			
Guest 2			
Guest 3			
Guest 4			
Guest 5			
Guest 6			
Guest 7			
Guest 8			
Guest 9			

RETURN FORM TO JUNIOR OR SENIOR SCHOOL RECEPTION TOGETHER WITH CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO 'HSLPA'. PLEASE MARK THE ENVELOPE 'JINGLE BELL BALL'.