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Nursery, Infant and Junior School Newsletter



6th February 2015

Dear Parents

Timekeeping



Please may we remind parents to be punctual for school in order that your daughter does not miss out on the important start to the day - 8.35am for Years 3 to 6 and 8.45am for Reception to Year 2. Breakfast club is available daily from 7.45am. Thank you for your co-operation.

Uniform

Please can the girls look even smarter next week – this includes all accessories in line with our uniform policy, ie plain navy hats, scarves and gloves. Thank you.

Whole School Open Day

On Tuesday 10th February we are very much looking forward to our Whole School Open Afternoon, from Nursery right through to College, at 1.30-3.30pm. Staff and students thoroughly enjoy welcoming parents and children to Howell's and showing them around our lovely school. If you know of anyone who may be interested in visiting Howell's then please do pass on the information. There is no need you book, you can just turn up on the day.

Harry Potter Night

Last night, Year 5 took part in the first ever International Harry Potter Night. Over 10,000 events happened all over the world, even in countries as far away as Australia and Japan!

The first thing we did was to be sorted into our houses: Gryffindor, Hufflepuff, Slytherin and Ravenclaw. It was exactly like getting sorted in Hogwarts!

We all made banners for our houses using the right colours. Then we made potions using ingredients like Acromantula Venom, Bat Blood, Powdered Unicorn Hair and Horklump Juice - then we had to drink it! We also had to try the Bertie Botts Every Flavour Bean challenge.

We went on a treasure hunt around the school, trying not to set off alarms! After a lot of searching, we went upstairs to get ready for bed - not to sleep of course! We pulled out our sleeping bags and watched Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone - and stayed up all night!

We had the most amazing time - it was the best night ever!

Thank you to Miss Kenyon, Mrs Thomas, Mrs Eckersley, Miss Griffiths and Mrs Ashill for staying with us.

By Meg G, Sommer B, Elizabeth W & Taylor P



Year 2

As part of our Religious Studies lesson the Year 2 classes chose to act out a Christian baptism ceremony. They wrote letters to apply for their roles and were all keen to attend. Baby 'Scarlet' was given a superb experience. There were hymns, an organist, prayers and even a cake! The guests were dressed up for the occasion and sang a beautiful rendition of 'All Things Bright and Beautiful'.



Nursery News

In our quest to find the lost chalice, the nursery girls have been designing lost posters to help Princess Dwywnwen find it. We have also been developing our fine motor skills at the creative table, by picking up tiny jewels to decorate our chalice. In Forest Schools, we went into the Green Garden to try to find the wind. We read the story about Elmer and we danced around the garden with our wind sticks. We have been learning the letter 'b' and we have had fun bursting bubbles outside. In maths, we have been making repeating patterns on our crowns and we have been learning about number sequence, thinking about numbers that come before and after a given number. We have had lots of fun using BeeBot and we have been learning how to programme it to climb to the top of the tower to rescue Repunzel. We have also been on a welsh walk around school and we have learnt how to use the iPads to take pictures to record our evidence, we have shared with our friends in Nursery.

Resolve It Academy

The Resolve It Academy will shortly return to Howell's. The academy is designed to increase self-esteem, social confidence, awareness, teamwork, discipline and self-defence skills. [Click here](#) for full details.

Learning Train

The links to the class learning trains are as follows:

Nursery	Click Here
Reception	Click Here
Year 1	Click Here
Year 2	Click Here

Individual Instrumental Competition

Once again there will be an Individual Instrumental competition in this year's Eisteddfod.

- The competition is open to girls from Years 3 to 6
- Each girl may only enter once
- Any orchestral or brass band instrument, guitar or piano may be entered (not recorder)
- The competition will be adjudicated during the week beginning Monday 23rd February 2015
- The winners of each section will perform in the Junior School Eisteddfod on Wednesday March 4th 2015
- There will be the opportunity to sign up for the different sections during the week before half term

Section	Standard
A	Working towards Grade 1
B	Grade 1 and working towards Grade 2
C	Grade 2 and working towards Grade 3
D	Grade 3 and working towards Grade 4
E	Grade 4 and above

Please see Mr Beckett to sign up or if you have any queries.

Junior School Instrumental Evening 2015

The Junior School Instrumental Evening will be held on Thursday 19th March 2015 at 7pm in the Junior School Hall. The following ensembles will be taking part: Junior School Orchestra, String Machine, Polished Brass, Junior Rock, Shake, Rattle & Roll, Flute Choir, Y3 violinists and Y4 cornet players. Further information will be available after half term.

After School Care

If you use the services of After School Care, we would be grateful if you could complete and return the attached questionnaire. All responses will be treated confidentially and will be used as part of our ongoing monitoring, evaluation and planning process. If you would like to discuss any aspect of the clubs in person, please contact the school secretary who will make an appointment with the club manager/s or Mrs Ashill. Please return to Mrs Hatcher, Junior School Secretary.

I hope you have a lovely weekend

Judith Ashill (Mrs)
Head of Howell's Junior School
Deputy Principal



Out of School Care Parent Questionnaire



(Breakfast Club, After School Care and TOOT Holiday Care Club)

February 2015

At Howell's we are always looking to improve our provision and maintain a good working partnership with our parents. Our new After School Care Manager, Mrs Emma Williams, has now been with us for a month and she, the Breakfast Club Managers and TOOT Managers, are keen to hear your thoughts. If your daughter/s uses the out of school club or clubs, we would be very grateful if you would complete this questionnaire with your views and comments. There is also a section for your daughter/s to complete if she/they would like to contribute.

Please feel free to comment on Breakfast Club, After School Care and/or TOOT Holiday Club, according to your use.

Suitability of opening times for the <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast and After school club • TOOT Holiday Club 	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Quality of the indoor environment set out by the Out of School Care staff each day	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Quality of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the outdoor environment used by the club/s • the TOOT trips organised to enrich the weekly themes 	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Quality of activities provided	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Quality of <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • breakfast provided • Snacks and tea in ASC • Breakfast , lunch, snacks and tea in TOOT 	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Quality of verbal and written communication you receive about the clubs	Excellent	Good	Satisfactory
Do you feel the club has a happy atmosphere?	Yes	No	Don't know

Does your child enjoy attending the out of school care club and look forward to attending?	Yes	No	Don't know
Is there a particular aspect to the club that you feel we could improve?	Yes	No	Don't know
Are you happy with the security of the setting?	Yes	No	Don't know
Do you feel the staff have good, purposeful relationships with your child(ren)?	Yes	No	Don't know
Any other comments			

Name (optional) _____

Daughter's name (optional) _____

Aspect of the club	Pupil Comment