



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Adam – Year 1

Adiel – Year 2

Luke – Year 3

Sukhmani – Year 4

Harmen – Year 5

Amnah – Year 6



Senior pupils of the Week:

Ayesha – Year 9

Joel – Year 7

(awarded for exceptional achievement in their recent LAMDA examinations).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

As a school we are committed to promoting the safe and responsible use of the internet and other forms of social media. We have recently been informed of some potential safeguarding risks associated with a number of apps and interactive online games. Many of the issues that have been brought to our attention have involved the use of:

Roblox

Musical.ly

13 Reasons Why - Netflix series

Blue Whale - game that is played via many social-media platforms



We understand that it is increasingly difficult to keep up with the ways that our children are using new and ever changing technologies. At school, through assemblies and PSHE lessons, we do our best to provide our children with the awareness and knowledge they need in order to recognise and avoid dangers and to respond appropriately. As parents, we recommend you keep an open dialogue with your children about the websites and applications they use online, explaining to them the potential dangers as deemed necessary.

There is lots of helpful advice and information available at:

www.thinkuknow.co.uk

www.net-aware.org.uk

We wish you and your children a safe and restful weekend.

Friday 19th May – Special Assembly News!

Next Friday we welcome James and Francesca Moorcroft from Studio 1 Dance Studio in Walsall town centre to hold a special assembly (at 9am) introduce their school and talk to the children and our community about the benefits of dance. James and Francesca were the former number 1 ranked Latin and 10 dance (combined ballroom and Latin) champions and represented England in many world championships and International competitions. As well as sharing their passion for dance, James will introduce the current British and UK professional Latin champions: Ryan McShane and Ksenia Zsikhotska. Following a short demonstration, selected children will be invited to participate in a 30 minute ballroom and Latin workshop.

Parents – if you would like to book your place for a free 30 minute Salsa workshop please contact: sarah.archer@hydesville.com

The workshop will follow our assembly and instruction with the children. Numbers are limited so book your place now!



Performer of the Week:

Fola – Reception

(awarded for trying so hard in his music lesson this week and for showing exemplary behaviour).



Nursery Star of the Week:

Daniel (awarded for always trying hard in everything he does).



Times Tables challenges

Well done to pupils in Prep School who received awards for their success in the Hydesville Times Tables Challenge! Children were set a number of challenges and received awards based on their achievements. Bronze was for 50 questions in 6 minutes (2, 5 and 10 times tables), Silver was 50 questions in 5 minutes (2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 6, 9 times tables), Gold was 100 questions in 10 minutes (up to 12 times tables) and Diamond was for 100 questions in 7 minutes (all times tables plus related facts). Well done to those children who made it to the Hall of Fame, for answering 50 questions at Diamond level as fast as they could, with a five second penalty for each error). Well done to Jodvir who achieved the best time. Please see the school website for names and pictures of pupils who achieved each level.



Lower Prep's Maths Challenge

Congratulations to pupils in Lower Prep who received awards for their success in a recent Maths Challenge. An impressive ten pupils received a Rainbow Award, for answering seven questions in 20 seconds. Well done to Nandika, Kairon, Avnie Mae, Maaya, Anoop, Aryan, Ibrahim, Ryan, Tandip and Narian. Viren, Adiel and Shivam answered an outstanding 17 questions in 30 seconds and were awarded the Moon Award. Well done children!



Pupil awards and achievements

Congratulations to Gursim in Year 3 for her 100m swimming badge and Shriya in Year 2 for her Kombat Federation Award. Well done to Ruby in Year 3 for her two awards from the City of Birmingham Gymnastics Club and Toby in Year 5 who achieved two LAMDA awards.



Anyone for football?

We're holding our annual dads v teachers charity football match at the University of Wolverhampton on Friday 23rd June (7.30pm kick off). We are looking for willing dads to take part! There will also be a pupil match at half time.



Please contact Dejay Dass on **07789 070156** if you would like to take part (dads and pupils!). We also need a referee so do we have any willing volunteers? Spectators will be welcome on the evening.

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved 100% attendance this week:

Form 6

Congratulations also to the following Prep School Class who achieved 100% attendance this week:

2M

2W

3D

Exam stress advice for GCSE pupils

GCSE exams will start on Monday 15th May, so Miss Nijjar would like to pass on the following message to pupils:

“Around 875 school days ago our current Year 11s set foot in our Senior School; fresh faced, nervous, excited Year 7 pupils. It is hard to believe how quickly time has gone by. It has been a long journey with the usual ups and downs of school life, but here we are on the eve of the final examination window.

“From Monday morning and over the next six weeks, pupils will sit their GCSE examinations when all their hard work will come to fruition. On behalf of all the staff and pupils, we wish them the very best of luck with their examinations and we look forward to celebrating their success in August.

“We recognise that examinations can of course be a stressful time for parents and pupils. The NSPCC has published some helpful advice which can be accessed [here](#). Please also see our blog for more advice for parents on helping your child with revision. Click [here](#) for more information.”

Notices/reminders:

<p>Sports Plus holiday camp – May half term</p>	<p>Sports Plus Scheme is holding a May Half Term holiday sports camp for pupils from Year 1 to age 11. Letters have been sent out. Please contact the School Office for further information.</p>
<p>Nursery & Reception Half Term Fun Club</p>	<p>We’re holding a Nursery & Reception Half Term Fun Club, from Tuesday 30th May to June 2nd, priced at £25 a day (9 am until 4 pm). Contact the School Office for more details.</p>
<p>Family Skittles Night – May 25th</p>	<p>We’re holding a Family Skittles Night on Thursday 25th May and everyone is invited! Entrance is £5 per person, and will include entrance, a basket meal and soft drink. Teams of four players are invited and need to be registered in advance. Contact sarah.archer@hydesville.com for more information.</p>
<p>Lower Prep PE kit</p>	<p>Lower Prep families are reminded that children need the following PE kit:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • white ankle socks • blue shorts • white polo shirt • white trainers • school navy tracksuit • Earrings to be removed <p>For dance children should wear black pumps. Every item should be named. Failure to have the</p>

	correct kit means they cannot participate in the lesson.
Nursery reminders	Nursery families are reminded to bring their consent forms and a plain white t-shirt for the Cheeky Monkey Marathon Challenge before the deadline on 8 th June.

Dates coming up week commencing 15th May 2017:

Monday	GCSE Examinations begin Walk to School Week Sublime Science visit: Prep After school clubs: Kwik Cricket: Upper Prep STEM: Upper Prep French intervention
Tuesday	HPV Vaccinations: Y8 After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors Drama: Upper Prep Drama: GCSE Football: Year 1 & 2 Art: Prep & Seniors
Wednesday	Y5/6 cricket competition at Pelsall Cricket Club Visit to Synagogue: Y8 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor Archer: Upper Prep
Thursday	Teatime concert: Prep & Seniors Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – German intervention: Y11 Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11 Musical Theatre: Prep Musical Theatre: Seniors
Friday	Senior Fundraising Group – litter picking in Walsall Arboretum Nursery Stay & Play Cultural Diversity Visit by Studio 1 Dance Studio: special assembly After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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