



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Zak – Y1  
Avnie-Mae – Y2  
Dhaya – Y3  
Luke - Y4  
Adeel– Y5

(Zak and Adeel will be photographed next week!)



## A note from the Headmaster

It has been quiet at school this week. Year 6 have been immersed in their residential at Camp Beaudesert, whilst the Year 11 GCSE exams are nearing their conclusion and so they are on site with decreasing frequency. At times like these, there can be the apparent benefits of being faster to be served at lunchtime, or more space for the playground games. On the other hand, it is a reminder that we are

nearing the end of an era for these two year groups, as they start to turn their attention to the next stage of their education journey. We will miss them as cohorts, but know that the cycle of new school years will bring us exciting new combinations of children.

At the other end of the journey are our intrepid groups in Nursery and Reception, and it was a pleasure to join them for their "Hike for a Hero", with superhero costumes in full evidence as they completed their sponsored walk. Subhan's Iron-Man handshake was impressively strong, Neveah's Spiderwoman looked ready to scale walls, whilst Asir's Superman explained that flying was easier than walking! Veer understood that dressing as a THFC footballer was the highest level of superhero, but I was not able to give awards for fear of bias. Everyone looked fantastic, including the many parents in costumes and capes, and thank you to Mrs Willis for arranging the various elements. Beyond all this fun is the remarkable work done to secure the Early Years Learning Goals. Once again, our achievements in this area are outstanding, with a second year of over 90% success which signals that our provision in these years is phenomenal! Well done to all the team involved.

Have a great weekend...

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## 30 hours' free childcare here!

We are excited to announce that from September 2018 we will be accepting the 30 hours' free childcare grant from eligible parents.

This is an exciting development, with the potential to save families a significant proportion of the nursery fees.

Letters are going out to Nursery families with more details.

To confirm your eligibility for the 30 hours' free childcare grant and to apply for your unique reference number please see:

<https://www.gov.uk/help-with-childcare-costs/free-childcare-and-education-for-2-to-4-year-olds>

## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Dhian** – awarded for working hard and making good progress.



## Sportsperson of the Week:

**Ria (Y9)** – awarded for achieving the highest mark in this week's kickboxing grading.



## EYFS Hike for Heroes



It was wonderful to see so many parents and other family members join us for our Hike for our Superheroes Sponsored Walk in Walsall Arboretum on Monday afternoon to raise money for Birmingham Childrens' Hospital. It was great to see the children dressed up as their favourite Superhero and everyone come together to take part in a lap of the lake! We are still counting the money raised and will announce the grand total soon.

Thank you to everyone for your support for this amazing

cause!



## Nursery & Reception Holiday Club

Flyers have now gone out about the Summer Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception. Hurry to secure your Early Bird discount...and don't forget you are welcome to bring a friend! Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery if you need more information.

## Reminder to join Digital Noticeboard



A reminder that Hydesville is a member of 'School Notices', a digital noticeboard and market place for independent school parents. The platform allows parents to communicate, advertise and trade between themselves and parents at other independent schools.

School Notices is free for all to browse and post notices, whilst providing a place for local and parent owned businesses to advertise.

Find out more here: [www.schoolnotices.co.uk](http://www.schoolnotices.co.uk) and please follow this [link](#) to register.



## Festival of Voices

Pupils from Years 4 - 10 attended the Festival of Voices event at the University of Wolverhampton on Wednesday.

The theme of the day was 'music through the years' so in preparation our pupils learnt a song from each decade, including 'Whistle While You Work' to 'A Million Dreams'.

Hydesville then joined a massed choir of schools from across the borough and were accompanied by a live pit orchestra (drums, double bass, guitar, clarinet, xylophone and piano). During lunch pupils enjoyed a tour around the Performance Hub, which included a looking around the library, recording rooms, Mac technology suite, and rehearsal theatre! Pupils were a credit to our school and sang beautifully, and we came away with a certificate congratulating our pupils on their hard work and wonderful musicianship.

**Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week:**

**1B**

**2P**

**Well done to the following Senior Form Groups who also achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:**

**Form 3**

**Form 7**



## **Prep School Awards & Achievements**

Well done to Year 1 pupil Shaan for his mini tennis award, Hussain (also Year 1) for his All Stars swimming award and Simran in Reception for her Rosette 5 from the Academy of Dance (achievements in freestyle)



Kairon in Year 1 and Avaani in Reception were presented with certificates for achievements in karate.



Congratulations to Avaani in Reception and Avneet in Year 1 for their successes in swimming. Avaani has swam 10m and Avneet achieved 25m.



Well done Jessica (in Year 5) for her achievements at the Spotlight Stage School.



Mehtaab in Year 2 was awarded the first 'Golden Pencil' for his neat handwriting, all of the time!

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 tennis team made up of Luke, Ruby, Om and Shriya for their success in last week's Black Country Youth Games – winning all but one game and representing Walsall in the championships.



We celebrated childrens' successes in the recent A Stars Walk to School Programme. The following children received certificates for taking part in the initiative: Aleena, Amar, Ibrahim, Simar, Adam, Mayna, Omveer, Rayah.



And congratulations to the following children who walked for the longest time throughout the week: Avnie-Mae in Year 2, Dev in Year 4 and Asees in Reception. Well done all!



### Notices/reminders:

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| <p><b>Year 6 Bikeability</b></p>   | <p>A reminder to parents of the Year 6 children who have signed up to next week's Bikeability course: children will need to bring bikes, helmets etc to school on Monday as well as a change of clothes for cycling in.</p>                                |
| <p><b>Nursery &amp; Reception Sports Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2 pm – 3 pm</b></p> | <p>Children will take PE kits home in advance and will need to come dressed in their kits on the day please.</p>   |
| <p><b>Sports Plus Summer Holiday sports camp</b></p>   | <p>Sports Plus Scheme will be running a Summer Holiday Camp at Hydesville for children in Years 1 – 6 during w/c 13<sup>th</sup> August from 9 am – 3.30 pm.</p>   |
| <p><b>Sports Days</b></p>  | <p>Our annual Sports Days take place next week. Further details on locations and timings are in the section below.<br/>All pupils in Upper Prep, Senior School and Year 1 &amp; 2 are asked to come into school in their PE kits ready for the events.</p> |
| <p><b>Year 8</b></p>   | <p>A reminder to Year 8 pupils that their Local History Projects on the Industrial Revolution are due to be presented in class next week.</p>  |
| <p><b>Holiday Spanish For Parents 10<sup>th</sup> July 5-7pm</b></p>                           | <p>Letters are going out to Year 5 and Senior pupils about this event. Please return the reply slip to book your place - the evening promises to be lots of fun!</p>   |

## Dates coming up week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

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| <b>Monday</b>                | <p>Bikeability: Y6<br/>           After School Clubs:<br/>           Archery: Upper Prep<br/>           Cricket: Seniors<br/>           Musical Theatre: Seniors<br/>           German Intervention: Y10 &amp; Y11</p>   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>               | <p>Upper Prep Sports Day (morning),<br/>           Wyndley Leisure Centre, Sutton Coldfield:<br/>           Y3 – Y6 (parents invited)<br/>           Senior Sports Day (afternoon), Wyndley<br/>           Leisure Centre, Sutton Coldfield: Y7 –<br/>           Y11 (parents invited)<br/>           After school clubs:<br/>           Music Club: Seniors<br/>           Spanish: Upper Prep<br/>           Music Club: Upper Prep<br/>           Cricket: Upper Prep</p> |
| <b>Wednesday</b>             | <p>Orchestral Day at Forest Arts Centre<br/>           Nursery &amp; Reception Sports Day in<br/>           Walsall Arboretum: 2.00 pm (parents<br/>           invited)<br/>           Trip to Walsall Art Gallery: GCSE art &amp;<br/>           MAT pupils<br/>           After school clubs:<br/>           Hockey: Upper Prep</p>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>              | <p>GCSE examinations finish<br/>           Hydesville Challenge: Y6<br/>           Y1 &amp; Y2 Sports Day, 9.30 am – 11.00 am<br/>           at the University of Wolverhampton,<br/>           Walsall Campus (parents invited)<br/>           Trip to Dove Valley: Y6 (6pm return)<br/>           After school clubs:<br/>           Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 – 4.45 pm<br/>           (Years 5 &amp; 6)</p>   |
| <b>Friday</b>                | <p>YMCA Fundraising Day: Senior School<br/>           (non-uniform)<br/>           Dance Assembly: Prep School<br/>           World Music Day Gamelan Workshop: Y1<br/>           – Y9<br/>           Bikeability course: Y6<br/>           After school clubs:<br/>           Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11<br/>           Karate: Reception – Y6</p>   |
| <b>Saturday &amp; Sunday</b> | <p>DofE Bronze Expedition practice</p>   |