



WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Alishba Ali (awarded for displaying excellent listening within the Nursery).



Sportsperson of the Week:

Adeel Wali

Year 3 (awarded for leading the cricket team so well).



A note from the Headmaster



It's not every week that I get invited to Buckingham Palace, and what a lovely occasion it was too. It was pleasing that the organisation still values each of its individual licensed members enough to invite everyone to the palace. I have always been a huge advocate of the Duke of Edinburgh Award, as it can play a significant part in any young person's personal development.

Personal development is at the centre of Hydesville life and the impact it has on our pupils is profound. As I said last week, the inspection team were hugely complimentary of our children and, now I have had sight of the draft report, some of the things said are quite moving. I'm so tempted to break the rules and say more!

GCSEs started in earnest this week and the pupils remain in our thoughts as they face one of the toughest challenges of their lives. Speaking of challenge, Year 6 are off to Beaudesert for the Hydesville Challenge Camp. Back to earth for Mr Turner – from Buckingham Palace to life under canvas!

Max's shortbread charity sale

Kind hearted Max Chappelle in Year 5 has raised £100 for the charity 'English Federation of Disability Sport' (Efds.co.uk) by baking and selling shortbread in school this week.



As a keen sportsman, Max was inspired to help raise money for the charity because of the support they offer to disabled people in sport. A big thank you to Max and everyone in school for supporting him. We are sure EFDS will be very grateful of the money raised.

Senior School

Pupil of the Week:

Georgina Massey

Year 11 (awarded for her dedication and commitment as Chairperson of the Food Council).



Performer of the Week:

Junior Addo

Year 1 (awarded for excellent musical role-modelling to his class).



Royal Welcome for Hydesville

Mr McGinnes and Mr Turner attended a Duke of Edinburgh's Award (DofE) Gold Award Presentation ceremony at Buckingham Palace this week, where they were presented with a special plaque from the DofE charity acknowledging the School's commitment to running the award and thanking Hydesville for giving young people the opportunity to transform their lives. We currently run the DofE programme as an extra-curricular activity for Year 10 pupils in School. Find out more on our website: www.hydesville.com/school-life/the-dofe-award/



Hydesville Challenge continues....

Our energetic Year 6 are continuing with their Hydesville Challenge. Last Friday they did a bare foot walk in Trentham Gardens and learned about animals at Monkey Forest. On Wednesday this week they took to the high ropes as part of an obstacle course in Sandwell Valley. We're been really proud of all the children, who have tackled new, and at time daunting experiences, and worked well as a team to support each other through the activities. We're looking forward to more fun on camp in Beaudesert next week. Keep updated with their progress on Facebook and Twitter.



Quick round up from across the school

First Aid for Senior School

We welcomed back colleagues from leading first aid provider St John Ambulance to school this week to train our Year 7 - 10 pupils in valuable First Aid skills.



Anyone for tennis...?

The Year 3 and Year 4 tennis team played a tournament at Walsall Tennis Club. 20 teams took part and we're delighted to announce that Hydesville's A Team won the tournament! This means that they will represent Walsall in the Black Country Games. A big well done to all of the children involved!



Dates coming up next week

Monday	Prep Assessment Week (until Friday) Hydesville Challenge – Beaudesert camp: Y6 'Now>press>play' demo morning – Y1 – Y4 After school clubs: STEM Club – Upper Prep Cricket – Upper Prep Harry Potter Club – Upper Prep Art Club – Upper Prep German – Senior Musical Theatre – Senior
Tuesday	HPV 2 nd vaccinations After school clubs: Art - Senior Maths Surgery – Senior Music Theory – Upper Prep & Senior Dance/Ballet – Upper Prep Reading Club – Upper Prep French Film - Senior
Wednesday	Trip to Dudley Zoo – Y2 After school clubs: Taekwondo – Lower and Upper Prep Intervention – Y3
Thursday	Lacrosse tournament at Malvern School : Y5 After school clubs: Film - Senior German - Senior Spanish - Prep Musical Theatre Club – Upper Prep History – Y11 Booster Session – Y5 RE Revision – Y11
Friday	Race For Life in Walsall Arboretum; Nursery & Reception School breaks up for Half Term After school clubs: Chess Club - Y3-6 Karate – Lower and Upper Prep DofE – Y10 Music Intervention – Y11

