



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Ranveer Rai
Hibbah Adnan



Sportsperson of the Week:

Dylan Uppal
Year 4 (awarded for leading the cricket team so well).

A note from the Headmaster



Obviously it has been a very busy and important week at Hydesville. An inspection is a very gruelling experience for the teaching staff but, likewise, it is also tiring for the pupils. We now enter a very frustrating couple of weeks where I am desperate to say more, but I am not able to until the final report is published. One thing I am able to reveal is a flavour of the informal verbal feedback that we received from the inspectors about your children. At various points during the two days, they were referred to as “fabulous”, “exemplary”, “delightful”, “respectful”, “caring” and “thoughtful”, as well as “a credit to the school”. Your children welcomed our guests with open arms, showed them around, chatted with them, opened doors for them, wished them good morning and left the team in no doubt as to where the heart of Hydesville lies.

Even including being given a broad idea of what our inspection report will say, the greatest pleasure I had yesterday was the fantastic tea time concert. For those attending, with standing room only, such was the marvellous support from parents and families. The whole event was a real treat. There is no doubt in my mind as to why around one third of Hydesville’s children are choosing to learn to play musical instruments and it is my privilege to see them being inspired so.

Year 8 visit a Synagogue

Year 8 enjoyed a fascinating trip to the beautiful Hebrew Orthodox synagogue in Birmingham this week.

The class is currently studying Judaism so the visit helped aid their understanding of Jewish worship and culture. They were given a general introduction to the synagogue, Jewish traditions and customs and were also able to see for themselves what ‘living Judaism’ is like, even trying on some traditional Jewish clothing, including a kippah (skullcap) and tallith (shawl).



**Senior School
Pupil of the
Week:**
Gurjeet Ghuman
Year 8 (awarded for demonstrating a great work ethic in a variety of subjects).



**Performer of the
Week:**
Dylan Uppal
Year 4 (awarded for excellent musicianship and being a good role model to other pupils).



If you went down to the woods today.....

There's nothing teddies like better than a good picnic and by the looks of our pictures these lucky teddies had a wonderful time at a special picnic in Walsall Arboretum.



The children dressed up as teddy bears and bought their favourite cuddly toys along. They enjoyed a picnic of teddy bear sandwiches and crisps and had fun in the woods, playing games and enjoying the beautiful weather. Check out the gallery of images on our website for more photographs.

Kwik Cricket success



On Monday the Year 3 and 4 Kwik Cricket team played in a tournament at Bronze Cricket Club. Ten schools from across Walsall took part and the standard was very high. Hydesville got off to a great start winning their first two games. The third game was very close and sadly we lost it by one run on the last ball of the game.

We continued to win all of our games throughout the rest of the day, finishing second in the league. What a fantastic achievement from our pupils. Well done everyone!

Music and tea

Parents and invited guests were wowed by our talented musicians at a tea time concert, held in the school hall yesterday.

The event celebrated what the children have been doing in their instrumental lessons this term and involved pupils from Year 2 to Year 11.

The concert featured a number of solo pieces, including seven different musical instruments and vocal performances. This is the first teatime concert we've held at Hydesville. Going forward we will be hosting teatime concerts every term, which will not only delight parents but will also allow pupils to gain further confidence in front of an appreciative audience.



Dates coming up next week

Monday	GCSE examinations commence. 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	Careers visit and talk at Walsall College: Y9 & Y10 After school clubs: Art - Senior ICT – Y11 Maths Surgery – Senior Music Theory – Upper Prep & Senior Dance/Ballet – Upper Prep Reading Club – Upper Prep French Film - Senior
Wednesday	Hydesville Challenge – Sandwell Valley: Y6 After school clubs: Taekwondo – Lower and Upper Prep Intervention – Y3
Thursday	LAMDA examinations. Mini tennis competition at Walsall Tennis Club: Y3 & Y4. First Aid course: Y7 – Y10 After school clubs: Film - Senior German - Senior Spanish - Prep Musical Theatre Club – Upper Prep History – Y11 Booster Session – Y5 RE Revision – Y11
Friday	After school clubs: Chess Club - Y3-6 Karate – Lower and Upper Prep DofE – Y10 Music Intervention – Y11

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