



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Shreeya Bhupla
(awarded for being
kind).



Senior School Pupil of the Week:

Roman Poselay
Year 8 (awarded for
courtesy and good
manners).



A note from the Headmaster



We have certainly been blessed with plenty of feedback recently! You will hopefully have had the opportunity to read the inspection report, which celebrates the school's many achievements in the last three years. As you will know, we also recently conducted the parent survey, *Voice of the Parent*, and this has now closed. I was pleased to see a higher number of respondents than last year, but also a higher overall satisfaction score.

Whilst the inspection team rated the school as outstanding in key areas, and so close to outstanding across the board, both they and the parents survey have given us plenty to digest as we write the *School Improvement Plan* for next year. Unlike the previous survey, there are some consistent themes which have emerged, and the leadership team will give these their full consideration. We will feedback to families in due course.

As we enter the half term break, I wish our Year 11 pupils in particular a restful, but productive week. We are all looking forward to the last half term of the school year, including our wonderful Marquee Week. If you haven't already, you will be receiving your formal invite from me to this year's Gala Dinner. Last year's dinner sold out, so secure your tickets quickly!

I wish you all a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Fun learning for Prep pupils

Pupils in Years 1 to 4 had fun trying out a new way of learning this week.

'Now>press>play' is an immersive educational resource that brings the curriculum to life through emotion, imagination and movement.

Each pupil was given a pair of wireless headphones which immersed them in sound, to allow them to become the main character in a story, meet people, discover places and solve problems on an educational adventure they'll never forget. It looked like great fun!



Head teacher's commendations:

Amrit Sohal – Y3

Cameron Phillips –

Y4

Talvin Sangha – Y5



Performer of the Week:

Kyan Mall

Year 7 (awarded for completing really good practical work and surpassing his target level).



Summer uniform reminder

Just a reminder that summer uniform should be worn from when we return from half term – on Monday 6th June - and until the end of the first half term in October.

An added message to parents of Prep School pupils straw boaters, although ordered many months ago, take a long time to come into stock so the wearing of these is not yet compulsory. Boys must wear caps, the exception to this is the current Year 6.

We have exceptionally high standards with regard to uniform and appreciate the continued support from home in ensuring our pupils are always well turned out. If you're unsure about the School's uniform list, please refer to our website: <https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-uniform/>

Gareth does it for charity



Catering manager Gareth Long will be putting his best foot forward this May half term as he and a small group of friends tackle the Henley-on-Thames Triathlon – all in aid of charity.

The grueling challenge will consist of a 200m swim, 12.5k cycle and a 2.5k run. Donations are already at almost £2,500 and if you would like to support Gareth please text the number 70070 using the code HALG85 and include the amount you wish to donate.

Alternatively, please visit the Just Giving page – www.justgiving.com/Gareth-Long2?utm_id=27

We'll be posting updates when we return from half term. In the meantime, good luck Gareth from everyone at Hydesville Tower School!

Quick round up from across the school

Lacrosse tournament for Year 5

On Thursday the Year 5 Lacrosse team entered a tournament at Malvern and St James' schools. Ten teams entered the tournament and our pupils had a very enjoyable time.



Year 2 trip visit Dudley Zoo

Year 2 visited Dudley zoo to end their Sensatori topic. They had fun meeting some of the animals they had learnt about as part of their topic on Kenya, such as lions, mere cats and giraffes. They even had the chance to look at some of the animals they had studied researched during a nocturnal animal's project, including Echo, the barn owl, bats and mice.



Dates coming up next week

Monday	After school clubs: STEM Club – Upper Prep Cricket – Upper Prep Harry Potter Club – Upper Prep German – Senior Musical Theatre – Senior
Tuesday	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	Football training workshop and Aston Villa FC stadium tour: Y7-Y10 After school clubs: Taekwondo – Lower and Upper Prep Intervention – Y3
Thursday	Hydesville Challenge – London: Year 6 After school clubs: Film - Senior German - Senior Spanish – Upper Prep Musical Theatre Club – Upper Prep History – Y11 Booster Session – Y5 RE Revision – Y11 German Intervention – Y9
Friday	Prep Mini Olympics Day Residential visit to Plas Gwynant, Snowdonia: Y7 - 10 After school clubs: Chess Club - Y3-6 Karate – Lower and Upper Prep DofE – Y10 Music Intervention – Y11

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