



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Laila Uddin (awarded for displaying excellent behaviour all of the time).



Head teacher's commendations:

**Safiya Awan – Y3
Anand & Akaal
Moore – Y4
Ruby Uppal – Y5
Sulamain Shafiq –
Y6**



A note from the Headmaster



Whilst at last it would seem something akin to summer is upon us, albeit in between the odd torrential downpour. A summer of sport is already underway, with Euro 2016 kicking off this evening, Wimbledon looming, test cricket and rugby internationals already in full flow. England's women have qualified for Euro 2017 and one of my absolute favourites, the Tour de France isn't far away.

I'm delighted that sport is becoming more and more in the centre of things here at Hydesville. Just this week, Years 7-10 visited Villa Park for a skills workshop, the Year 3-4 tennis team represented Walsall at the Black Country Games and Years 3 and 4 played in the Walsall Schools Golf Tournament at Druid's Heath. The whole Prep School have taken part in a "mini Olympics" in the Arboretum today.

Only today I have been reviewing the plans for our new on-site sports facilities which include the resurfacing of both playgrounds along with the installation of an astroturf and artificial grass by the Lower Prep and Nursery. These projects still look set to go ahead during the summer holiday and we are excited about the endless possibilities these new facilities offer the whole school in the future.

Buddying up for reading fun

A new 'reading buddy initiative' in Prep School is helping children to develop important literacy skills.

The initiative matches younger children with older Prep pupils to help raise standards by developing a love for reading. The reading buddies meet once a week to share a story as well as work on high frequency words and offers another chance for our pupils to read to an audience. Year 1 teacher Miss Brach said: "the children are really enjoying the initiative. We have found that it is building the confidence of the younger children and the older pupils are becoming excellent role models."



Sports person of the Week:

Simran Bal

Year 3 (awarded for winning the most games at the tennis festival).



Performer of the Week:

Ethan Elliott

Year 4 (awarded for having a great first drum lesson and for displaying confidence during classroom music lessons).



Senior School Pupil of the Week:

Michael Lee

Year 8 (awarded for courage and remaining calm).

Gala Dinner tickets – get yours before they sell out!

Tickets are selling fast for this year's Gala Dinner so we urge you to reserve yours quick! Taking place on Saturday 2nd July, the special evening will include a drinks reception, three course meal and the opportunity to dance the night away. The particularly special feature of the evening is that the meal will be prepared from start to finish by our own pupils, guided by the Chartwell education team. Tickets cost £25 per person and are available from the school office (we accept cash or cheque). You can also purchase a whole table (seating a maximum of 10 people) at £250. The closing date to purchase tickets is Friday 24th June so please be quick!



Early Year's special Race for Life



Children from our Early Year's classes took part in a special Race for Life on the Friday we broke up for half term. Joined by mums and dads, and other family supporters, the energetic bunch dressed up as footballers and cheerleaders (the children that is, not the adults!) and took to

Walsall Arboretum for one lap of the lake. A big well done to all children, who not only received medals for their efforts, but also managed to raise an impressive £1117.77 for charity. Well done all!

Gareth's charity success

Another massive congratulations to catering manager Gareth Long who completed a charity triathlon in Henley-in-Arden last weekend. Not only did he and his team manage to raise an impressive £2,800 for Birmingham Childrens' Hospital but he also finished 6th in his group – and after a 200m swim, 12.5k cycle and 2.5k run that was no mean feat!



Sports round up

It's been a busy week for sport at Hydesville. After winning the Walsall schools tennis tournament the Year 3 and 4 tennis team represented Walsall in the Black Country Games. The best 12 schools from the Black Country came together for a festival of tennis. The standard of tennis at the festival was very high and there were some amazing games. Hydesville finished 4th in their group and every pupil was fantastic.



Meanwhile the Year 3 and 4 Golf team played in the Walsall schools golf tournament at Druids Heath Golf Club. Over 100 children from all over Walsall took part in a series of golf challenges. The weather was lovely and all the children had a great day.

Dates coming up next week

Monday	Queens 90 th birthday celebration lunch – ALL SCHOOL After school clubs: 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	Money Sense trip: Y9 & Y10 After school clubs: Taekwondo – Lower and Upper Prep Intervention – Y3
Thursday	KS3 Progress Review meeting After school clubs: Film - Senior German - Senior Booster Session – Y5 RE Revision – Y11 German Intervention – Y9
Friday	After school clubs: Chess Club - Y3-6 Karate – Lower and Upper Prep DofE – Y10 Music Intervention – Y11

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