



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Performer of the Week:

**Rayen -
Year 5**

(awarded for excellent
effort and singing
during lesson time).



Nursery Star of the Week:

Grace (awarded for
being kind and helpful
and generally helping
the younger children).



A note from the Deputy Heads

We would like to extend a warm welcome back to school after the break to all of our pupils and their families; it was a delight to see lots of smiling, eager faces on Monday morning.

Although a short half term we promise it will be a busy one! Music has been ringing around the school corridors this week as the rehearsals for our carol concert get underway. Please do save the date for this event – Wednesday 7th December – and more details will be sent home soon. We all look forward to this wonderful celebration and do hope you are able to attend.

We never cease to be amazed by the confidence and talent of all of our children when it comes to the creative curriculum. From our youngest pupils, who are busy preparing for the Nursery & Reception nativity, to our senior pupils who have auditioned for a role in next year's school show, we are proud of the commitment, dedication and hard work all of our pupils demonstrate in these activities.

This half term will also be a busy one for pupils in year 10 and 11 who are taking their mock examinations at the end of the term. We thank our parents for supporting their children through these often stressful times. Please don't forget our doors are always open should any pupil wish to speak to us for guidance, support, or just a little reassurance during this half term.

We wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Thank you from Walsall Food Bank

Thank you to families for donations to the Food Bank. We have received an email of thanks from the Small Street Centre: "Small Street Centre would just like to say a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and of course children for the very generous food donation we received from yourselves this morning. It makes such a massive difference to so many people being able to come to us for assistance and we could not run the service we do without the generous donations from such as yourselves. Thank you again."



Senior School Pupil of the Week:

Rory – Year 8

(awarded for making such a positive start to life in Senior School).



Hydesville pupils shine in singing contest

A group of our talented pupils took to the stage last weekend for a singing concert. Sukhmani Khera, Roman



Poselay, Eve Sheldon, Magdalene Addo and Ruby Uppal all sang beautifully, and expertly showcased the skills they have learnt in their individual singing lessons in school.

Hydesville took part in the event alongside pupils from Cheslyn Hay School and other schools from across the borough. It was organised by Miss Parker, our peripatetic singing teacher. A big well

done to all the pupils involved.



Mad Hatters Tea Party

Nursery children have been celebrating Nursery Rhyme week, where we have been recognising the important role of Nursery rhymes in our children's early lives, particularly when it comes to the development of crucial language and communication skills.



It's been an action packed week of activities, including a 'Rhyme A Day Challenge', a nursery rhyme quiz to test the children's knowledge of traditional nursery rhymes and a nursery rhyme songbook that was coloured in throughout the week and will be kept as a special memento.



Parents were also invited to join in with the fun at today's Mad Hatters tea party! We were delighted to see so many of you, and the children looked wonderful in their fancy dress outfits.

Thank you to all parents for supporting this week's activities.

School Gateway App

Don't forget there is a free smartphone app available to download which will make it easier for us to keep in touch with you.



The 'School Gateway' app is for Apple (iPhone 3GS or later, iPad, iPod Touch) and Android (2.3 / Gingerbread or later) devices and will not only help us to communicate with Hydesville families but it will also save the school money (we can send text messages for free using the app).

The set up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes. Check out our website for details of how to download it:

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-gateway-app/>

Notices/reminders:

Thurs Nov 17th lunch theme day	Mexican day: chili con carne, chicken fajitas, Mexican stuffed peppers, sweetcorn and bean quesadilla, Mexican rice, refried beans, calabacitas (peppers, corn, zucchini, garlic and blackbeans) and Mexican crullers (cinnamon doughnuts).
After-school clubs	All After-School Clubs will now be dismissed from the Nursery & Lower Prep gate, as a health and safety measure to separate pedestrians from on-site traffic movement through the main gates at these busy times.
PE Kit – Years 3-9	A reminder that pupils in years 3-9 will be swimming next term in their PE lesson (Jan-April) so parents are asked to purchase navy blue trunks/swimming costume and a plain navy blue swimming hat.
Children in Need – Friday 18th November	We are supporting Children in Need on Friday 18 th November. In Prep School children can come to school wearing spots, and donate £1 to charity. In Senior School pupils can wear spots or non-uniform. £1 donation for spots, £2 donation for non-uniform.
Indoor climbing trip to Boulder Central – Years 3-6 AND climbing trip for Years 7-9	A reminder that money for this trip is due on Friday 18th November.
Children’s University	We will be launching the Children’s University scheme for pupils and parents in Years 3 and 4 on Monday 14 th November in the school hall, starting at 3.00pm. Parents are invited to attend.

Dates coming up week commencing 14th November:

Monday	Global Enterprise Week (until Friday) Y3 & 4 Children's University scheme, launch (3.00pm). After school clubs - Football: Upper Prep Netball: Upper Prep English intervention: Y11 STEM Club: Upper Prep GCSE French: Y11 Musical Theatre: Senior
Tuesday	After school clubs - Music Theory: Prep & Senior German intervention: Y11 French Film Club: Senior Spanish: Upper Prep Netball: Senior
Wednesday	KES outreach History Workshop: Y5 & Y6 Visit to Warwick, Mathematics in Action: Y10 Family Bingo Night: All School International Day for Tolerance After school clubs - Hockey: Upper Prep Gymnastics: Upper Prep Taekwondo: Prep & Senior Year 4 intervention History intervention: Y11
Thursday	Parents' evening: Y10 Food theme day: Mexican NEC Skills Show trip: Y10 & Y11 Indoor athletics competition: Y5 & Y6 Before school clubs - ICT: Y11 (8.00 – 8.45am) After school clubs – Drama: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior Booster Session: Y5 GCSE History: Y11 Football club: Senior
Friday	Children in Need – wear spots, donate 31. All School. After school clubs - Karate: Reception: Y6

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