



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Performer of the Week:

**Aadil -
Year 8**

(awarded for stepping outside of his comfort zone and performing at the bingo night).



Nursery Star of the Week:

Harmony-Sky

(awarded for being a good helper around the Nursery).



A note from the Deputy Headteachers

This week we are very excited to announce our membership of the Independent Schools' Association (ISA) - a prestigious organisation that represents more than 400 independent schools across the country. It is a real coup for us to be accepted into the ISA as we can assure you the application and selection process was rigorous.

The benefits to our membership are endless and we are looking forward to the many opportunities that will now become available to the whole school. We will share more details with you all as they are confirmed but we are already looking at taking part in the ISA's extra-curricular programme which will offer unrivalled opportunities for our pupils to compete at regional and national levels in prestigious drama, art and essay competitions, as well as in sporting events that include football, athletics, cross country, triathlon and swimming, often at some of the country's most prestigious venues such as the London Olympic Park.

Being part of the ISA bears much professional kudos as well; our teachers will have access to training and opportunities to engage in professional development activities, which in turn will undoubtedly have a positive impact on the teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms. We will be able to learn from, and share best practice with colleagues in other schools, as well as have a platform from which to promote the excellence in our school. We are excited by the opportunities this membership opens up to us all and hope you join us in supporting our ongoing membership.

Thank you for supporting Bingo & Banquet!

Thank you to those families who came along to Wednesday's social event, our annual Bingo & Banquet night – it was our biggest and best yet! After a sharing supper we were eyes down and looking, and four fun games resulted in winners from both our Prep and Senior School families (and even a couple of staff winners thrown in!). We hope you all enjoyed yourselves and look forward to more social events during the rest of the academic year. Check out the gallery of images on our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/school-social-events-201617/>



Senior School Pupil of the Week:

Tumaini – Year 9

(awarded for his maturity and leadership).



Prep pupils ‘steam ahead’ in history lesson

Pupils in Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a special lesson led by a history teacher from King Edwards School, Jonathan Davies.

The legendary historian visited Hydesville as part of his Living History programme, and delivered an engaging lesson about the development of steam power by three famous Birmingham Victorians - James Watt, Matthew Bolton and William Murdoch.

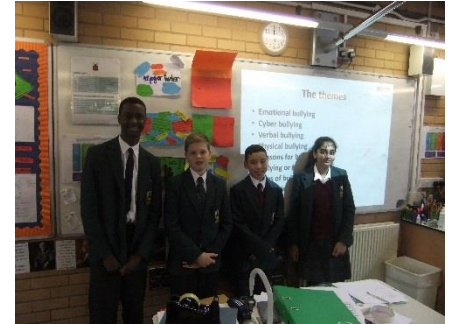
Pupils learned all about how steam power changed the world and how that began right here in the West Midlands. In addition to learning about History, the children also learned about the science behind steam power. They learned about how the Victorians were able to harness the forces of heat, air pressure and changes in states of matter to revolutionise industry.



Hydesville says no to bullying

Pupils from across the school have been showing their support for Anti-bullying Week. We’ve held a number of activities, all designed to raise awareness of bullying and to encourage children, teachers and parents to take action against bullies and bullying in school and community settings.

In drama classes pupils took part in workshops where they created scenes using explorative strategies around the themes of ‘Power for Good’ and ‘Banter or Bullying’. Senior form groups also created videos where explored the different types of bullying and how people can be affected by it. In addition, four mentors from years 7-11 have been nominated to show support and give advice to our year 6 pupils as they move into senior school life.



Supporting Children in Need

Pupils from across the school swapped their uniform for spotty clothes today (Friday) as we showed our support for Children in Need. As well as donating money to wear spots (or non-uniform), pupils held a bake, sweets and samosa sale and also took part in a sponsored football match. The money raised will be donated to the national charity which works towards changing the lives of disabled children and young people in the UK.



Notices/reminders:

Thurs Nov 24th lunch theme day	Spanish day: paella (seafood, chicken & chorizo, vegetable), Spanish omelette, Catalan spinach, potatas bravas, crema Catalana.
School photographs	Parents are reminded to place their orders for school photographs as soon as possible if they are required for Christmas.
Senior School Scholarships	The closing date for applications for 2017 Senior School Scholarships is Friday, Dec 2 nd . Find out more on our website: www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/scholarships-bursaries/
Reading lists	The School website has been updated with suggested reading lists for pupils in Years 3-6. See: www.hydesville.com/reading-lists/ The lists will be updated every term.
Thursday Nov 24th	A reminder that pupils in Years 10 and 11 GCSE groups will be taking part in a Batik & Gelli Printing workshop.
Year 4 PE Kit	Year 4 pupils will not require swimming kit for the remainder of this term. PE kit will be required on Monday 28 th November and Monday 5 th December.
Young Voices	Children taking part in Young Voices need to have return their reply slips with their t-shirt sizes by Monday 21 st November at the very latest.
Year 4 & 5 Production	Pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 will be taking part in a production, on the afternoon of Thursday, 24 th November and the morning of Friday 25 th November. Tickets are available at request, prior to the event either by replying to the letter that Miss Crump sent home, or by including a note in your child's homework diary.
Hydesville Chef on Twitter	Please follow our catering manager, Gareth Long, on Twitter to keep updated with latest menus, news and events from the catering team: @Hydesville_chef

Dates coming up week commencing 14th November:

Monday	Inter-house cross country: Y6-11 After school clubs - Football: Upper Prep Netball: Upper Prep English intervention: Y11 STEM Club: Upper Prep French intervention: Y11 German intervention: Y9 Hydesville Tower Singers
Tuesday	After school clubs - Music Theory: Upper Prep German intervention: Y11 Spanish: Upper Prep Netball: Senior Spanish Club: Upper Prep Running Club: R-Y2 GCSE Maths
Wednesday	Trip to Stratford: Y10 Before school clubs – After school clubs - Hockey: Upper Prep Gymnastics: Upper Prep Taekwondo: Prep & Senior Reading intervention
Thursday	Trip to Birmingham German Market: Y10 & 11 Batik and Gelli Workshop – Y10 & 11 Production: Y4 & Y5 Food theme day: Spanish Day Before school clubs - ICT: Y11 (8.00 – 8.45am) After school clubs – Drama: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior 11 + Booster Club History intervention: Y11 Football club: Senior German intervention: Y10
Friday	Nursery Stay & Play (1.30-3.30pm) Production: Y4 & Y5 After school clubs - Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Senior Cookery: Senior

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