



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations

Jayden – Y3

Arvind – Y4

Simran – Y4

Toby – Y5

Jodhvir – Y6



Nursery Star of the Week:

Jasmine (awarded for trying hard at everything she does).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

It appears Christmas has arrived at Hydesville this week! You will have all noticed our beautiful tree proudly displayed outside and attention in school has turned to end of year celebrations. Year 4 and 5 impressed us with their wonderful production of 'Mr Humbug sees the light' on Thursday and Friday and we are looking forward to next week's Early Years nativity and the Lower Prep carol concert followed by the whole school carol concert on Wednesday 7th December. Certainly, a busy two weeks ahead!

Parents who have been in school for the productions this week will have noticed a number of new measures. We have displayed signage to the dining room entrance re-stating that this is not a parental access route and installed bollards to the front drive entrance. These will allow control of vehicle access in line with our stated policy.

We were also pleased with how the whole school collaborated on a number of activities during the recent Anti-Bullying Week. Pupils wrote poems, made videos, took part in anti-bullying workshops in drama lessons and held form and class group activities all to raise awareness of bullying and to encourage pupils to take action against bullies in school and in community settings.

The School Inspection Service (SIS) inspectors rated our provision for the safeguarding of pupils' welfare, health and safety as outstanding when they visited in May 2016. Safeguarding is the responsibility of everyone and together we can continue to provide our pupils with a safe environment in which to learn, grow and flourish.

Operation Christmas Child

Kind hearted Senior School pupils have been involved in the 2016 Operation Christmas Child shoe box appeal.

Each form group filled a shoe box with presents for children who otherwise would not receive a gift on Christmas Day. The boxes will be delivered to a wide variety of countries across the world. Well done to the pupils who managed complete 21 shoe boxes in total, and special thanks to form 1 who completed five shoe boxes and form 4 who filled six.



Performer of the Week:

Ganga - Year 1

(awarded for excellent singing in Lower Prep Choir).



Batik Gelli art

Thank you to local artist Deborah Turner who held a Batik Gelli workshop for pupils in Year 10 and Year 11. The pupils spent the morning learning about Batik Gelli – an Indonesian inspired technique of decorating cloth using hot wax and dye. They were then able to try out a variety of tools, including brushes and tjantings to draw and make expressive marks with wax.

Deborah was very impressed with their stunning collection of designs!

Mr Humbug comes to Hydesville

A big well done to pupils in Year 4 and Year 5 who put on a show stopping performance of 'Mr Humbug sees the light' this week.

This super-spooky musical sees the Dickens tale, A Christmas Carol, brought bang up to date and set in school. Headteacher, Mr Humbug (Harrison), hates Christmas because it gets in the way of 'proper' work and costs too much, so he bans it! Can some ghostly visitors (Adeel, Jay and Ajay) persuade him to open his heart, and the petty-cash box?

All of our pupils were amazing so a big well done to everyone involved. Their acting and singing blew us all away, and we hope you all enjoyed our celebratory journey through what we all remember and love about Christmas at school!



Prep School extravaganza – we need you!

Children in Upper Prep are invited to audition for our Prep School Extravaganza (taking place on April 6th 2017 at 4.15pm).

Auditions will take place the first week back after Christmas so children have the holidays to prepare. For the audition children should prepare something no longer than a minute that shows us what they can do. Interested children can sign up with Miss Bowdige.

Auditions

Calling all performers!
Do you belong on the stage?
Are you a talented singer?
Can you act or play a musical instrument?
Do you dance well?

WE NEED YOU

Please prepare a piece of music, a song, a dance, an elocution piece or an acting piece for the first Thursday back in January.

This must be no more than a minute long for the audition. Show us your very best.

Mrs Whitehouse, Miss Bowdige and Mr Leslie will be on the audition panel and we will be choosing the very best to show off at the Prep School extravaganza on Thursday, 6th April, 4.15-5.30pm.

Bingo & Banquet proceeds

The proceeds raised from last week's Bingo & Banquet night have been donated to a former Hydesville pupil who is raising money to enable him to travel the world after being diagnosed with terminal bone cancer and given only months to live. Please show your support, if you are able: <http://ow.ly/ik4f306u9Ez>

Notices/reminders:

Sportsperson of the Week:

Louis - Year 8

(awarded for representing the school in table tennis and being undefeated in all of his games).

Senior School Pupil of the Week:

Louis – Year 8

(awarded for his determination and focus towards his studies).



Thurs Dec 1st lunch theme day	American day: cheese burger, southern fried chicken, sticky bbq ribs, macaroni cheese, potato wedges and key lime pie.
Amantia Spanish trip – Y7 & Y8A	A reminder that the Amantia Spanish trip consent slip and £16 trip money needs to be returned to Miss Jenkins by Friday 9 th December.
Senior School Scholarships	Year 6 families are reminded that applications for Academic Scholarships are accepted only if pupils have received an invite from Miss Nijjar. Details how to apply for a Non-Academic Scholarship is on our website: www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/scholarships-bursaries/ Applications for a Non-Academic Scholarship can be submitted without invitation.
PE kit reminder – Y3 & Y4	On Mon 28 th Nov and 5 th Dec pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 will need their PE kit NOT swimming kit.
Cross-country – Y5-11	This has been re-scheduled for Monday 9 th January, from 2pm onwards.
After-school sports clubs	Gymnastics club – 30 th Nov will be the last session this term. All other sports clubs have now finished and will re-commence week beginning 9 th Jan 2017.
Wall climbing trips – Year 8: 29th November Year 9: 30th November Year 7: 2nd December	All trips will leave school at 9am. Pupils are asked to come to school in their PE kit and full tracksuit. They will change back into school uniform at break time. Lessons from break time onwards will be as normal.
Senior School - donations to homeless charity	We are taking collections of scarves, gloves, hats and socks for homeless charities in Walsall. Please bring your donations into school (to the School Office or direct to Miss Jenkins) by 2 nd December.

Dates coming up week commencing 28th November:

Monday	Monday to Wednesday: Y10 & Y11 mock exams Settling in morning: Nursery After school clubs - English intervention: Y11 STEM Club: Upper Prep French intervention: Y11 German intervention: Y9 Hydesville Tower Singers Musical Theatre: Seniors
Tuesday	Wall climbing trip: Y8 After school clubs - Music Theory: Upper Prep German intervention: Y11 Spanish: Upper Prep Spanish Club: Upper Prep GCSE Maths French Film Club: Seniors
Wednesday	Wall climbing trip: Y9 Before school clubs – After school clubs - Gymnastics: Upper Prep Taekwondo: Prep & Seniors Reading intervention
Thursday	Choir Concert at Walsall Methodist Church: Y1 & Y2 Nativity: Nursery & Reception Food theme day: American 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 German intervention: Y10
Friday	Nativity: Nursery & Reception Wall climbing trip: Y7 After school clubs - Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors Cookery: Seniors

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