News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Rayah - Year 3 Sannah - Year 4 Rayen - Year 5 Bhoomi - Year 6

Nursery Star of the Week:

Iyla (awarded for being kind and helpful).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

It's been a busy week in School. Prep pupils enjoyed a visit to the Wolverhampton Grand Theatre on Wednesday to watch Aladdin, which was made even more special by three of our Prep pupils performing in the show. A big well done to Simran, Amrit and Arjun who were absolutely fabulous! Their performances



have attracted the interest of the local newspapers and we are looking forward to an article in the Walsall Advertiser next week.

Attentions in the Senior School turned to charitable projects this week. Well done to our kind hearted Community Fundraising Team who took part in a litter pick in Walsall Arboretum and also held a cake and samosa sale to raise money for Acorns Children's hospice. The thoughtfulness of all of our pupils never ceases to impress us.

On the subject of charitable projects, you will read in this week's newsletter about the Cherry Foundation, set up in memory of Miss Brach to help underprivileged, talented pupils to succeed and to sponsor children facing poverty.

We thank you all for your ongoing support and wish you and your family a lovely weekend.

Nursery fire service visit

What a fantastic morning our Nursery children had on Wednesday when Walsall Fire Station arrived at School – complete with a group of firefighters and a fire engine.

The officers used their training, experience

and expertise to deliver fire safety information in a reassuring way to ensure the pupils were able to understand the importance of fire safety. The children also had a go at being firefighters by dressing up in uniforms, climbing aboard the fire engine and even spraying the hose.

Senior Pupil of the Week:

Michael – Year 9 (awarded for dedication in English).



Performer of the Week:

Om – Year 3 (awarded for showing great enthusiasm by joining Mr Vickers' Stomp Group on a Thursday lunchtime).



Busy week for Senior School charity fundraising group

Our kind hearted pupils in the Senior Community Fundraising group have been busy this week. On Thursday they held a cake, sweets and samosa sale to raise money for local children's hospice, Acorns. And today the environmentally



conscious group swapped the classroom for the Arboretum where they spent time litter picking. Well done all!

Remembering Miss Brach

Thank you to those of you who came along to our special coffee morning yesterday, in memory of Miss Brach. We spent time sharing memories of our much loved colleague, teacher and friend.

We also shared details of the Cherry Foundation, a charitable organisation set up by the Brach family to help underprivileged, talented pupils to succeed and to sponsor children facing poverty. If you would like to find out more or make a donation then please see:



www.leetchi.com/c/nonprofit-charity-club-cheran

Mrs Whitehouse also discussed an idea our children have had for a special memorial bench to remember Miss Brach in school. The bench will be a special friendship stop, where children can spend time if they need a friend or someone to talk to or play with.

If you would like to donate to the School's memorial fund please hand your donations into the School Office in a sealed envelope, marked Memorial Fund.



We also have a memories book in the school reception area where everyone – pupils, parents, staff and visitors - can write a message of condolence.

Once again, we'd like to thank everyone for their kind words and support over the past few weeks.

Nutritionist visits Senior School

Thank you to Chartwell's nutritionist, Clare Hedderman, who held healthy eating workshops for pupils in years 7, 8 and 9.

As a School we are committed to offering our children healthy meals, and thanks to the support of our catering provider, Chartwells, we are able to produce delicious and nutritional lunches and snacks.



Notices/reminders:

Updates to parent vehicle access to school grounds	Letters have been sent out to remind parents about vehicle access to the School grounds. You can find out more about the school mini-bus service, walking bus and park & ride options on our website: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/
Prep School assembly rota	Prep School assemblies and coffee mornings continue this term. View the rota on the School website: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/prepschool-assemblies-2/
Notification of adverse weather	In the unlikely event of a disruption to the operation of the school due to adverse weather, we will make every attempt to contact parents in the following ways: • Parent email/text • School website • School Facebook/Twitter account Please ensure the School Office has your updated contact information
Year 2	A reminder that payment for the Warwick Castle trip is required by Monday 23 rd January.
Year 9 & 10 injection forms	Please return your consent forms as soon as possible.
Year 7 – 9 Badminton trip to NIA	Tickets are available on a first come, first served basis. We only have 15 tickets left. See Miss Fairbrother.
Donations of craft items	We are collecting arts and craft items for Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall. Please bring your donations to Miss Jenkins' classroom by Friday 10 th February.

Dates coming up week commencing 23rd January:

Monday	Trip to Amantia Restaurant: Y7 & Y8 After school clubs: English: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors (Rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland Production) Football: Upper Prep Netball: Upper Prep STEM Club: Upper Prep Chess Club: Upper Prep
Tuesday	Trip to Walsall Library: Nursery & Reception After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y11 Senior Girls' Sports. Art Club: Upper Prep & Seniors Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors
Wednesday	Maths Quiz: selected Y5 & Y6 pupils After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (until 4.30pm) Indoor archery: Upper Prep (until 4.30pm) Taekwondo: Y1 – Y11.
Thursday	Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – Drama: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior (Rehearsals for Alice in Wonderland Production) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep German intervention: Y10 History Intervention: Y11 Senior Boys' Sports. Year 5 Booster Club
Friday	Lisa Olsen Felt Workshop: Y7 Holocaust Memorial Day After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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