



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:

**Anoop – Year 1**  
**Jessica – Year 2**  
**Mahima – Year 3**  
**Khaya – Year 4**  
**Gyaan – Year 5**  
**Lewis – Year 6**



**Well done to  
Tilly-Mae (Y1)  
and Veer (Y2)  
who won a  
Head's  
commendation  
last week!**

## A note from John Coleman, Cognita Schools

The recruitment process for a new Headteacher is well underway and I would like to update you on progress so far.

The initial advertisement stage attracted a good many interested candidates and the closing date was in mid-December. Following careful scrutiny of the completed applications by our recruitment consultants, a long list was compiled. Each long listed applicant attended a face to face interview in London a few days ago. The outcome of these interviews is a shortlist of six candidates who will attend an assessment day at the school in mid-February. The day will include educational tasks, a pupil panel and formal interviews with myself and other Cognita professionals. Candidates who are successful at the assessment day stage will progress to a further face to face interview with a panel of senior directors from Cognita.

I trust, as parents, you will find this brief outline both helpful and reassuring. Cognita, as a highly respected group, are determined to appoint the very best head teacher for your school.

I will provide further updates as soon as the assessments and interviews are complete.

John Coleman  
Chair of Governors  
Assistant Director of Education, Cognita Schools

## Tapas and Flamenco for Senior pupils

Pupils in Year 7 and 8 Spanish pupils visited Amantia restaurant in Birmingham this week, to practice their language skills in an authentic setting and to learn more about the Spanish culture. They enjoyed trying a range of different tapas including tortilla (potato omelette), albondigas (meatballs), patatas bravas (spicy potatoes) and chorizo (spicy sausage). After lunch they were able to take to the floor, in a fun Flamenco dancing workshop!



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## Senior Pupil of the Week:

**Reiss & Sona – Year 10** (awarded for demonstrating leadership qualities).



## League table success for Senior School

Figures published by the Department for Education in the January 2017 GCSE league tables rank Hydesville Tower School as the third highest achieving secondary school in the borough. We achieved an impressive Attainment 8 score of 59.8 with 92% of the pupils achieving a pass in Mathematics and English. *Attainment 8 gauges achievement across eight qualifications including English and Mathematics.* Queen Mary's Grammar School and Queen Mary's High School achieved scores of 72.8 and 69.6 respectively.



Ms Nijjar, Head of Senior School, said: "We are justifiably pleased to report our outstanding achievements as seen in the school performance tables. The expert staff here strive to deliver the very best independent education possible and we are delighted to be ranked in third position according to our Attainment 8 score. This serves as a testament not only to the hard work of our pupils and staff, but also as a signpost for the high standards we set ourselves consistently."

Join us at our Senior School Open Event on February 8<sup>th</sup> to find out more about our Secondary School: <https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/open-days-at-hydesville/>

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## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Karam** (awarded for growing in confidence and being kind and helpful).



## The Big Maths Quiz 2017

Congratulations to pupils from Blackwood School in Walsall who were the winners of the Hydesville Tower School Big Maths Quiz 2017 this week.

Ten teams of children from year 5 and year 6 from Blackwood, Pheasey Park Farm, The Shrubbery and Mayfield Schools joined two Hydesville teams to battle it out to win the coveted winners' title and trophy. Led by Head of Maths Mr Walker the teams took part in four maths rounds, including an outdoor treasure trail on the astro-turf pitch. Even the teachers got in on the action, when they went head to head with the pupils during the quick fire wireless round.



After a roast dinner lunch to recharge over-worked brain cells, the winners were announced, and despite very close scores, Blackwood School's Year 6 team scooped the top slot. Well done to Blackwood (Year 5), The Shrubbery and Hydesville who came second, third and fourth place.

The event was a huge success, and great fun was had by pupils and teachers alike! We look forward to hosting the Hydesville Tower School Big Maths Quiz again next year.

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## Sportsperson of the Week:

### Jessica – Y4

(awarded for competing – and winning 6 medals – in the Olympic Challenge).



## Year 2's Bake Off!

Year 2 have been learning to write instructions.

As part of this topic, we held a 'Year 2 Bake Off'.

The children wrote recipes and made cakes at home. The cakes were judged in school and all the children tried a variety of cakes throughout the week. Well done to the following children who won awards for their baking skills!

**Best tasting cakes – Karina**

**Best decorated cake – Rhys**

**Best cupcakes – Veer**

**Neatest icing – Shivam**

**Most colourful cake – Aryan**



## Notices/reminders:

<b>Upper Prep Choir – Young Voices</b>	A reminder that children will need to bring dark trousers/skirt and a packed tea.
<b>Year 2</b>	For the Y2 visit to Warwick Castle on Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> February, please can children be dressed warmly and appropriately for walking.
<b>Donations of craft items</b>	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 <sup>th</sup> February.

## Dates coming up week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> January:

<b>Monday</b>	Parents' Evening: Y8 After school clubs: STEM Club: Upper Prep Chess Club: Upper Prep
<b>Tuesday</b>	Young Voices Concert: Upper Prep 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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Lisa Olsen Felt Workshop: Y8 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (until 4.30pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	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 Study Space: Y11
<b>Friday</b>	Trip to Warwick Castle: Y2 After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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