



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Ishaan – Year 1

Tanvir – Year 2

Ahil – Year 3

Fleur – Year 4

Jade – Year 5

Ishe – Year 6



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

Our second teatime concert of this academic year took place yesterday and we were immensely proud of our talented pupils. We are delighted that almost one third of our school now play a musical instrument outside of the curriculum and we hope to see this number continue to grow. And with the appointment of our new dedicated early years music teachers we are now also able to offer our younger children the wonderful opportunity to learn an instrument. Well done to all our pupils who performed yesterday, you were all great! More details about our extra-curricular music lessons are available via the school office or on our website.

Thank you to our senior pupils who supported us at Wednesday's Senior School Open Event. Visitors commented on the attitude and maturity of our pupils who represented our school so well. We were pleased that the event was busy, reflecting the growing popularity of our senior school. As such we urge our current year 6 families to secure their places for year 7 as soon as possible. The senior school allocation date is fast approaching and we anticipate a high demand for places after March 1st.

Next week is the last of this half term and we look forward to another busy week with an action-packed extra-curricular programme, Prep School trips, Nursery parents' evening, Senior options evenings and much more (see page three of this newsletter). We wish our families a restful weekend in anticipation of the week ahead!

Year 2 visit Warwick Castle

Last Friday Year 2 visited Warwick Castle as part of our 'Happily Ever After' topic. We started by having a Kingmaker tour where we learnt about the different weapons and forms of protection. We then moved on to climb the turrets and walk along the high walls to look at the amazing view. As well as watching a falconry display and visiting the peacock garden we did a tour around the main part of the castle and learnt what it would have been like to live there.



Senior Pupils of the Week:

Karn – Year 9

(awarded for excellence in art).



Supporting #SaferInternetDay2017



Pupils from across the Prep and Senior Schools have been showing their support for Safer Internet Day 2017 with a range of activities including quizzes, debates and poster competitions. This year's theme is 'Be the change: Unite for a better internet' with a focus on 'The Power of Image' and Form 6 led on an assembly for the Senior School which

included a 'selfie' role play and lots of advice on how to be safe online, but how to also enjoy the internet.

Pupils took over the School's Twitter account on Tuesday, sharing their tips and advice. Miss Bunger also created the E-Safety School display, using this year's theme, 'The Power of Image' as a main focus.

Tennis tips from Judy Murray



Lucky Shaan in Reception met his idol's mum, Judy Murray, last Saturday at his tennis club (David Lloyd All Stars Tennis Club in Great Barr).

At the age of 2½ Shaan was one of the youngest in his tennis class to join the Club. Now aged 4, he is doing really well and for the past 6 weeks he has been awarded an outstanding performance badge. Shaan loved meeting Judy Murray and picked up some valuable advice and techniques. He is now even more determined that he also will be a champion one day!

Performer of the Week:

Avnie Mae, Dexter and Ismail – Year 1

(awarded for doing their first ever tea-time concert and performing on their own).



Pupil achievements

A big well done to Shreeya (Reception) and Ryan (Year 1) for achieving their white red stripe and yellow belts respectively and Nitin in Year 4 for achieving a blackbelt in karate. Congrats also to Sam in Nursery for achieving his Stanley Level 3 Award for swimming and Ruby in Year 6 for her LAMDA Award in Speaking Verse and Prose, Grade 3.



Notices/reminders:

Nursery Star of the Week:

Abigail (awarded for being generally helping everyone in Nursery).



Nursery reminders	Parents are reminded to return reply slips for the Nursery to Reception transition events on Feb 28 th and March 9 th .
Year 2	Parents are reminded about the banquet day on Friday 17 th . Children should come to school in costumes (jesters, prince, princess, knight, maid, servant).
World Thinking Day – Prep School	Children in Reception to Year 6 are invited to wear their Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, Scouts or Girl Scouts uniforms on Friday 17 th , to celebrate World Thinking Day.
Year 3 & 4	A reminder that payment for the London Science Museum trip is due by Friday 17 th February. Final payment for the Frank Chapman trip is due by Tuesday 14 th February.
Year 5	A reminder that payment for the Year 5 visit to Kingswood is due by Tuesday 14 th .

Dates coming up week commencing 13th February:

Monday	<p>Parents' Evening: Nursery Options Evening: Y9 After school clubs: English: Seniors Football: Upper Prep Netball: Upper Prep STEM Club: Upper Prep Chess Club: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior</p>
Tuesday	<p>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 Drama: Upper Prep</p>
Wednesday	<p>After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor archery: Upper Prep Intervention: Upper Prep Reading intervention: Y4</p>
Thursday	<p>Vaccinations: Y9 Trip to Safeside: Year 4 Lisa Olsen Felt Workshop: Y9 Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – Musical Theatre: Senior Musical Theatre: Upper Prep German intervention: Y10 History Intervention: Y11 Senior Boys' Sports. Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11 Writing intervention: Y4</p>
Friday	<p>Trip to Tamworth Snowdome: Y1 Random Acts of Kindness Day Banquet Day: Y2 Nursery Fun afternoon World Thinking Day School breaks up for half-term holiday After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors</p>

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