



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

**Head's
commendations:**
Avnie Mae – Year 1
Karina – Year 2



**Nursery Star of
the Week:**

Tianna-Rose

(awarded for working
hard all of the time).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

As this half term draws to a close we reflect on a very busy, and at times emotionally difficult, start to the year.

The loss of our dear colleague and friend was a devastating start to the term and we are still adapting to life in school without Miss Brach. A permanent and fitting memorial in school is still being discussed and we hope to be able to circulate more details next half term.

We thank all of the Hydesville community for their ongoing support and wish all of our pupils and their families a safe and restful half term. Soon after we return to school after the break Year 6 families will be finding out about school allocations. Secondary allocations will be published on March 1st so parents will soon have the information they require to make decisions. Based on current levels of interest, we are expecting Year 7 to be full in September. We will be holding an All-School Open Morning on Saturday 4th March, so do please come along if you'd like to find out more about us, not just our Senior School, as our Nursery & Prep Schools will also be open, with tours available by senior staff and current pupils. Please do spread the word, as everyone is welcome.

We wish you all a lovely half term break.

World Thinking Day 2017

On Wednesday 22nd February all members of Girl Guiding and Scouting around the world will celebrate World Thinking Day, also known as Founders' Day. All members will celebrate their role with these organisations and think about other members around the world.

In order to celebrate this special day, pupils have been wearing their uniforms in school today (Friday 17th February).



It's been lovely to see so many children in Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs, and Scouts uniforms. Well done to the Prep children who led on a special assembly this morning where pupils were able to learn about what is involved in being a member of Guides and Scouts.

Senior Pupils of the Week:

Sam – Year 7

(awarded for improvements in Science).



Welcome back to former Hydesville pupil



We were delighted to welcome back a former Hydesville pupil who left our school more than 50 years ago!

Elizabeth Thompson (nee Kavanah) was a pupil in our senior school from 1957 until 1963 so joined Hydesville just five years after we first opened. Now aged 71 she lives in Harrogate but took a special visit to Walsall to take a trip down

memory lane. She met Miss Nijjar and some of our current pupils, enjoyed a tour of the school and spent time reminiscing about her years at Hydesville. See our website for the full story: <http://ow.ly/11ax3093PoG>

Supporting Acorn's Children's Hospice

The Senior School Community Fundraising Group made a special visit to Acorn's Children's Hospice in Walsall last Friday to present a cheque for £106 that they raised during a cake and samosa sale.



The kind hearted group also took a selection of art and craft supplies for the children at the hospice to use during their craft lessons as well as some Valentine's Day crafts that Hydesville pupils

made for the Hospice's Valentines Ball.

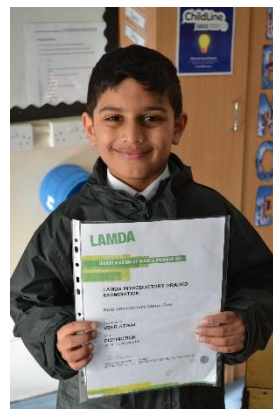
Year 2's Banquet Day

Pupils in Year 2 celebrated the end of their 'Happily Ever After' topic with a banquet day. The children dressed in costumes and took part in a range of fun activities including making goblets, leaning about good table manners and playing skittles.



Pupil achievements

A big well done to Anaiya in Year 3 for her swimming award. Congratulations also to Shriya and Veer in Year 2 for their karate awards.



Sports person of the Week:

Zawadi – Year 10

(awarded for being Player of the Match in yesterday's netball match against Queen Mary's School).



The Senior Form Group with the highest record of attendance this week is:

Form 7 (100%)

Congratulations on 100% attendance in Prep School this week to:

RD, 1C, 6B and 6S

Notices/reminders:

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| Nursery reminders | Parents are reminded to return reply slips for the Nursery to Reception transition events on Feb 28 th and March 9 th . |
| Open Morning | Our All School Open Morning takes place on Saturday, 4 th March. Please do come along if you'd like to find out more about or Nursery, Prep or Senior School. Can parents also return permission slips to allow their children to help out at the event. |
| Nursery Open House | We are holding a Nursery Open House on Thursday 16 th March. Please do come along if you'd like to find out more about our exceptional teaching nursery. More details are on our website: https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/open-days-at-hydesville/ |
| Year 7 & 8 trip to 'The Big Bang Fair' | A reminder that money for this trip is now due. |
| Year 3 & Year 4 trip to London Science Museum | The coach will depart school at 8.15am so pupils will need to be at school from 8am. We will return at approx 6pm. Children need to be in school uniform. School will be providing a packed lunch but it is advised that children bring an additional healthy snack and water with them. |

Dates coming up week commencing 27th February:

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| Monday | <p>Term resumes</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>English: Seniors</p> <p>Football: Upper Prep</p> <p>Netball: Upper Prep</p> <p>STEM Club: Upper Prep</p> <p>Chess Club: Upper Prep</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Senior</p> |
| Tuesday | <p>Reception Information and Open Event</p> <p>Trip to see 'Poetry Live': Y11</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight begins</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Maths: Seniors</p> <p>French Film Club: Seniors</p> <p>German Intervention: Y11</p> <p>Senior Girls' Sports.</p> <p>Art Club: Upper Prep & Seniors</p> <p>Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors</p> <p>Drama: Upper Prep</p> |
| Wednesday | <p>Prep Parents' Evening</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Hockey: Upper Prep</p> <p>Indoor archery: Upper Prep</p> <p>Intervention: Upper Prep</p> <p>Intervention: Y4</p> |
| Thursday | <p>Walsall Schools' Swimming Gala: Y5 & Y6 selected pupils</p> <p>World Book Day</p> <p>Before school clubs –</p> <p>ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am)</p> <p>After school clubs –</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Senior</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Upper Prep</p> <p>German intervention: Y10</p> <p>History Intervention: Y11</p> <p>Senior Boys' Sports.</p> <p>Year 5 Booster Club</p> <p>Study Space: Y11</p> <p>Writing intervention: Y4</p> |
| Friday | <p>Trip to London Science Museum: Y3 & Y4</p> <p>Spanish Cultural Day at Wolverhampton University: Y8</p> <p>Memory Mnemonics Workshop: Y8 & Y9</p> <p>Trip to NEC 'What Career Live': Y11</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Karate: Reception - Y6</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors</p> |

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