



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:

Ryan – Year 1

Dhaya – Year 2

Anaiya – Year 3

Nimrah – Year 4

Akaal – Year 5

Lewis – Year 6



### Performer of the Week:

Amir – Year 8

(awarded for playing  
so confidently at Open  
Morning).



## A note from John Coleman, Cognita Schools

Further to my update in last week's newsletter I would like to draw parents' attention to the letter from Simon Camby, Director of Education at Cognita Schools, that was circulated yesterday. The letter is available on the School website and here follows an edited version:

**"Following a rigorous recruitment process I can confirm the new Headteacher of Hydesville Tower School will be Mr Warren Honey.**

**"Mr Honey is currently the Deputy Headteacher at King Henry VIII School, Coventry and has a strong track record as a teacher delivering exceptional academic outcomes and as a school leader taking a role in all aspects of school life. His professional experience as well as teaching, includes a number of positions in two highly regarded HMC schools. Throughout his career, he has been driven by combining excellent pastoral care for children alongside high expectations to reach the best outcomes and destination school for each child. Mr Honey has a well-established understanding of the demands and expectations associated with high performing independent schools.**

**"We will make arrangements for Mr Honey to be present at Hydesville during the summer term to meet with both parents and staff ahead of the formal start in September 2017. For the remainder of this academic year, Mrs Whitehouse and Miss Nijjar will continue as the Acting Headteachers."**

I am sure that you will join myself and colleagues from Cognita in congratulating Mr Honey on his appointment. We are delighted to have been able to secure a candidate of such high calibre for Hydesville Tower School. Once again, I thank staff and parents for your continued support and patience.

## Year 3 and 4 visit London Science Museum

Year 3 and 4 had the chance to think like real scientists during a visit to the Science Museum in London last Friday. All of the children had the opportunity to gain hands-on with real scientific phenomena, such as seeing lightning strike, using thermal cameras to visualise themselves in a different light, using pulleys to gain strength and learn about the Solar System with a huge orbiting model. The children were also lucky enough to visit the Natural History Museum next door to see fossils and dinosaurs!



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## Nursery Stars of the Week:

**Asees** (awarded for constantly following the golden rules).



**Well done to Iyla for receiving a special award for being exceptionally good this week:**



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## Sports team of the Week:

**Senior girls' netball team** (awarded for winning their match against Queen Mary's High School, 21-1. Zawadi was awarded Player of the Match).



## Road Safety sessions for Upper Prep

Pupils in Upper Prep have taken part in special lessons in road safety this week. The lessons were part of PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) and were designed to improve pupils' understanding of road safety including how to use pelican crossings safely, as well as how to cross a road where there are no crossings available.

The lessons were led by the A Stars team who are part of Walsall Council. To promote road safety and help protect our pupils, parents, staff and visitors to the School, Walsall Council has already provided the school with the new bollards located in front of the school and have reduced the speed limit to 20mph.

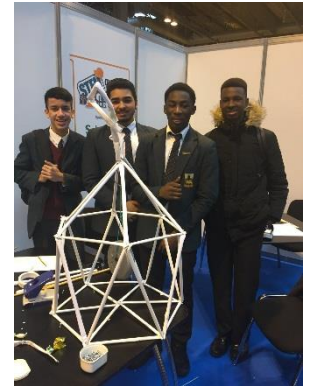


## Year 11 visit 'What Career Live'

Year 11 enjoyed a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math's Workshop during 'What Career Live' at Birmingham's NEC last week.

The event gave pupils the chance to find out more about careers and higher education opportunities, to help them decide what to do after leaving school.

During the morning the pupils were set the task of building a structure that was able to hold a 2kg weight. We were pleased that thanks to some great teamwork and lateral thinking all of our pupils succeeded. Well done Year 11!



## Pupil Achievements

Well done to Simran in Year 4 and Gursim in Year 1 for their IDTA dance certificates, medals and rosettes. Samuel in Nursery has also received a certificate at his Happy Tot Rugby lesson.



## Senior Pupil of the Week:

### Rory – Year 8

(awarded for his above and beyond engagement in World Book Day).



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

**Form 5, Form 6 and Form 7 (99%)**

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

**2M, 2W, 3FJ, 5L and 6B.**

## Nursery Open House



We're hosting a Nursery Open House next Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> March. Families with children aged between 2½ and 4 years old are invited to come along for a tour of our exceptional teaching nursery, to meet staff and learn more about us.

Tours are available at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm, so please call us on 01922 624374 to register your attendance. More information is on our website:

[www.hydesville.com](http://www.hydesville.com)

## Notices/reminders:

<b>Miss Brach memorial</b>	We will be holding an All School memorial event on Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> April. More details will follow.
<b>Science Week</b>	Next week is British Science Week – there will be a poster competition, with prizes in KS1 and KS2. The theme for this year's British Science Week is "Change", encouraging young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy.
<b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b>	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March is the Year 1 and Year 2 Shakespeare Extravaganza. Parents are invited to watch. The performance will start at 9.10am.  <b>Year 2</b> parents are also reminded to send back their trip money for the West Midlands Safari Trip by Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> March.
<b>Save The Date: prize giving 2017</b>	This year's prize giving events will take place on Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July (Nursery) and Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July (Prep School and Senior School). More details will follow shortly.
<b>Water bottles</b>	As the weather is getting warmer children may wish to bring in a named water bottle to ensure they keep hydrated.
<b>Easter holiday Sports Plus playscheme</b>	There will be an Easter holiday sports playscheme, for pupils aged 4-11, taking place on Mon 10 <sup>th</sup> – Thurs 13 <sup>th</sup> April. More details will be circulated next week.



## Dates coming up week commencing 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017:

<b>Monday</b>	<p>Science Week            BMet Workshops (all week): Y9, Y10, Y11            After school clubs:            English: Seniors            Football: Upper Prep            Netball: Upper Prep            STEM Club: Upper Prep            Chess Club: Upper Prep            Musical Theatre: Senior</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>After school clubs:            Maths: Seniors            French Film Club: Seniors            German Intervention: Y11            Senior Girls' Sports (Football)            Senior Boys' Sports (Football)            Art Club: Upper Prep            Music Theory: Upper Prep &amp; Seniors            Drama: Upper Prep</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Trip to NEC, Big Bang Fair: Y7 &amp; Y8            Parents' Evening: Y9            After school clubs:            Hockey: Upper Prep            Intervention: Y4</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Nursery Open House: tours available at 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm.            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            Year 5 Booster Club            Study Space: Y11            Writing intervention: Y4</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Prep Extravaganza: Y1 &amp; Y2            After school clubs:            Karate: Reception - Y6            Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors</p>

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