



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

**Head's commendations:**  
**Gursim – Year 1**  
**Aryan – Year 2**



## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Yuvraj** (awarded for growing in confidence).



## A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers



Well it's been an extremely busy time in school this week with an array of events and activities – from Nursery's British Values afternoon tea to red noses all round - this week has had it all! Sport has featured quite prominently too so a big well done to Dilke who won the Upper Prep swimming gala on

Thursday. We look forward to the turn of the Senior pupils next week. A special mention must go to Toby Liu and Emily Taylor in Year 5 and 6 respectively, who took part in the Walsall Schools' swimming gala finals yesterday. Toby and Emily joined pupils from other local schools, making up two teams representing the Shelfield partnership. We are delighted to announce that Team 1 won the gala overall and we were so proud of both pupils, who displayed excellent team work and sportsmanship!

On the subject of swimming, we are proud to announce Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds will be visiting us next week. Ellie is also a former pupil so we are delighted to welcome her back, and feel very privileged to have an Olympic medalist in our School. You will be able to read all about her visit in next week's newsletter.

Looking ahead to next week's calendar, we can't fail to also mention Monday's Spring Concert. We hope children all have a rested weekends ready for the performance and we look forward to seeing you all at St Matthew's Church at 6pm on Monday.

## Shakespeare Week celebrations

We've been celebrating Shakespeare Week. KS1 kicked off the celebrations with a wonderful extravaganza which saw pupils take on the roles of all our Shakespearean favourites, telling the story of Shakespeare's life and chronicling the plays and sonnets he wrote.



Year 1 also learnt about what it was like for Shakespeare going to school, how boys only went to school, how they were punished and how they wrote with a quill and ink. And Year 1 and Year 6 had a go at using quills, feathers and ink.



## Sports Person of the Week:

### Karn – Year 9

(awarded for outstanding performance in judo, competing against Year 9/10).



## Congratulations to Dilke who were the winners of the Upper Prep School Swimming Gala!

## Red Nose Day fun

A big thank you to parents for helping us support Comic Relief 2017. We swapped uniforms for red clothes, painted (and wore) red noses, took part in a penalty shoot outs and a Red Nose Rave, held samosa and sweets sales and much much more. We will announce the amount we raised soon....stay tuned!



## Low sugar on the menu on Tuesday

We held a special 'no added sugar' day during lunchtime on Tuesday when we were visited by Chartwells nutritionist Clare Hedderman. Clare was on hand during lunchtime to talk to pupils about healthy eating and encouraging them to make smart choices. To assist our children further in eating sensibly our catering team provided a 'no added sugar' lunch with a variety of sugar free desserts including shortbread made with cranberries for sweetness, no added sugar yogurts and jelly and fruit platters. We also held workshops with some of our Prep School classes to talk about hidden sugars found in fizzy drinks, chocolate bars, cakes and sweets.



## Pupil Achievements

Well done to Nitin, Arvind and Amrit in Year 4 and Simrun in Year 5 for their successes and achievements in last weekend's Dudley Festival. Congratulations to Year 3 pupils Chaaya and Ruby for awards in drama and karate respectively, Tandip in Year 2 for achieving an orange belt in karate and Toby in Year 5 for his swimming medal. Avaani in Nursery has also received her Level 1 Stanley award for swimming. Rianah in Nursery also achieved her 15m Rainbow award in swimming.



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## Senior Pupil of the Week:

### Zara – Year 9

(awarded for her support with Comic Relief activities in school).



**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved 100% attendance this week:**

**Form 6 & 7**

**Congratulations also to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week:**

**RJ, 3D and 4C**

## Welcome to Mrs Fellows and Miss Philips



Children in Year 3 spent a really nice day with our new teacher Miss Phillips who will be joining us after the Easter holidays.

The children also met our new Spanish teacher, Mrs Fellows, who is now teaching Spanish to pupils in Prep School.

Thank you to parents for joining us at our special afternoon tea and for their understanding of what has been an unusual term for Hydesville.

## Taking a trip down memory lane...

Mrs Whitehouse had a special visit from former Hydesville pupil Dilraj Bhogal.

Dilraj was a pupil with us from 1997 until 2005 and called in with her mum today to see us. They both enjoyed reminiscing about Dilraj's time at Hydesville.



## Notices/reminders:

<b>Spring Concert</b>	A reminder that the Spring Concert is taking place at 6pm on Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> March at St Matthew's Church.
<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. Letters have been sent out via email and with pupils and is on the school website. Contact the School Office for more details

## Dates coming up week commencing 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017:

<b>Monday</b>	Nursery Settling In Morning Spring Concert: All After school clubs: English: Seniors Chess Club: Upper Prep
<b>Tuesday</b>	Senior Swimming Gala After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y11 Senior Girls' Sports (Football) Senior Boys' Sports (Football) Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors Drama: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Residential Visit to Kingswood: Year 5 (until Friday) Visit by Paralympic athlete Ellie Simmonds: After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Intervention: Y4 Indoor Archery: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	Trip to Alton Towers, rollercoaster workshop: Y9 – 11 (physics pupils) Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – Musical Theatre: Upper Prep German intervention: Y10 History Intervention: Y11 Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11 Writing intervention: Y4
<b>Friday</b>	Careers in Law visit: Seniors Nursery Stay & Play session Visit to West Midlands' Safari Park: Y2 After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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