



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Subhan** (awarded for showing consistency and always following the Golden Rules).



### Performers of the Week:

**Eve (Year 9) and Ruby (Year 6)** (awarded for comparing the Spring Concert).



## A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers



It's not every week we have the opportunity to hold an Olympic medal so this week has been particularly special for us all.

It was a privilege to have former Hydesville pupil and Paralympic swimmer Ellie Simmonds visit and to share with our pupils the story of her tremendous success. She is an exceptional

role model for youngsters and her message that anyone one can accomplish their dreams with hard work and perseverance was truly inspirational. We hope her visit will encourage our pupils to pursue their own goals whatever their interests may be.

It was also fitting for Ellie to present the medals and trophies from this term's swimming galas. A big well done Hatherton to who were the winners of the Senior School gala this week, following hot on the heels of Dilke who were the champions at last week's Upper Prep gala. Well done to Michael and Jasmine in Year 9 too, for scoring the highest amount of points during the event.

Moving to Prep School, we hope our year 5 pupils enjoyed their residential visit to Kingswood this week and come home full of stories and memories of a special time. School years are not just about academic success, as Ellie's story proves. School is about opportunity, friendship, setting goals, achieving and exceeding them.

We wish all of our families a lovely weekend and we look forward to our final of term.

### Year 2 visit West Midlands Safari Park

Year 2 had a wonderful time visiting West Midlands Safari Park. They spent an action packed day exploring the park, meeting new animals, and visiting the African Village. As part of the animal encounter experience the children learnt about the different food chains and discovered what animals eat.



## Sportspeople of the Week:

**Jasmine and Michael - Year 9** (awarded for achieving the highest amount of points in the Senior School Swimming Gala).



**Congratulations to Hatherton who were the winners of the Senior School Swimming Gala!**



## Spring Concert raised the roof

Our annual concert raised the roof at St Matthew's Church in Walsall on Monday evening. From our very youngest children in Nursery to our eldest in Year 11, all of our pupils wowed us with their wonderful display of musicality and performance.

A big thank you to staff and parents for their continued support and we hope everyone enjoyed the wonderful evening.



## Ellie Simmonds visits Hydesville

We were delighted and proud to welcome former Hydesville pupil and Paralympic medallist Ellie Simmonds to School this week.



swimming lesson to selected pupils.

Ellie held two assemblies, for pupils in both Prep and Senior Schools, about her achievements and experiences. She brought in three of her Olympic medals that children had the chance to hold! She also coached a special



## Keeping it in the (Hydesville) family!



A big thank you to Miss Eynon's dad who gave up his time this week to teach our pupils a fun lesson in origami.

Retired teacher, Mr Eynon, spent time with Senior pupils during lunchtime and Prep pupils during their enrichment lesson and we are very glad he did...we have a lovely collection of frogs, birds and orchids to show for it!



## Pupil Achievements



Well done to Shaan in Reception who received his 15m swimming badge/certificate awarded by ASA.

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## Senior Pupil of the Week:

### Rachna – Year 8

(awarded for having the courage to perform as a soloist in the Spring Concert).



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

**Form 4 & 7**

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

**RJ, 2M and 2W**

## Notices/reminders:

<b>Mrs Davies' retirement</b>	Parents might already be aware that after 14 years at Hydesville, our Receptionist Mrs Davies is retiring! Her last day in School is Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>Easter holiday Sports Plus playscheme</b>	There are still places available on the forthcoming 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.
<b>Prep School Extravaganza: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 4.15pm</b>	Please note due to popular demand this will be a ticket only event. After the performance there will be refreshments in the dining hall for guests and performers. Should you have missed out on a ticket please pick your children up from the dining hall at 5.30pm. Please make sure all children have their costumes in school on Thursday.
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 residential visit to Frank Chapman</b>	Children will need to arrive at school at normal time on Monday, ready to depart by 9.15am.
<b>Year 8</b>	A reminder to parents of Year 8 pupils that their local history projects on 'what life was like in our local area during the Industrial Revolution' need to be handed in on Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> April.
<b>Year 2</b>	A reminder that Year 2 pupils need to bring their scooters into school on Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> April ready for the Scooterbility course. They will be learning how to ride their scooters safely.

## Dates coming up week commencing 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2017:

<b>Monday</b>	Easter Egg Hunt: Nursery & Reception Residential Visit to Frank Chapman: Y3 & Y4 Children's University Programme Meeting, 9-10am: Y5 After school clubs: English: Seniors Chess Club: Upper Prep Musical Theatre: Senior
<b>Tuesday</b>	Trip to Crash, Bang, Wallop: Y1 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>	Trip to Crash, Bang, Wallop: Y2 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor Archery: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	Trip to Conkers: Nursery & Reception Prep Extravaganza: Y3 – Y6 Trip to Cadbury World: Y5 Loudmouth Production – Bully 4 U: Y8 Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – German intervention: Y10 History Intervention: Y11 Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11
<b>Friday</b>	End of term After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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