



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Samuel** (awarded for reaching all of his targets).



### Performer of the Week:

**Jodvir (Year 6)**

(awarded for demonstrating his excellent Tabla skills).



## A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

As the Spring Term comes to a close and we look forward to the break ahead we reflect on a very busy few weeks. This term has indeed had it all - sporting success, music and performing arts showcases, a visit by a Paralympic swimmer, the inaugural Hydesville Maths challenge, master classes, residential trips, charity events and much much more. You will be able to read more about the highlights in this term's Review magazine, which you will receive during the next week or so.

Today we say a fond farewell to Jane Davies who is retiring after 16 years at Hydesville. She has been a wonderful friend and colleague to all of us here and we wish her well as she looks forward to holidays in Switzerland and doing all the things she loves to do such as sewing and gardening. Mrs Davies had a wonderful send off today and a fond farewell from staff and children and we hope she will be our invited guest at our summer celebrations this year.



We hope all our families enjoy a restful break and enjoy spending time with their loved ones. We start back at school in Tuesday 25th April and the term promises to be another busy one. You will shortly be receiving the Summer Term's pocket calendar, so you will be able to see the activities we have planned. Next term we will meet our new Headmaster, Mr Honey, who will be visiting us on several occasions before commencing his role in September. Letters will be going out soon with details of the 'Meet the new Headteacher' meeting for parents.

## Awards and achievement board unveiled

We are excited to unveil a new Awards and Achievement Board in the school hall. The board celebrates pupils' achievements from Nursery, Prep and the Senior School for activities taken place inside and outside school. Each week the pupils and teachers look forward to finding out whose photograph will be presented on this prestigious board.



## Senior Pupil of the Week:

### Manvir – Year 7

(awarded for his generosity and support for the school's charity work).



## Easter Egg hunts abound

Nursery Children had great fun on their Easter Egg hunt this week!

The Easter bunny (aka Mrs Smith) left the children flash cards of eggs with sounds and patterns on. The clever bunny also provided the children with a track of arrows and pictures that took them from School to the Arboretum which they then had to match up with the same flash cards found in lots of hiding places in the park. A match was rewarded with an egg!

Pupils in Year 1 and 2 were also delighted to discover the Easter Bunny had visited the Arboretum and had challenged them to find some eggs. They found a rabbit tunnel, white rabbit fluff, a huge footprint and over 100 eggs!



## Prep extravaganza raises the roof!

Our Prep School performing arts extravaganza raised the school roof last night! What an amazing show, which had everything – singing, dancing, elocution, gymnastics, drama, musical pieces and Bollywood dancing to name just a few! The children had worked very hard on their acts and their performances were fantastic. Well done to everyone involved.



## Pupil Achievements

We've awarded lots of awards and celebrated lots of achievements this week. Well done to the following children:

**Maaya** (Y1) – 5m swimming badge

**Ryan** (Y1) – Karate award

**Shreeya** (R) – Karate award

**Viren** (Y1) – Karate award

**Susannah** (Y1) Stage 1 swimming award

**Jayden** (Y1) – karate award

**Toby** (Y5) Swimming medals

**Samuel** (Nursery) – 5m swimming badge

**Leeshin** (Y2) – West Bromwich All Stars football tournament success

**Shriya** (Y2) – UK Chess Challenge participation, and progression to the Megafinal



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**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance this week (99%):**  
**Form 1, 5 & 7**

**Congratulations also to the following Prep School Class who achieved 100% attendance this week:**  
**2M**

## Crash, Bang, Wallop!



Pupils in Years 1 and 2 enjoyed an end of term treat when they visited Crash Bang Wallop in Brownhills for some soft play fun.



## Easter kindness by Senior Fundraising Group

Senior pupils in the Community Fundraising Group continue to show their Support for Walsall Food Bank by donating lots of Easter eggs to ensure children from families in crisis have a chocolate treat this holiday.



## Year 3 & 4 visit Frank Chapman Centre

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 enjoyed a fun residential visit to Frank Chapman Outdoor education Centre in Worcestershire. During the trip the children went on a nature and woodland walk, learnt how to make fires and build shelters, climbed a climbing wall and abseiled down it, and went orienteering through the onsite woods, as well as learnt how to make their own beds. It was a busy trip!



## Year 8's local History project

Year 8's study of the Industrial Revolution this term culminated in the pupils creating and presenting a local history project based on how our area changed during this period. They were given the task of independently researching how the Industrial Revolution started in the Black Country and how it changed areas such as work, population, public health, leisure and transport. Pupils chose to present their research in variety of ways including video animation, models, interactive posters and documentaries. The effort each pupil put into their project should be commended with special credit given to Rory Shields who took on the role of Matthew Boulton and created an impressive documentary detailing how the local industrialist developed manufacturing in Birmingham.



## Notices/reminders:

<b>PE kit</b>	<p>After the Easter break pupils will need the following PE kit:</p> <p>Year 3-6 will continue with swimming in PE lessons and athletics in games lessons.</p> <p>Year 7-9 will do athletics in PE lessons.</p> <p>Years 7-10 will do tennis and cricket in games lessons.</p>
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## Dates coming up week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> April 2017:

Monday	Inset Day
Tuesday	<p>Start of term: All</p> <p>Red Cross workshop: Year 9 &amp; 10</p> <p>Tuesday until Friday - Speed Awareness Sessions: Upper Prep</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Maths: Seniors</p> <p>French Film Club: Seniors</p> <p>German Intervention: Y11</p> <p>Music Theory: Upper Prep &amp; Seniors</p> <p>Drama: Upper Prep</p> <p>Drama: GCSE</p> <p>Football: Year 1 &amp; 2</p>
Wednesday	<p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Hockey: Upper Prep</p>
Thursday	<p>Bikeability Fix: Y4</p> <p>Sponsored Walk: Y6</p> <p>Before school clubs –</p> <p>ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am)</p> <p>After school clubs –</p> <p>German intervention: Y10</p> <p>Year 5 Booster Club</p> <p>Study Space: Y11</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Seniors</p>
Friday	<p>Cherry Fun Run</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Karate: Reception - Y6</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors</p>

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