



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Mayna – Year 1

Rhys – Year 2

Jamie – Year 3

Simran – Year 4

Rohan – Year 5



Senior pupil of the Week:

Tumaini – Year 9

(awarded for being a positive role model).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers

As our final week of this half term comes to a close our thoughts, sympathy and prayers are with the families of those who have been affected by the terrible atrocity that happened in Manchester on Monday night. As a school we have been supporting our children throughout the week. Classes have taken time for quiet reflection, sharing feelings and also spending time to appreciate and value all that we have in our lives.



We hope the half term break provides the opportunity for families to spend time together and rest, ready to return to school on June 5th to embark on the final half term of the school year. We are excited about the forthcoming calendar of events including sports days, end of year celebrations and a number of school trips. And finally, we very much look forward to welcoming Mr Honey to Hydesville on June 6th and 7th.

We wish you and your children a safe and restful half term break.

Special Assembly update

Last Friday we welcomed James and Francesca Moorcroft from Studio1 dance studio in Walsall. The duo are also former number 1 ranked Latin and 10 dance (combined ballroom and Latin) in the under 21 age group in England and the UK. They were also joined by professional Latin champions, Ryan McShane and Ksenia Zsikhotska.

James and Ryan talked to the children about the benefits of dance following which we were all entertained with a very special show dance from Ryan and Ksenia. The Latin workshop followed and parents watched as their children learnt a basic Cha Cha Cha routine. Once the children had gone back to their classes, parents were invited to join the Salsa workshop. Great fun was had in both sessions – children and parents alike were thrilled with their new found dance skills! Read the full article on our [website](#).



Performer of the Week:

Joel – Year 7 (awarded for performing so confidently in the tea time concert, which was his debut performance at Hydesville).



Nursery Star of the Week:

Jaya (awarded for working hard and always behaving well).



And well done to Sulaiman who was last week's Nursery Star of the Week for working hard:



Furry friends

Pupils in Key Stage 1 have waved goodbye to their lovely fluffy friends.

Year 1 and Year 2 have thoroughly enjoyed watching their chicks hatch and grow over the past two weeks. From tiny chicks that could barely stand to confident fluffy chicks that were ready to fly, the

children have loved every minute. It has been very exciting to have them in school, but now they have gone to a lovely farm to lay lots of eggs. We will all miss having them!

KNEX group get creative

The KNEX enrichment group are excited to receive three new sets and a number of new motors!

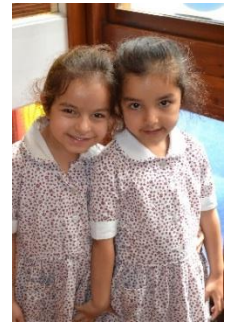
As a result the inventive group have been kept really busy, coming up with some inventive new creations.

A special well done to Toby, Saahib, Ishe and Harrison who have recreated Cadbury World complete with working lift and Ethan and Abdullah who made a fully functional egg whisk!



Pupil awards and achievements

Congratulations to Kiana in Nursery for receiving an award for taking part in Race for Life. A big well done also to Jess in Year 4 for her dance success and Jaydeep in Year 5 who won two trophies at the Northfield Festival of Music and Speech. Tamika in Reception was awarded a swimming certificate and Avneet and Shreeya (also in Reception) achieved dance awards. Well done all!



Shriya excels in chess

A big congratulations to Shriya in Year 2 who came top in the U7's category in a recent county level Megafinal chess tournament, following qualification after entering the UK chess challenge. Shriya also came top in the Under 8 girls' group, after playing against girls older than her and winning an impressive three matches. What an amazing achievement! Shriya has now qualified for the Gigafinal in which she will be competing at a regional level.

As a reward from Mrs Whitehouse, Shriya was presented with a special book called The Foolish King which introduces children to the world of chess. The book will soon be available for all pupils to enjoy in our school library. Well done Shriya and good luck in the Gigafinal!



Sports person of the Week:

The Year 4 tennis team (awarded for finishing third in the Walsall Schools' tennis tournament).



Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance record, 97%, this week:

Form 7

Congratulations also to the following Prep School Class who also achieved the highest attendance record, 97%, this week:

RD

RJ

1C

2M

2W

3D

5L

Sublime Science

Pupils in Prep School had a treat last week; James from Sublime Science visited to entertain and inspire our children, showing them that Science is truly 'sublime'! The children had hands on experience with forces, sound and electricity, and even chemistry, making their very own slime.



Oh we do like to be beside the seaside!

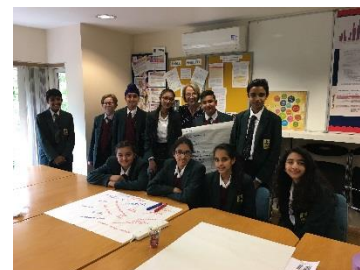


On Monday afternoon Year 2 enjoyed the finale of their 'oh I do like to be beside the seaside!' topic by bringing the seaside into their classroom. After dressing in their beach clothes, they enjoyed a picnic lunch of sandwiches, crisps and fruit before watching a Punch and Judy show. Afterwards, they took it in turns to be the beach staff and the visitors,

taking on roles including ice cream kiosk salesperson, fairground ticket officer, puppeteer, lifeguard, donkey ride leader, photographer and souvenir shop keeper. All the children thoroughly enjoyed the dodgems, paddling in the sea, sun bathing on the beach, playing in the sand and especially eating ice cream.

Supporting Acorn's Children's Hospice

The school's support of Acorn's Children's Hospice in Walsall continues this term, following a visit to the hospice by the Senior Community Fundraising Group. The pupils spent time working as a group to come up with several ideas for fundraising. We are looking forward to raising lots of money by holding a bake, sweet and samosa sale on Thursday 8th and Friday 9th June.



Notices/reminders:

Uniform	A reminder that summer uniform is compulsory when we return after half term. Girls in Prep School are required to wear straw boaters.
Sports Days: 15 th June – Y1 & Y2 22 nd June (morning) - Upper Prep 22 nd June (afternoon) – Seniors	Letters about Sports Days have gone out. Please note trainers and full correct PE kit are required. See the school website for uniform lists.

Dates coming up week commencing 5th June 2017:

Monday	Term resumes: All After school clubs: Kwik Cricket: Upper Prep STEM: Upper Prep French intervention Musical Theatre: Seniors
Tuesday	Meet the new Headteacher sessions: 9am – 9.30 am: Senior School parents 6.00pm – 6.30pm: all parents who cannot make the morning sessions are invited. After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors Drama: Upper Prep Drama: GCSE Football: Year 1 & 2 Art: Prep & Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors
Wednesday	Meet the new Headteacher session: 9am – 9.30 am: Nursery & Prep School parents session Visit to Walsall college (Year 9) After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor Archery: Upper Prep
Thursday	Trip to Loughborough University: 'Day in the life of an elite athlete' Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – German intervention: Y11 Year 5 Booster Club Musical Theatre: Prep Musical Theatre: Seniors
Friday	Bikeability Ride: Y6 Residential Visit to Colomendy, Wales (Y7-10 until June 12 th) After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6 Duke of Edinburgh: Seniors

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