News in brief...

Performer of the Week:

Eve - Year 9

(awarded for passing her Grade 5 singing exam and performing with Hafdis Huld).



A note from the Joint Acting Headteachers



We were pleased to welcome the children back this week after the Easter break and hope everyone is well rested and ready to embark on the new term. The final term of the school year promises to be as busy as ever and we are looking forward to our end of year celebrations already. This year the programme will run slightly

differently, as we are unable to accommodate a marquee on the school grounds. We have already published dates of the key events, which will include the prize giving events in school for Nursery and at Walsall Town Hall for the rest of the school.

Plans are also coming together well for our inaugural Summer Arts Showcase, taking place in the Arboretum on July 11th. More details for all of our events will be circulated in due course but for now, do please hold the dates.

We would also like to draw your attention to our next parent and staff social event, the Family Skittles night, on Thursday 25th May. Further details are included in this week's newsletter and invitations will also follow separately. We hope to see lots of you there and look forward to spending time with you in an informal setting.

Thank you for supporting your children through the forthcoming busy calendar of events.

Family Skittles Night - May 25th



Official invites will be sent out shortly, but please hold the date....our inaugural Family Skittles Night takes place on Thursday 25th May and everyone is invited! Entrance will be £5 per person, to include entrance and a basket meal and soft

drink. Teams of four players are invited, and need to be registered in advance. Contact sarah.archer@hydesville.com for more information.

Senior Pupil of the Week:

Gorvind – Year 7 (awarded for his kindness in supporting a fellow pupil).



Cross country results and house points from last day of term:

Dilke – 53 Bradford - 26 Hatherton - 36

Girls: 1st Emily Taylor 2nd Jade Webster-Lowndes 3rd Simran Gill

Boys: 1st Max Chappelle 2nd Ishe Allen 3rd Arjan Johal

Safari in a Box

Over the Easter break, pupils in Year 2 were set a project to create a 'Safari in a Box' as part of our 'Sensational Safari Museum'. The children used their knowledge of the landscape of Kenya and the animals that live there to create their piece. There were some fabulous creations brought in and the children enjoyed looking around the museum at the other exhibitions, as well as discussing their own projects.



Eve performs with Icelandic music star

We are very proud of Year 9 pupil and Music Scholar Eve who was invited to sing a duet with Hafdis Huld last week at the Kitchen garden cafe in Kings Heath. Hafdis is from Iceland and has had number one selling albums there. Eve sang a lovely duet after only one rehearsal an hour before the show. Well done Eve!



A message from Mrs Davies



We said a fond farewell to Mrs Davies who retired at the end of the Spring Term. Mrs Davies has asked us to pass on the following message to all of our families: "thank you for the many lovely messages wishing me well in my retirement. The last day at school was such a surprise I was totally overwhelmed by it all.

I received some beautiful cards, flowers and gifts and would really like to pass on my appreciation."

Safe scooting by Year 2

On the final day of the Spring Term pupils in Year 2 took part in Scooterbility training, led by the Year 2 teachers. This course taught pupils how to ride their scooter safely, including what to do when scooting past a driveway and when meeting the public. It was a very enjoyable afternoon and all pupils demonstrated their excellent road safety and scooting skills.



Pupil awards and achievements

Well done to Jaya in Nursery who has received her 10m swimming award.



Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance this week (99%):

Form 4, 5 & 6

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

RJ

2W

3D

5L

6B

Notices/reminders:

Sports Plus holiday camp – May half term	Following the success of the Easter holiday sports camp for pupils aged 4-11 we will be holding another camp during the May half term holiday. Further details will be sent out in due course.
Colomendy money	A reminder that final payments - a balance of £145 - is now due for the senior residential to Colomendy.
Academic Year 2017/18 school fees	Letters have been sent out about the Academic Year 2017/18 school fees. Details are also on the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/fees/
Senior Open Event	We are holding a Senior School Open Event on Wednesday 10 th May. Please do spread the word to friends and family who might be interested in a Senior School place for September. Further details are on the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/open-days-at-hydesville/
Summer term menus	Our catering supplier, Chartwells, has published the summer term's lunch menus. You can find them on the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/nutrition/
School uniform	Please note that standard uniform (winter) is required to be worn this half term (and until we return from the half term break), unless extreme weather occurs, in which case the School Leadership Team will respond and communicate accordingly.

Dates coming up week commencing 1st May 2017:

Monday	Bank Holiday
Tuesday	After school clubs: Maths: Seniors French Film Club: Seniors German Intervention: Y11 Music Theory: Upper Prep & Seniors Drama: Upper Prep Drama: GCSE Football: Year 1 & 2 Art: Prep & Seniors
Wednesday	Hydesville Challenge: Y6 parents After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Indoor Archer: Upper Prep
Thursday	Before school clubs – ICT: Y11 (8.00am – 8.45am) After school clubs – German intervention: Y10 Year 5 Booster Club Study Space: Y11 Musical Theatre: Seniors
Friday	Trip to Aldridge Parish Church: Y4 After school clubs: Karate: Reception - Y6
Saturday	DofE Practice Day, Sutton Park: Y9 & 10

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