



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Performer of the Week:

#### Arjan (Y8)

(awarded for performing a complex syncopated piece of reggae music on the piano and displaying confidence excellent timing).



## A note from the Headmaster

As we draw to the end of the first full week, I can reflect on the fact that I've never been happier in teaching!

Hydesville is a remarkable place, and it is a pleasure to be firmly within this community. I can hardly walk more than five steps before a child has shown politeness, good cheer or genuine enthusiasm for being at school.

The week has been busy, with events to enable Prep School parents to meet their child's form teacher, and the equivalent opportunity for parents of our new Year 7 pupils. As I described at the introductory talks, there is a huge amount of great work that occurs here, but I see us as being in a partnership. The progress your child makes requires us to know them and their strengths, as well as establish areas for them to develop. You see your child in a different setting, and sometimes some of those issues present themselves differently. Our best chance to help them is through dialogue and mutual support, therefore, so everyone is forming a network to help the child grow.

Good luck to the DofE Practice Expedition to Cannock Chase over this weekend. It is such a great award, and I am delighted that we give our pupils the chance to develop so many skills through the activities involved. Cannock Chase is demanding, so keep checking your map and compass!

Next weekend is the Open Morning, and we would really appreciate as much pupil support as possible. The pupils are incredible in how they present themselves, and I could think of few better ways of showing off the school than to have them helping with activities, guiding people around and simply being themselves. Please let Miss Nijjar or Mrs Whitehouse know if your child is available to help.

### Lego-tastic creations



Pupils in Upper Prep worked in small teams to create an Olympic sports city made entirely of Lego. The workshops were held by a team building company who set the children the task of working together to construct a huge sports village, complete with running tracks, swimming pools, horse jumps and monorail. The children had great fun using their imagination to build the city, which even had an electric train running through it!



## Senior Pupil of the Week:

### Roman (Y7)

(awarded for having excellent manners and high standards of uniform).



## Toby becomes a Mensa member!

A huge congratulations to Year 6 pupil Toby who has become a member of Mensa.

Toby scored an impressive 160 in the recent assessment, ranking him in the top 1% of the population and securing his place as a member of the society, which accepts only the smartest of people.

Toby's score matches that estimated by German physicist Einstein and Professor Stephen Hawking. Wow, well done Toby!



## New autumn term menus launched

In conjunction with Chartwells, our catering provider, we have launched our autumn term menus, which you can view on the school website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/nutrition/>

This term pupils are enjoying the new look salad bar, a special deli counter and a number of new additions to the menus, which have been designed in

conjunction with staff and pupils. We are also looking forward to special Thursday theme days - further details will be included in the weekly newsletter.



## Happy Birthday to us!

It is Hydesville's 65th birthday this weekend so we've enjoyed lots of celebrations in school today. Pupils (and staff) came dressed in 1950s clothing, Seniors held a party at lunchtime, all children enjoyed a birthday lunch and we even had a big birthday cake!

Congratulations to Viren in Year 2, Nevaeh in Reception and Rohan in Year 6 who won the Prep School's 'design a birthday card' competition. Thank you to Mrs Poonia who donated a beautiful eggless birthday cake from her shop,

The Cake Shop, in Walsall. It was lovely! A huge thank you also to all parents - past and present - who have supported the school over our 65 years. We are proud of how far we've come, beginning as a small school of 22 pupils to where we are today. Let's hope the next 65 years are as good!

## Pupil Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Jessica in Year 5 and Oliver in Year 1 for receiving awards for Skate Excellence.

Well done to Chaaya (Year 4) and Maaya (Year 2) who have collected a number of sports awards this holiday, including Chaaya's 100m swimming award and Maaya's Kombat



Federation Award.

Well done also to Cameron in Year 6 for achieving an award in Rugby skills.



**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance score this week (98%):**

**Form 2**

**Form 5**

**Form 6**

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

**1B**

**1C**

**4B**

**4L**

## **Notices/reminders:**

<p><b>Macmillan Coffee morning – save the date</b></p>	<p>We are will be holding an all school coffee morning on Friday, 29<sup>th</sup> September from 8.45 am onwards in the dining room. Letters will be sent home shortly but for now please save the date.</p>
<p><b>Forest School – Nursery &amp; Reception</b></p>	<p>Children in Nursery and Reception need to bring their waterproof suits and wellies in on Monday for Forest School.</p>
<p><b>Jeans for Genes Day: Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	<p>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September will be a non-uniform day to support Jeans for Genes day. Pupils are invited to come to school in jeans/denim in return for a £1 donation.</p>
<p><b>All School Open Morning, 23<sup>rd</sup> September</b></p>	<p>We're holding an Open Morning on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Letters are being sent home to request pupils to help out. We do hope you are able to support this event, so please return reply slips ASAP. Please also come along to the event if you wish to find out more about Hydesville. Year 5 and 6 parents are particularly welcome, as the event will give you the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School. Please see the school website for more details.</p>
<p><b>European Day of Modern Languages - competition at Akeley Wood School</b></p>	<p>A reminder to parents whose children have been asked to take part in this event (letters have gone home to those pupils involved). Please return reply slips to school by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.</p>
<p><b>Trip money due</b></p>	<p>Year 7 trip to Safeside (on 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept) and Year 7 &amp; 8 tri to Woodlands (on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup>) – money and reply slips are now due.</p>

## Dates coming up week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017:

<b>Monday</b>	After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Prep & Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>	CAT tests: Y4, Y5 & Y6 After school clubs: Art Club: Upper Prep & Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Maths Club: Seniors Football: Y1 & Y2 (£25 per half term)
<b>Wednesday</b>	CAT tests: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football match v Ormiston Shelfield Academy: (selected) Y5 & Y6 boys (3.30 pm kick off) After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep & Seniors (£20 per half term)
<b>Thursday</b>	CAT tests: Y4, Y5 & Y6 Football match v Ormiston Shelfield Academy: (selected) Y5 & Y6 girls (3.30 pm kick off) After school clubs: Musical theatre: Upper Prep
<b>Friday</b>	Jeans for Genes Day: All School Trip to Safeside: Y7 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6
<b>Saturday</b>	All School Open Morning: 10 am – 12 noon.