



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Nandika – Y1

Harry – Y2

Maeya – Y3

Jamie – Y4

Jessica – Y5



A note from the Headmaster

Another week has passed and life in the School has found its tempo and pace. Hydesville is a busy environment, with much going on in every classroom and beyond. It is in keeping pupils positively engaged - with stretch and challenge where appropriate - that a school achieves its significant headline successes. Happy, enthusiastic learners are always better-placed for developing understanding, and thus it is so valuable to have the teachers offering these opportunities. As I write this now, teachers are in cluster groups around the school sharing ideas about further developments in their teaching, so the pupils are able to make the best possible progress. Their dedication to the pupils is a real credit to them: I see their smiles when they see or hear a pupil succeed when previously they have struggle; I hear their chuckles when a quiet pupil tells me for two minutes (without breath!) of the drawing they have done for the story they are reading. Inspirational teachers cannot be undervalued, and I know from the informal discussions at the start or end of the day how you recognise their efforts.

Hydesville Tower School is a reflective environment, where we are always looking to improve. Part of this process is through research and sharing best practice. It also involves monitoring our approaches to see what we are doing well - and what we can do better. In addition, the Leadership Team benefit from a similar monitoring process from John Coleman, our Assistant Director of Education (ADE). He spent two days with us at the end of last week to judge the progress being made and offer his support and advice. There is an introduction from him in the newsletter so parents are aware of his role and the benefits he brings to the School.

With Open Morning tomorrow, we are grateful for the support of staff, children and parents in helping to promote our wonderful school. Our success is improved by attracting good prospective pupils, who will add further to what we can offer and provide. I am proud of the school I see day after day, and hope you feel similarly inclined to recommend it as *the* place to educate children in the West Midlands.

Supporting Jeans for Genes

We've supported Jeans for Genes Day today, with children wearing denim in return for a small donation towards this amazing charity. We'll tot up the amount collected and let you know how much we have raised.



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Jaina (Y9)

(awarded for being responsible and helping Miss Nijjar).



Performer of the Week:

Karam (Y7)

(awarded for playing trumpet for his class and showing them the basics ready for the pupils to start learning with Mr Diaz next week).



Introducing the Chair of Governors, John Coleman

Hydesville Tower School is fortunate to be able to call upon the expert guidance of Mr John Coleman, who serves as the school's Chair of Governors and has over 30 years of experience at the forefront of British education.



Mr Coleman was a headteacher in two schools and an Ofsted inspector. John worked widely for the National College, the Centre for Educational Leadership and in a consultative role for two local authorities. John joined Her Majesty's Inspectors (HMI) in 2005 serving with great distinction until leaving to join Cognita in February 2016. John is an experienced lead inspector of schools in the maintained and independent sectors. John was the national lead HMI for monitoring the Independent school inspectorates in England and British Schools Overseas (BSO). Mr Coleman's dedication to first-rate education was borne out of his own mixed experiences in school, as a pupil. John looks back fondly on his primary school days which he remembers for being happy and for the approachability and friendliness of staff. Conversely, he laments his secondary education for the poor teaching he received and the lack of aspiration in pupils and staff. In sixth form, John gained much from a traditional school environment and this, he feels, set him on the path to career success.

As Chair of Governors, Mr Coleman works closely with the Headmaster in the appointment of staff, monitors the school's performance in a range of areas and works as a critical friend to support us as we strive for excellence in everything we do.

As well as serving as Chair of Governors at Hydesville Tower School, Mr Coleman is also an Assistant Director of Education at Cognita, the global schools group of 69 schools, of which Hydesville is one. Being part of the Cognita family helps us to connect with other schools, share best practice and benefit from a broad professional network. Every school within the Cognita family is different: we embrace this diversity and learn from each other.

As a group, Cognita has high aspirations for every child and is committed to enabling all young people to develop high academic standards, character development and a global perspective.

Mr Coleman comments: "It is a privilege to be the Chair of Governors for Hydesville Tower School. The pupils are a delight to be amongst and show great attitudes towards getting the very best from their education. Staff work hard to provide what each pupil needs. The school enjoys a strong reputation for academic standards and the wide range of opportunities provided for pupils."

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

Form 4

Form 6

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

RD

RJ

1C

4L

Please Sir, can I have some more.....?!

We've received feedback from some parents telling us their child is still hungry after lunch. We would like to make parents aware that pupils can have as much fruit, vegetables and salad as they like. Children can also fill up with extra carbohydrates – potatoes, rice, pasta and bread.

Pupils simply need to ask the serving staff or the school staff on duty and they can have more!



Prep School House Captains announced



Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils who have been selected as the 2017/18 House Captains and Vice Captains:

Bradford - Aini (captain) Arjun (vice-captain)

Dilke - Rayen (captain) Jade & Dylan (vice-captain)

Hatherton - Marcylena (captain) Jay (vice-captain)

Toby goes viral!

You probably recall the story about Toby in Year 6 becoming a member of Mensa. Well, this week the story has gone viral! Toby appeared in the Birmingham Mail and the Walsall Advertiser and was also filmed by BBC Midlands Today (we are hoping it will be aired on Tuesday). Mrs Whitehouse said: "Toby is a wonderful member of our Prep School, highly regarded by his peers and his teachers. He has always been persistent with achieving any challenges that he is faced with and will never give up until he finds a solution. Toby has a creative mind and a great sense of humour and is a role model for the pupils at Hydesville. We are immensely proud of his membership to Mensa."

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Shaan in Year 1 for his award for swimming 20m. Well done also to Viren in Year 2 for his 5m swimming award and for his certificate for completing a summer reading challenge.



Anesu in Reception received a certificate for attending the Sports Plus Holiday Club.



Brogan (also in Reception) received an IDTA rosette award for dance and ballet Excellence.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Sulamain

(awarded for always following the Golden Rules).



Quick round up from across the school

Year 5 and 6 kick off the season well!

The year 5 & 6 boys' football team played their first tournament of the year. They finished 3rd in their group and performed well. Well done all!



Year 7 go to Safeside

Pupils in Year 7 enjoyed a visit to Safeside in Birmingham today to learn about fire safety. The class were taught about preventing fires, what to do in an emergency and how the fire station and fire engine operate. Karam even tried out a chemical suit!

Notices/reminders:

<p>Macmillan Coffee Morning</p>	<p>Parents are invited to join us for our Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 29th September from 8.45 am until 10 am in the school dining room.</p> <p>We'd be very grateful for any donations of cakes to help with the fundraising for this amazing charity. Please bring them along to the school hall on the morning of Friday 29th September.</p>
<p>PEG meeting</p>	<p>We will be holding a Parent Engagement Group meeting at 6 pm on Thursday 12th October. Letters will be going out soon but for now, please note the date. Places will be limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.</p>
<p>Parent social event</p>	<p>Our next social event will be a Murder Mystery night – performed by a cast of teachers! Tickets will go on sale soon....please save the date.</p>
<p>October Half Term Fun Club – Nursery & Reception</p>	<p>We will be offering a Half Term Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception during the week commencing 30th October, from 9 am until 4 pm, priced at £25 per day.</p>
<p>October Half Term – Sports Plus Holiday Camp</p>	<p>Following the success of previous sports clubs we will be offering a half term Sports Plus camp from Monday 23rd October until Friday 27th. Letters will be going out soon.</p>

Dates coming up week commencing 25th September 2017:

Monday	Class photographs: All School After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Prep & Seniors
Tuesday	European Day of Languages Jewellery Workshop: Y3 Football match: Y1 & Y2 Football match: 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)
Wednesday	Football match: Y3 & Y4 Class photographs: Siblings/individual After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep & Seniors (£20 per half term)
Thursday	Lunch theme day: Italian (to celebrate European Day of Languages) After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep
Friday	Macmillan Coffee Morning Jewellery Workshop: Y4 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6