



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Performers of the Week:

Eve (Y10) and Devina (Y11)

(awarded for winning the European Day of Languages competition).



A note from the Headmaster

It has been another exciting week in the life of the school! Saturday's Open Morning was really busy, with many families arriving to look at all phases of Hydesville. Can I sincerely thank all the pupils (and parents) for their support in this event, which showed the school off to its full. I heard many visitors commenting on what remarkable maturity they saw in their guides and the helpers, so well done to all.



There has been the excitement associated with Toby Liu's news story reaching BBC Midlands Today. It is a great credit to him that he has achieved such success, but as was evident on the footage in the playground, the children are still able to have great fun and enjoy the many special moments together amongst their friends.

On Tuesday, we had the European Day of Languages, organised by Head of MFL, Miss Jenkins. In the morning, pupils performed their event showpieces in the Senior School assembly – Jamal Ngirazi and Kai Lindsay-Duffy with a streetdance, Eve Sheldon and Devina Kaur singing a duet and Emily Mole playing the piano. All three acts showed great quality in front of their peers and subsequently, Eve and Devina won the competition in the afternoon with their strong harmonies and beautiful singing. You can read more about the event further on in this newsletter.

Hydesville Tower School – the place with talented, remarkable people!

Arboretum Road – please read

Sadly some parents have experienced problems along Arboretum Road. In one instance, a car window was broken and a bag taken. It is a huge pity that we should have to take precautions, but I would advise that valuables are not left in a visible location when parking the car, however brief your intended stop.

We have notified the police of the concerns that have been raised and have asked that the neighbourhood support personnel include these areas in their patrols. We also have a log number so we can report any further problems or suspicious behaviour. Please contact Mrs Whitehouse in the event of a problem, so we can forward the information to the police.

Year 2 get walking



Pupils in Year 2 walked into Walsall yesterday as part of a PSHE and Topic work, to identify features of the local area and to demonstrate pupils' road safety knowledge.

The children looked at some of our local buildings, including Walsall Library and the Town Hall. Teachers made sure everyone crossed the road safely, using pedestrian crossings correctly.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Isobel

(awarded for always being well mannered, polite and helpful).



Jaydeep proves he's a star pupil!

Pupils in Prep School are sporting brightly coloured House 'star' badges, thanks to Jaydeep in Year 6. Jaydeep came up with the idea when he realised it would be helpful for teachers to easily identify which pupils were in each House.

He took his idea to the Pupil Voice group who were fully in support of the initiative and as a result we now have a lovely range of yellow (for Dilke), red (for Hatherton) and blue (for Bradford) House badges. Well done Jaydeep!



Celebrating European Day of Languages



A huge well done to Senior School pupils, Eve Sheldon and Devina Kaur, who won the UK Cognita Schools' first European Day of Modern Languages competition this week.

More than 20 pupils from five Cognita Schools across the country met at Akeley Wood Senior School in Buckinghamshire to take part in the competition, where they performed to a panel of judges. Their brief was to act, recite a poem or sing in a European language or play an instrument or dance to a European song.

The calibre of acts was extremely high and the judging panel had a tough job. Hydesville GCSE students Eve Sheldon and Devina Kaur stole the show with their rendition of 'Una Vez Más' by Ariana Grande and were awarded the title of champions!

The event was organised by Miss Jenkins. She said: "We celebrated the European Day of Languages internally in school last year with this style of a competition. It was such a huge success that I wanted to organise the first Cognita event of its kind, involving as many Cognita schools as possible."

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

1B

1C

Well done to Form 3 in the Senior School. They achieved the highest attendance record this week (99%)



Coffee and cake

A big thank you to staff, parents and pupils for the overwhelming support at our Macmillan Coffee morning events held across the school today. Staff and parents enjoyed coffee and cake and the pupils held their own events; buying and selling cakes to support this amazing charity. We're still adding up the total raised and we'll let

you know the amount soon.



Sports round up



It's been busy in the PE department this week! The Year 5 & Year 6 girls, Year 2 and the Year 3 & Year 4 football teams kicked off their season with matches at the Walsall Schools'

Football Festival.

All teams played very well and we all look forward to our next set of matches.



Senior School Open Event: message for Year 5 and Year 6 families



Parents with children in Years 5 and Year 6 will have received a letter about the forthcoming Senior School Information Event on October 19th. We would like to let you know that there will now be two talks taking place on the evening – at 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. Come along to learn more about Senior School, including entry to Year 7 in 2018. This event isn't an opportunity

to tour the school. There will be two presentations starting at 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm. Please arrive in time for one of these talks. The event will also give you the opportunity to meet staff and pupils and find out more about our 2018/19 Scholarship programme.

A jewel of a lesson

Local jewellery maker Jolene Smith held two workshops for pupils in Years 3 and 4 this week. Year 3 enjoyed making a collection of fish inspired jewellery, whilst Year 4 created a sparkling array of accessories to go with the tie dye t-shirts they will be showcasing at next month's Prep Catwalk Show.



Notices/reminders:

PEG meeting	We will be holding a Parent Engagement Group meeting at 6 pm on Thursday 12 th October. Please confirm your attendance to: sarah.archer@hydesville.com
October Half Term Fun Club – Nursery & Reception	We will be offering a Half Term Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception during the week commencing 30 th October, from 9 am until 4 pm, priced at £25 per day.
October Half Term – Holiday Camps	There are two holiday clubs running this half term break: Sports Plus (Mon 23 rd – 27 th Oct) Ace Football Academy (Tues 31 st to Nov 2 nd). Contact the School Office for more details.
KS1, Major Mustard’s Travelling Show visit to school (on 17th Oct)	A reminder that payment and reply slips are due by 6 th October.
Y1 visit to Walsall Leather Museum (on 12th October)	A reminder that payment and reply slips are due by 6 th October.
Harvest festival donations	Food donations for the Harvest Festival should be brought into school by Friday, 13 th October – either direct to Miss Jenkins or to the school office.
Young Voices (Upper Prep Choir, 11th January 2018)	A reminder that payment and reply slips are due by 2 nd October.
Morning car park arrangements	All cars must leave the visitor’s car park by 8.30 am to allow safe access for pupils and school minibuses. No cars are permitted on site between 8.30 am and 9.00 am.
Nursery children	A reminder for Nursery children to bring their wellies and waterproofs for Forest School Mondays. Please also return attendance slips for the Nursery Bake Off.

Dates coming up week commencing 2nd October 2017:

Monday	Trip to Woodlands: Y7 & Y8 Jewellery Workshop: Y6 After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Prep & Seniors
Tuesday	Jewellery Workshop: Y5 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	Parents' Evening: Y11 (4.00 pm – 6.30 pm) After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep & Seniors (£20 per half term)
Thursday	World Teachers' Day Nursery Open House (9.30 am – 2.30 pm) Lunch theme day: Indian Trip to Shri Venkateswara (Balaji) Temple: Reception After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep
Friday	After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6
Saturday - Sunday	Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Expedition, Peak District: Y10 & Y11