



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Hibbah – Y1
Adam – Y2
Mahima – Y4



A note from the Headmaster



As we approach the end of the week, it is amazing to think that the first half-term is almost over. Thank you to the pupils, parents and staff who have made me feel so welcome at the start of my time here. This week has allowed us to showcase the talents of the musicians with Wednesday's

Teatime Concert, and then heard the thoughts and views of many of you through the Parental Engagement Group on Thursday evening. Moving on to next week's Fashion Show and Senior School Information Evening, it is clear that life at Hydesville remains as busy as ever.

I want to share with you how Hydesville Tower School is looking to develop further. The teachers here have an incredible desire to support the learning of the pupils, and their willingness to go above and beyond the normal is testament to their professionalism and caring attitude. Nevertheless, we all see ourselves as learners, looking to improve our practice. Therefore, Wednesday evenings after school will be used for a variety of developmental activities: some of these will be exploring how to deliver even better outcomes, and others will involve research and/or peer-linked work to ingrain this in our daily practice. There will also be some sessions where pupils are invited to stay, to see how their learning can be accelerated by applying the principles being developed.

None of the above replaces the support and interventions that will continue to occur for pupils requiring additional assistance. However, I hope you can be assured that Hydesville's focus on delivering the best possible teaching and learning is based on our reflective and developmental approach.

Poster winners



A huge well done to the following Senior pupils who won prizes for their brilliant entries in the school's European Day of Languages heart poster competition: Priya (Y8, first prize), Rachna (Y9, second prize) and Amun (Y8, third prize).



In Upper Prep, the following prizes were awarded: Aiden (Y6, first prize), Marcylena (Y6, second prize), Khaya (Y5, third prize).

In Lower Prep, the following children were awarded prizes: Cynthia (Y2, first prize), Adam (Y2, second prize), Nandika (Y1, third prize).

Nursery Star of the Week:

Jasmine

(awarded for always working hard).



Duke of Edinburgh Group explore the Peak District



Fourteen pupils from years 10 and 11 spent last weekend exploring the Peak District as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award expedition. The two day adventure involved walks along disused railway lines, dry river beds and the banks of the River Dove, as well as plenty of hills and fields. Despite plenty of rain showers on Saturday all the groups

managed to walk about 15km to their camp site, put up their tents and cook a nutritious hot meal before settling in for the night. Sunday, thankfully, was a much better day for walking and everyone reached their destination of Ilam Hall, where several of the pupils made use of the excellent tea room. They now have to prepare presentations about their expeditions which they will show to our DofE leaders and fellow pupils.

Ready, steady, bake!



Nursery's 'Bake Off' marked a delightful occasion where children came together with their mums and dads to show off their culinary skills and compete for the final show

stopping creation!

Mr Honey and Mrs Whitehouse were overwhelmed with the vast variety of gooey cupcakes and sumptuous sponges, relishing the opportunity to be invited to judge the completion and award every child who participated with a Peppa Pig baking set.



Betty Bus makes a stop at Hydesville



Pupils in Years 5 to 9 have jumped aboard the Betty Bus, learning about puberty in an educational but fun way!

The Betty Bus is part of an initiative by 'Betty for Schools,' a new curriculum-linked period education programme for teachers of pupils aged eight to 12 which is helping to create a generation of girls and boys who are at ease with puberty and in particular the changes that affect them.

Hydesville pupils were split into single sex groups with the boys' spending time in the classroom whilst the girls boarded the bus! The groups took part in a range of interactive workshops led by specially trained facilitators, who encouraged them to be open and respectful in their discussions with each other.

Miss Fairbrother, Enrichment Coordinator, said: "The visit from the Betty Bus has been really beneficial for our pupils – they had the chance to ask all the questions they might not have felt able to ask while in the classroom. We were proud of how our pupils approached the sessions in a sensible and mature manner."

Performer of the Week:

Dylan (Y6)

(awarded his fabulous performance of Minority by Green Day at the Teatime Concert).



Concert raises the roof

The School Hall came alive with the sound of music at Wednesday's Teatime Concert. A talented group of 18 pupils - from years 1 to 11 - took to the floor to perform a series of vocal and instrumental pieces that they have been learning in their individual instrumental music lessons in school. Guests were wowed by the standard of performances, which included a number of solo pieces, including six different musical instruments and some vocal displays. This was Miss Kingston's first Teatime Concert since she started with us as Head of Music this term and she was very impressed and proud of all the pupils. Well done everyone!



Senior boys kick off football season well



The Year 8 and 9 football team played two 8-a-side games against St George's on Wednesday. The first game was very exciting and finished in a 7-7 draw. In the second match the boys defended much better and we won the game 4-2. Our star player was Veeran who scored seven of our 11 goals.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Veer in Year 3 received a 'distinction' in a recent LAMDA exam. Nitin in Year 5 was presented with a medal for taking part in a karate competition.



Congratulations to the following Year 1 pupils who received a special mention in assembly for their Summer Holiday Diary Project: Fola, Jay, Hibbah, Kairon, Laila, Shaan, Tamika and Zakariya.

Congratulations to the following Prep School Class who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week:

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

Form 5

Notices/reminders:

<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 – Holiday Camps</p>	<p>There are two holiday clubs running this half term break: Sports Plus (Mon 23rd – 27th Oct) and Ace Football Academy (Tues 31st to Nov 2nd). Contact the School Office for more details.</p>
<p>Sports Clubs</p>	<p>This half term’s sports clubs finish next week. Next half term’s clubs are as follows: Mon - Senior football and Upper Prep archery Tues - Upper Prep handball Wed - Upper Prep hockey</p> <p>These clubs will run until Christmas.</p> <p>Archery is now full Hockey is £15 for 5 weeks</p> <p>Year 1 and 2 football club will start again in the summer term.</p>
<p>Year 6 trip to Woodlands adventure</p>	<p>A reminder that reply slips and money for the trip to Woodlands Adventure on Feb 9th is due on Friday, 20th October.</p>
<p>Year 3 & 4 residential to Edgmond Hall</p>	<p>A reminder that reply slips and deposit money for the residential trip to Edgmond Hall (16th – 18th May 2018) is due on Friday, 20th October.</p>

Dates coming up week commencing 16th October 2017:

Monday	<p>Senior Inter House Cross Country Prep School Creative Couture Catwalk Show: 9.15 am After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Prep & Seniors</p>
Tuesday	<p>GCSE Art – ‘figurative sculpture’ workshop with artist Julie Edwards 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) Spanish Club: Upper Prep</p>
Wednesday	<p>Prep School Creative Couture Catwalk Show: 9.15 am After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep & Seniors (£20 per half term) Spanish: Upper Prep</p>
Thursday	<p>Fluenz vaccinations: Reception – Y4 STEM trip to University of Wolverhampton: Y5 & Y6 After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Senior School Information Event: talks at 4pm & 6pm</p>
Friday	<p>After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6</p>