



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Martin – Y1
Gursim – Y2



Jessica – Y3
Chaaya – Y4
Sukhmani – Y5
Ethan & Rayen –
Y6



A note from the Headmaster



Whilst parents will often have a focus on the immediate years ahead of their child's education, I find myself in the fortunate position to consider the whole journey from 3-16. As I attended a conference of all the UK Cognita Heads on Tuesday, I was able to

reflect on the outstanding achievements occurring during our educational journey.

From the time children arrive at Nursery aged three, they have the opportunity to learn and play in a rich, varied and stimulating environment. These are precious years for setting children up for success, and our Early Years staff contribute enormously to the development of these young people. I saw photos from the recent newsletter showing the focus on animals, on child-initiated play and on Forest School, and understood immediately why the progress is so considerable. 96% of Reception pupils last year achieved a "Good Level of Development", a standard that puts our EYFS amongst the very best of the UK Cognita Schools.

And at the other end of the time with us, as pupils engaged in their GCSE examinations, the value-added scores for Hydesville Tower School were again remarkable, placing us consistently in the top four or five and with significant value added to each pupil. As the Year 11 Parents' Evening on Wednesday revealed, the teachers know and understand the children, and share the parents' aspirations for their future success.

I am proud of all the staff who work so hard to help the children fulfil their potential, and am grateful to you - the parents and carers - for your support at home.

Enjoy your weekend!

Update on charity collections

We are delighted to announce details on the amount of money collected at our recent charity events.



We raised over **£300** for Jeans for Genes and **£293.76** at our Macmillan Coffee Morning events.

A huge thank you to staff, pupils and parents for supporting these amazing charities.



Fun in the Forest for Nursery & Reception



Pupils in Nursery & Reception continue to enjoy Forest School lessons in Walsall Arboretum each week. It is wonderful to have this beautiful park on our doorstep, allowing the children to run around freely, developing, encouraging and inspiring them through positive outdoor experiences. This week Nursery children have worked with the

Park Ranger to make elf houses for the elves to look after the Arboretum at night whilst Reception children made hedgehogs!

Nursery Star of the Week:

Solakhni

(awarded for being polite towards Nursery staff and her peers).



Sportsperson of the Week:

Sam (Y8)

(awarded for outstanding climbing on the Woodlands trip this week).



What a trip-tastic week!

Pupils in Year 7 & Year 8 had a great day at Woodlands Adventure on Monday, where they took part in raft building and wall climbing and tackled a zip wire assault course.



Reception children went on a visit to Shri Venkateswara Temple looking at the different Hindu Gods in the shrines and Hindu traditions. They also visited Rushall Parish Church and were given the opportunity to play the bells. The children explored the main features of a traditional church, including the gravestones outside – where they visited the headstone of a local boy who got run over by a cart in 1869 and is buried in the churchyard.

Who killed the Soap Star....?



Set in the rural life of a sleepy Yorkshire village a star studded cast of teachers from the across the school bring 'Who Killed the Soap Star' to life... flat caps, whippets & by 'eck lots more!

Join us for what promises to be a fun night of super sleuthing, socialising, eating and drinking! Starting at 7pm

on November 16th in the school hall, tickets are now on sale from the School Office, priced at £5 per person and include entry, pie and mash, a dessert and a soft drink. You are welcome to bring your own alcoholic drinks, and come dressed as your favourite soap star...look out for flyers and posters with more details about the event very soon!

Thursday 16th November 2017 - Invitation is open to all parents, friends, relatives and children over the age of 11

Performer of the Week:

Narian (Y3)

(awarded for leading his group in their water composition).



Senior pupil of the Week:

Sam (Y9) (awarded for showing maturity and being responsible).



Spelling Bee creates a buzz around Senior School

Well done to Lanais in Form 1 who won the Senior School's French spelling bee this week. The pupils put forward one representative per Form Group who battled against their fellow pupils to recall a number of spellings, all in French. Zara in Form 6 and Haaris in Form 2 were runners up...félicitations!



Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to the following Year 3 pupils who received their 'pen license' meaning they can continue to produce work in pen rather than pencil:

Narian, Karina, Veer, Viren, Aryan, Shriya, Sian, Qais, Dhaya



Hibbah in Year 1 received a Stanley Level 4 swimming award.

Shriya in Year 3 came 3rd in the Junior Chess Championship. Well done!

Arvind (Y5), Marcylena (Y6) and Simone (Y4) were awarded LAMDA certificates and Simba in Year 1 received a trophy and certificate for attending the Sports Plus Holiday Sports Camp. Well done to all children!



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

1B
1C
4B

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

Form 4
Form 6

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) Ace Football Academy (Tues 31st to Nov 2nd). Contact the School Office for more details.</p>
<p>Senor School curriculum booklet</p>	<p>The Senior School curriculum booklet (inc homework rota) is available to download from the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/</p>
<p>Prep School homework policy and allocation booklet</p>	<p>The Prep School’s homework policy and allocation booklet is available to download from the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/prep-school/prep-curriculum/</p>
<p>Harvest festival donations</p>	<p>Food donations for the Harvest Festival should be bought into school by Friday, 13th October – either direct to Miss Jenkins or to the school office.</p>
<p>Reply slips due by Friday, October 13th</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y11 trip to the Skills Show on 16th Nov • Upper Prep Archery Club • Upper Prep Hockey Club • Upper Prep Handball Club
<p>Musical instruments</p>	<p>Any Year 7 pupil who wishes to loan a musical instrument must return a signed contract before it can be taken home to practice. Friday 13th Oct is the final day for returning contracts. It is imperative that pupils are able to take instruments home to rehearse so contracts <i>must</i> be returned to Miss Kingston please.</p>

Dates coming up week commencing 9th October 2017:

Monday	After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Prep & Seniors
Tuesday	Visit from the Betty Bus: Y5- Y8 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	Teatime Concert, 4pm: Prep & Seniors After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep & Seniors (£20 per half term) Spanish: Upper Prep
Thursday	Hydesville Nursery Bake Off Parent Engagement Group Meeting, 6pm: All School After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep
Friday	After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6