



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations: Omveer – Year 1 Jayden – Year 2



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Vansh (Y8) awarded for maintaining consistently high standards in all areas of school life.



A note from the Headmaster

November is struggling to decide what it wants to be: Arctic blasts at the start of the week and pleasant autumnal sunshine towards the end. I'm grateful to the many parents (and children!) who looked upon me with sympathy as I shivered on gate duty on Monday morning...your greetings gave me a degree of warmth! We have just concluded our Voice of Student surveys for pupils in Year 3 and above. This is an important chance to hear from your children about how they regard school life. Although the analysis is only just starting, there are many delightful indicators about enjoyment of school, having teachers that care and helping to develop an attitude of respect and tolerance. Our figures relative to other Cognita schools are really pleasing, reflecting the lovely community that exists and the strong relationships between pupils and staff.

One area of the survey questioning that is really important relates to bullying, and this is apposite given we are reaching the end of the national Anti-bullying week. Allegations of bullying arise in the workplace, as the Scottish Labour Party discovered mid-week, and even schools with a strong family-feel can have upsets: children *will* make mistakes on occasion. It is important that we work with them under these circumstances, so we can help them to make amends for any wrongs they have done and learn the behaviour that is necessary for proper social engagement in later life.

I am committed to the principle that when bullying (or any form of unpleasant behaviour) occurs, we will address it rapidly and make sure it does not continue subsequently. The best way to do this is to ensure the form tutor is informed as soon as a concern arises, so we can deal with the situation fully. Children should feel happy about being in this school, and I am determined that we will achieve this through maintaining the supportive, kind and respectful environment that is so obvious here.



Mehtaab takes to the small screen!



We were so proud to see Year 2 pupil Mehtaab appearing on our television screens on Monday night. He landed a part as the main character's nephew in the BBC2's drama, *The Boy with the Topknot*. Despite not having a speaking part, Mehtaab appeared in a number of scenes throughout the film and he really enjoyed the experience: "It was really good fun, I made lots of new

friends," he said. Read the full story on our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/year-2-pupil-stars-bbc-2-drama/>

Nursery Star of the Week:

Tianna- Rose

(awarded for always being well behaved).



Supporting Your Child with English & Maths – KS3 event

Parents of pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 are invited to English & Maths workshop at 6pm on **Wednesday 29th November**.

The workshop will contain both information and experiential opportunities and there will be a chance to ask questions and talk to staff about subject specific matters. We will introduce parents to the demands of KS3 English and Mathematics and explain how these skills prepare students for the demands of the new GCSEs.

The event will also be an opportunity for subject leaders, Mrs Booth and Mr Walker, to introduce techniques, strategies and resources that parents can use at home to help make a positive and lasting impact to their child's learning. Letters have been sent home with pupils. Spaces are limited so please return the reply slip ASAP, indicating number of spaces required.

Promoting anti-bullying



We have been celebrating Anti-Bullying Week. Prep pupils have been discussing bullying in their PSHE lessons, talking about 'what makes us different' and how we should respect each other's differences. They also decorated t-shirts, with slogans to support the national campaign tag-line, 'All Different, All Equal'. Pupils

in Year 1 and 2 also took part in role plays where they had to show they were making the right choices in certain scenarios.

Senior pupils have also been discussing bullying in PSHE lessons, and have been creating videos to raise awareness of the national campaign.

We will be continuing to celebrate Anti-Bullying Week in the Senior School next week, which will culminate in pupil assemblies and a parent event on Wednesday.

Going spotty for Children in Need

We've been celebrating Children in Need all week, with lots of fun activities across the school.

Prep pupils have been attempting to 'Beat the Teacher' by



challenging them in a range of activities. Children have come to school today wearing spots, and we sold Pudsey themed notebooks. Seniors have held lots of charity events at break and lunchtime and we held a Pudsey themed parent coffee morning.



Round up from across the school



Pupils in Year 1 enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic as part of their English lessons this week. They wrote and followed instructions to make sandwiches.

Year 11 GCSE Geography pupils went on a fieldwork trip to Carding Mill Valley in Shropshire. They investigated its river profile.



Performer of the Week:

Jamie – Y4

(awarded an excellent performance of the 'Pavane' and a wonderful work ethic!).



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following pupils who received swimming awards this week:

Jay (Y1) – 5m, 10m, 15m and 20m
Jayden(Y1) – Stanley 5 & 5m
Jaya (Reception) – Stanley 6 Award
Simba (Y1) – Stanley 4
Maaya (Y2) – 15m
Chaaya (Y4) – 200m



Well done to the following children for their Kombat Federation Awards:

Maaya (Y2), Shreeya (Y1), Ryan (Y2) and Shriya (Y3)



Emil (Y1) received certificate and medal from Sports Plus Scheme and Mustafa (Y3) was awarded Man of the Match by his football team.



Well done to Luke and Zakir in Year 4 who represented Wednesbury Hockey Club in the Lichfield Hockey Festival last weekend. It was Zakir's first match as goalkeeper and he did really well, only conceding one goal in five matches. Overall, the team won two games and drew three.



Notices/reminders:

Senior Choir	At lunchtime on Friday, 24 th November there will be a visit by a senior music lecturer from the University of Wolverhampton University to do a rehearsal ready for the book launch concert on 4 th December. All members of the Senior choir are expected to attend.
Visit by war veteran	During senior enrichment on Friday, 24 th November, there will be a visit by a local war veteran who will be talking to pupils about the Walking with the Wounded charity.
Nursery & Reception children	Please can Nursery and Reception parents bring in their ticket requests for the Nativity performances.
Swimming hats	Children in Upper Prep will be going swimming in PE lessons this half term. Please note they will need to wear a House-coloured swimming hat. These are priced at £3.50 and are available to purchase from the school office.
Term dates	The School website is now updated with details of the Academic Year 2018-19 term dates: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/term-dates/
Supporting your Child with Maths and English – KS3 event (29th November at 6 pm)	Please return your reply slips, indicating numbers of spaces required, by Thursday, 23 rd November.
Murder Mystery Night	Tickets are now on sale from the School Office for 'Who Killed The Soap Star' on Friday, 8 th December. £5 pp, to include a meal and soft drink. Buy them now!

Dates coming up week commencing 20th November 2017:

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week:

Form 5

Form 6

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

RJ

1B

2M

6K

Monday	Science Quiz, St Dominic's School, Brewood: (selected) Y5 & Y6 After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep
Tuesday	After school clubs: Art Club: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Maths Club: Seniors Handball: Upper Prep Spanish Club: Upper Prep
Wednesday	Anti-bullying awareness evening: Seniors (6.00pm – 7.00 pm) After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Spanish: Upper Prep
Thursday	'Science Sense,' Jaguar Landrover Manufacturing Facility, Wolverhampton: (selected Y4, Y5 & Y6) After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm)
Friday	Careers talk (medicine and medical professions) by a visiting doctor: Y10 & Y11 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6