



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Senior Pupil of the Week:

#### Keaton (Y7)

(awarded for displaying maturity and sensitivity in PSHE).



## A note from the Headmaster

It has been a tremendous week to round off the half term, with the endeavor shown in House Cross Country, the charitable attitudes in Harvest assembly and the creativity of the Fashion Show.

My sincerest thanks go to staff and parents for organising and supporting these, and to the pupils for their qualities throughout.

Our recent reflections on the future Aims and Ethos of Hydesville brought the views of the pupils to our attention. If it doesn't seem a cop-out, I will finish this piece with a selection of these comments from Prep and Senior pupils: they made me immensely proud when I heard them and I hope it will remind you of why the School is such a good place. Best wishes for the half-term holiday.

"School is caring and safe, and especially fun!"

"A place to learn and share opinion."

"The uniqueness of every student is nurtured."

"We are a family."

"Teachers have given me lots of support and strength."

"An inspirational school to me, for how much I've improved in education, sport and more."

"Hydesville is the most caring and loving school in the world."



## Harvest comes to Hydesville



We held a beautiful harvest celebration assembly on Tuesday. Led by the Senior Community Fundraising Group, the theme of the assembly was 'helping others' and the pupils spoke about the importance of being kind to others and helping those less fortunate.

A huge thank you to parents for donations for our

Harvest Festival – we collected two tables full of food and toiletries and delivered them to Walsall Food Bank earlier today. Thank you also to Josephine from the Food Bank at Walsall's Rock Church who joined us for our Harvest assembly. We also welcomed Tay from Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall, who received a cheque from the School for £511.75 from money raised through a number of charity events this half term.



## Nursery Star of the Week:

### Carissa

(awarded for being kind and helpful).



## Congratulations to Josiah (Y4), Simrun (Y6), Fleur (Y5) and Dhaya (Y3)

who were winners of the Prep School's Creative Challenge Week – chosen by Mrs Brach, mother of the late Miss Brach.

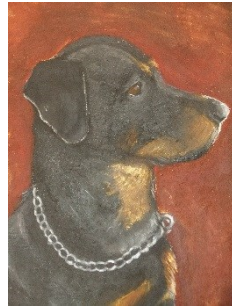


## Award winning art students



Congratulations to creative Hydesville pupils who scooped top awards at a recent regional art competition.

Rachna in Year 9 was second in the KS3 painting category, Shreeya in Year 11 was awarded a highly commended in KS4 painting and a group piece by Year 5 pupils won second place in the Independent Schools' Association (ISA) Midlands Art Competition.



Mrs Shaw, Head of Art, said: "To receive regional recognition for the pupils' hard work is true testament to the creativity, talent and flair our pupils have. I am delighted they did so well, it was thoroughly deserved!"

Founded in 1879, the ISA represents the UK's best independent schools. The Art Competition is held annually and offers an opportunity for schools to showcase students' art and for teachers to share best practice and ideas.

## Happy Birthday Mrs Whitehouse!



A very happy 'special' birthday to Deputy Headteacher and Head of Prep School, Mrs Whitehouse, who will be celebrating a very important milestone birthday during the Half Term holiday.

We all hope you have a lovely birthday, Mrs Whitehouse!

## Major Mustard visits Years 1 & 2



On Tuesday as part of Topic, Years 1 and 2 had a special visit from Major Mustard. This half term, Year 1 have been learning about toys and Year 2 have been learning all about Eco-Warriors. Major Mustard came in and gave a demonstration of puppets and explained how to make them. After that the children got to make their puppets using recyclable materials. Once the puppets were made, the children were shown how to perform with their puppets. Finally they finished off their day with a puppet show from Major Mustard. What a wonderful day they had!

## On your marks.....

The sun shone for our annual cross country inter-house tournament in Walsall Arboretum; a big well done to all of the pupils who took part! The results are now in...and are as follows:

**Senior winning house: Dilke**

**Prep winning house: Hatherton**

**Year 7 & 8 boys:**

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1<sup>st</sup> – Kai

2<sup>nd</sup> – Ishe

3<sup>rd</sup> – Govind

**Year 9 & 10 boys:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Devan

2<sup>nd</sup> – Veeran

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rohan

**Senior girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Bhavneet

2<sup>nd</sup> – Nikki

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rachna



**Year 5 & 6 boys**

1<sup>st</sup> – Nitin

2<sup>nd</sup> – Arjun

3<sup>rd</sup> – Rayen

**Year 5 & 6 girls:**

1<sup>st</sup> – Jade

2<sup>nd</sup> – Sukhmani

3<sup>rd</sup> – Linda

## Prep pupils strike a pose...



The glamour of the Milan catwalk came to Hydesville this week as Prep School took to the runway for our 'Creative Couture Fashion Show'. Surrounded by adoring fans and

relatives the classes took it in

turns to display their creative brilliance, proving that inspiration, creativity, enthusiasm, energy and daring to be different are true ingredients for success!

The children rose to the challenge and created the most fantastic designs within different themes for each age group – from our Reception family of high society Parisian felines to Year 1 and 2's butterflies and Year 3's ocean inspired collection.

Year 4 took us on trip down memory lane to the groovy 1960's with their tie dye t-shirts, Year 5 turned to High Society glamour with top hats and tails and Year 6 concluded our show with a magical masquerade.

Our glamorous compère, Mrs Whitehouse, said: "We hope parents and other invited guests enjoyed the wonderful display of Hydesville's talent. A huge thank you to pupils and staff for producing such outstanding work. We nurture creativity which is respected in many disciplines and professions across our School."

A gallery of images from the show will be uploaded to the School website during the half term holiday.

Thank you to Mr Laxman who took these wonderful images!



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

**1C**

**4L**

**5FJ**

**Congratulations also to the following Senior School Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:**

**Form 1**

**Form 7**

## **Notices/reminders:**

<b>October Half Term Fun Club – Nursery &amp; Reception</b>	We will be offering a Half Term Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception during the week commencing 30 <sup>th</sup> October, from 9 am until 4 pm, priced at £25 per day. Contact the School Office to book a place.
<b>October Half Term – Holiday Camps</b>	Due to low numbers we have cancelled the Ace Academy holiday club and will be running the Sports Plus camp on Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> , Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> and Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> only. Contact the School Office for more details.
<b>Sports Clubs</b>	Next half term's after school sports clubs are now full. The next opportunity for signing up for clubs will be after Christmas.
<b>School Uniform</b>	Pupils should return to school in winter uniform. Hats and caps are compulsory for Prep children.
<b>Walking Bus</b>	The service has been suspended due to the dark nights and will re-start in the Summer Term. See the website for alternative transport options: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/">https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/</a>
<b>PE kit</b>	A reminder that all Year 1 and 2 pupils should be wearing the school tracksuit and Hydesville branded t-shirt and trainers. When we return after Half Term all PE lessons will be outside. With the colder weather approaching, children will need to start wearing the Hydesville PE multi-layer top/tracksuit top etc. See our website for more details: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-uniform/">https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-uniform/</a>
<b>PE lessons</b>	Year 3 and 4: swimming will be taking place on first day back. Year 5 & 6 will be also be swimming when we return. Games lessons for Year 3-6 will be basketball. No shin pads are needed, just white socks.
<b>Year 11 trip to the NEC Skills Show</b>	A reminder that reply slips for this trip are now due.

## Dates coming up week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> November 2017:

<b>Monday</b>	After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep
<b>Tuesday</b>	Parents' Evening: Nursery After school clubs: Art Club: Upper Prep & Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Maths Club: Seniors Handball: Upper Prep Spanish Club: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parents' Evening: Prep Bradford House Trip: Seniors After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep Spanish: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep
<b>Friday</b>	Safeside Fire Safety Training: Y7 – Y11 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6