



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:

Amar – Year 1
Simar – Year 2



Performer of the Week:

Veeran (Y9)
awarded for excellent
attitude towards
learning the guitar.



A note from the Headmaster

Apologies that this is not the usual cheery message, but an important concern regarding road safety is pressing currently.

Nearly 1,800 people died on roads last year, and over 24,000 were seriously injured. This is a statistic that has been fairly stable over the last few years, indicating that efforts to reduce the problems and technology to increase safety are only so effective at limiting the risks.



Outside the school is a very busy road, and with the approaching winter we are experiencing darker mornings and evenings, more rain (and eventually sleet or snow) and icier conditions, all of which make the risk of an accident greater. There is a crossing point with "lollipop ladies" 50 yards from the school gate, which helps to mitigate some of the concerns, except for those children approaching school from the opposite side.

It concerns me to see the children – sometimes with a parent, sometimes without – trying to cross the two streams of traffic and not be hit by the oncoming vehicles. Thus I would respectfully ask all parents to make the additional walk to the crossing point, so you instill the good habits in your children that you want them to exhibit when they are on their own.

We are working in school with our A* Sheriffs, who help to educate pupils in the Prep School about Road Safety. I am also engaging with the Council to determine if there is anything else that can be done to make the crossing points safer. In the meantime, your support in keeping the children safe is really appreciated.

Wrap up warm for the cold weeks ahead...

Collecting hats, scarves and gloves



The Senior Community Fundraising Group is collecting socks, gloves, hats and scarves to support Walsall charity 'The Big Feed' whose aim is to help support the homeless, vulnerable and under-privileged people.

Please bring donations into school by
Thursday, 7th December.
Thank you for your support.

Nursery Star of the Week:

Summer (awarded for always being well behaved).



Senior pupil of the Week:

Ravin (Y7) awarded for having a positive attitude towards learning.



Choir welcomes music lecturer



The Senior Choir received a visit from Kevin Stannard, a senior lecturer at the University of Wolverhampton University. Kevin came along with some of his students to help give our choir some last minute tips for a concert they are taking part in on Monday 4th December at St Matthew's Church. We will be singing alongside several

other schools, and will be accompanied by a live band! For any parents that wish to attend the event, it begins at 1:30pm for roughly an hour. Tickets are £2 each.



Supporting Walking with the Wounded



We are delighted to announce Hydesville has become a member of the Schools' 100 Club, part of the Walking with the Wounded charity, who support vulnerable veterans to re-integrate back into society and sustain their independence. The relationship came about when the Senior Community Fundraising Group heard about this great charity and approached Andrew Cook,

Director of Fundraising, to find out more. Andrew visited the Senior School last Friday along with Royal Navy Veteran David Williams to meet pupils, introduce the charity, share personal experiences and to suggest and encourage future fundraising ideas. We now look forward to working collaboratively with Walking with the Wounded for the remainder of this academic year.

Kairon and Reuben donate toys to Acorns Children's Hospice

Kind hearted brothers, Kairon in Year 1 and Reuben in Nursery, have donated several bags of toys to Acorns Children's Hospice in Walsall.

The idea for the thoughtful gesture came about when the boys visited the hospice with their family. Kairon wanted to do something nice for the children and their families: "I wanted to put a smile on the children's faces and make them happy at Christmas," he said.

Tanya Fellows, Community Fundraising Officer at Acorns, is delighted with the donation, and thanked Kairon and Reuben for being so kind and thoughtful.



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

Form 7

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

RJ

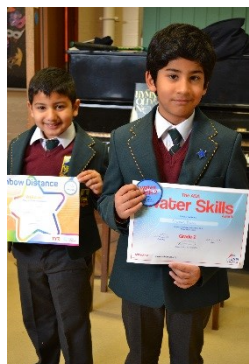
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Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Viren (Y2) for his 10m swimming badge and Jamie (Y4) for his 50m swimming award.

Shivan (Y3) received his Level 2 swimming award and Veer (Y1) also received his 25m badge.



Viren also was awarded a certificate for reaching Grade 8 at karate.



Well done to Harman (Y6) for being awarded the 'Most Improved Player' by Bloxwich Junior Academy & Chess Club.



Hussain (Y1) received a medal for completing a Sport Relief Mile.

Congratulations to Rio and Shreeya (both Y1) for winning Mrs Lynch's 'Simon Said' competition.



Notices/reminders:

Safeguarding: advice and tips	Please see our website for updates on websites, Apps and social media networks to be aware of. You can also access advice and tips on keeping your children safe online: https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/safeguarding-contacts/
Murder Mystery night – last few tickets remaining Friday, 8th December	We only have two tables left...please reserve your tickets NOW! Email sarah.archer@hydesville.com or buy them from the School Office.
After-school sports clubs	Next week is the last week for all sports clubs. Sign-ups for the Spring Term Sports Clubs will be taking place the first week back after Christmas, week beginning 8 th Jan.
Next week's climbing trips	Pupils must wear tracksuit bottoms for this activity.
Christmas Jumper Day (Senior School)	Senior pupils are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Friday, 15 th December, to support Save the Children.
Christmas lunch: Friday, 15th December	Our Catering Team will be serving our annual Christmas dinner to pupils on Friday, 15 th December. Details about the menu will be announced soon.
KS3 Maths & English Workshop	Thank you to those parents who came to this week's KS3 Maths & English workshop. The slides from the evening are now available on the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/

Dates coming up week commencing 4th December 2017

Monday	<p>Trip to Boulder Central: Y3 & Y4</p> <p>Eye tests: Nursery & Reception</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Seniors</p> <p>Football: Seniors</p> <p>Archery: Upper Prep</p>
Tuesday	<p>Trip to Rock Up: Y8</p> <p>Parents' Evening: Y7</p> <p>'Cancer awareness talk': Y11 (11.10am)</p> <p>Reception Information Event: talks at 3pm and 5pm</p> <p>Art Club: Seniors</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Seniors</p> <p>Spanish Film Club: Seniors</p> <p>Maths Club: Seniors</p> <p>Handball: Upper Prep</p> <p>Spanish Club: Upper Prep</p>
Wednesday	<p>Trip to Rock Up: Y9</p> <p>Supporting Your Child in English & Maths: KS3 event</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Hockey: Upper Prep</p> <p>Spanish: Upper Prep</p>
Thursday	<p>Trip to Boulder Central: Y5 & Y6</p> <p>Nursery and Reception Nativity: 2.15pm</p> <p>KS1 Parent Information Event, Maths & English: 4 pm – 5.45 pm</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Upper Prep</p> <p>Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm)</p>
Friday	<p>Trip to Rock Up: Y7</p> <p>Nursery and Reception Nativity: 9.30 am.</p> <p>Murder Mystery Night: 6.30pm</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11</p> <p>Karate: Reception – Y6</p>