



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Enzo (awarded for being kind and helpful).



A note from the Headmaster

Happy New Year! The three-week break was a significant time away, and I found myself looking forward to the start of term as January began. I chuckled at a reply to my tweet stating I was pleased at the thought of welcoming the children on Tuesday, and receiving a response that the sentiments of the parents were the same! I hope that the time together gave everyone a chance to gear up for an exciting year, and a determination to keep resolutions going for at least a week longer than last year.



There was great excitement and anticipation on Thursday with our Upper Prep Choir heading off to the Genting Arena to perform in the Young Voices concert. Participating in music ensembles can be incredibly invigorating, and there has even been some research in to how it improves academic performance as well. Above all, the opportunity for these pupils to be part of a choir of thousands - singing in a venue that stages some of the great music acts - will be one to treasure for a long time to come.

This term brings new areas to focus upon, and we are targeting pastoral care and academic challenge. The school has an incredible warmth about it, but we have to remain aware of the difficulties of growing up in the modern age. Thus we will be working hard at strengthening bonds and ties that keep us happy. In addition, the school aims for every pupil to progress to their full potential, so being challenged is an important element for this: an appreciation of growth mindset - that no child should be limited in their potential to achieve - is a key part of excellent teaching, as seen here every day.

Best wishes for the week ahead...

Upper Prep choir in fine voice!



Yesterday Mrs Taylor and Mrs Brown took a group of 20 pupils from Years 3 to 6 to the Genting Arena in Birmingham to take part in the Young Voices concert with 6,000 other children from across the UK.

Since September the pupils have attended countless rehearsals in preparation for the event. After a morning of rehearsals, they headed to Birmingham ready to perform and they were amazing! They all sang their hearts out and were a true credit to the school.

Although there are some tired pupils in school today, it was definitely worth it. Well done!

Performer of the Week:

Sukhmani (Y5)

awarded for her excellent musicianship whilst helping to keep her class in time by playing the lead drum during their first lesson on Samba Music.



Eve spends Christmas in Neverland



Year 10 pupil and music scholar Eve spent Christmas in Neverland when she was selected to play the part of a Lost Girl in the arena production of Peter Pan in Birmingham.

Starring Bradley Walsh playing the funny pirate 'Mr Smee' and pop legend and EastEnder Martin Kemp as 'Captain Hook' talented Eve joined a

cast of over a 100 performers, including flying cirque and stunt stars, actors and musicians.

Eve scooped the role after attending an audition where she impressed the panel with her acting, singing and dancing.

Taking part in shows across five days, Eve thoroughly enjoyed being part of the movie style set, complete with a giant 60 feet wide LED screen with computer graphic imagery, a life size Jolly Roger galleon, a team of BMX stunt riders, six thrilling aerial mermaids and a crazy collection of trapeze and trampoline stuntmen. What an amazing opportunity, well done Eve, we are very proud of you!

Nutritionist offers snacking tips

Pupils in Prep School have been getting tips for healthier snacking.

Clare Hedderman, nutritionist from our catering supplier, Chartwells Independent, visited Hydesville to hold a series of informative and fun workshops on healthy eating, arranged through our catering manager Gareth Long.

Clare's visit coincided with National Obesity Awareness Week, but also gave her the opportunity to share the

Department for Health's Change4Life public health programme which is urging parents and children to "look for 100 calorie snacks, two a day max".

Pupils were amazed to see what a 100 calorie snack looks like – including three cucumbers, nine Pringles, and one slice of bread. The children discussed and suggested ideas about how they can eat more healthily, and were encouraged to select food groups from The Eatwell Guide which provided less energy dense foods in comparison to confectionary.



Who Killed the Soap Star – parent social event!



Our next parent social evening takes place on Friday, 19th January at 6.30pm. 'Who Killed the Soap Star' will be performed by a star studded cast of teachers across the school and promises to be a fun night of super sleuthing and socialising.

Tickets are priced at £5 pp (including a pie & mash supper) and are available to purchase from the school office. Contact

Sarah Archer for more information or to reserve tickets –

sarah.archer@hydesville.com (PS, children in Year 6 and upwards are invited to come along too).

Notices/reminders:

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

Form 1

Form 3

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

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Catering menus	The school website has been updated with this term's lunch menus: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/chartwells-nutrition/#currentmenus Just a reminder that children can have unlimited fruit, vegetables and salad. They can also fill up with extra carbohydrates – potatoes, rice, pasta and bread. Pupils simply need to ask the serving staff or the school staff on duty and they can have more!
Safeguarding - update	A reminder that the school website includes details of Apps, websites and social networking sites that may pose a risk to our children. The page also gives tips and advice on helping to keep our children safe online: https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/safeguarding-contacts/
Fleece hats	Our School uniform shop, Crested School Wear is now selling green fleece hats for Prep children to keep them warm during the colder months. They are priced at £6.50 each and are an optional school uniform item. <u>Children are not to come to school wearing these hats, they are for playtimes only.</u> Please also note, the shop has moved to Unit 1 in Bradford Mall, Victorian Arcade (which is the same mall as previously, they have just relocated units, and can now be found next door to the fishmongers). See our website for our uniform lists or for more details: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-uniform/
After school sports clubs	Letters for after school sports clubs are available from the school office. Payment needs to go to the office, not the class teacher. Please note all after school sports clubs will finish at 4.30pm.
Feb Half Term – Sports Plus Scheme	We will be hosting a Sports Plus Holiday Club during February Half Term (Mon 19 th to Fri 23 rd Feb) for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Letters will be going out shortly.
Trip payments due	Table Tennis Experience Day (Y7 – 9) Yonex all England Badminton Championships - NIA (Y7 -9) Amantia Restaurant visit (Y7)

Nursery & Reception Feb Half Term Holiday Club	We will be holding a February Half Term Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception (9am – 4pm), priced at £25. Letters will be sent out shortly with more information.
Mr Honey is on Twitter!	For those of you on Twitter, you can now follow Mr Honey: @HTS_Headmaster

Dates coming up week commencing 15th January 2018

Monday	After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep (12 places, payment required).
Tuesday	Pantomime: Nursery & Lower Prep (rescheduled due to snow in December) Parents' Evening: Y11 (6.00 – 7.00 pm) After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 & KS4 Art Club: Prep Spanish Film Club: Seniors Lacrosse: Upper Prep (payment required).
Wednesday	Loudmouth Production 'Trust Me': Y9 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (payment required).
Thursday	Visiting Music Teachers' event: Prep School (during assembly) Visit by local author, Kam Verdee: Y7 – 9 After school clubs: Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm). Art Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45pm)
Friday	After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6.