



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Ava-Grace (awarded
for being kind and
helpful).



A note from the Headmaster

It has been a packed week, with great assemblies, an elocution presentation, a health workshop and a sports festival fitting in to the usual diet of academic achievement. It is important to appreciate that our school nurtures and develops the character of your child, as well as enhancing their intellectual capacity. We want the pupils to emerge from Hydesville with well-rounded characters, an awareness of events near and far, and an appreciation that they can improve the existence of those around them through their thoughts, words and deeds.



This term, we are looking about the importance of mindset. Children in some settings are in danger of feeling that there are limits on what they can achieve, and this can be terribly dispiriting for them. I committed the cardinal sin in this regard, telling my son when he was seven years old that a career as a professional footballer was not going to be an option for him! Although the reasoning may have been sound (so few make it, and he was not that good!), I knew from the moment the words left me that they could not be recovered and the damage was done. In a similar way, we should all encourage our children to have a “can do” attitude, and stop them (or us) from putting barriers to their potential achievements because of our expectations or beliefs about their ability. I have seen lessons in the Prep School this year, where the teacher nurtured the pupils’ understanding, regardless of the difficulty they faced, so they were able to reach a remarkable level of perception by the end of the class. Those are the magical moments in a school, and is a pleasure to be in a place where they are happening every day. As I know you will, please keep encouraging your child to try hard and not be deterred by the difficult times: we will be there to support them with you.

Have a great weekend...

Our A Star Prep pupils



As part of the A* Stars programme ‘Be Bright, Be Seen’ campaign, pupils in Prep School were invited to design a t-shirt which could be worn when walking during the Winter months. The campaign also ensures that children understand the importance of being seen when the weather is foggy or when it is dark, which may make them less visible to road users.

We had an enormous number of entries and two lucky winners were chosen from each key stage:

Anushka (Reception), Brogan (Reception), Cynthia (Y2), Adam (Y2), Toby (Y6), Navneet (Y6). Well done to everyone who took part!

Performer of the Week:

Husnain (Y9) awarded for his excellent hard work and dedication so far this half term to play a piece on the keyboard.



Elocution group grows in confidence



Throughout the Autumn term a group of pupils from Year 1 and Year 2 have been taking part in a weekly Elocution Club and have been learning a range of poems, rhymes and riddles to help with their diction, projection and expression. On Tuesday, the pupils performed both individual and group poems during an informal presentation. It was wonderful to see how their confidence has

grown throughout the term; well done children!

Seniors meet local author

Pupils in KS3 had the opportunity to meet local author, Kam Verdee, yesterday, who talked to them about her debut novel 'Heera Watson and the Dark King'.

Kam offered writing advice to pupils, encouraging them to 'start in the middle of the action,' to help to improve their own writing. She read from her novel and answered questions about the writing and publishing process. Many pupils purchased her novel and will be reviewing as part of the School's Accelerated Reader programme.



A visit from a dragon!



On Tuesday morning Year 2 pupils arrived to find a dragon had been into the classroom overnight! She had burnt the carpet and even laid a few eggs in a nest in the classroom. The children were amazed when they watched the CCTV to see the dragon in action. Check out the footage on our Facebook page!



Recommend a Friend campaign



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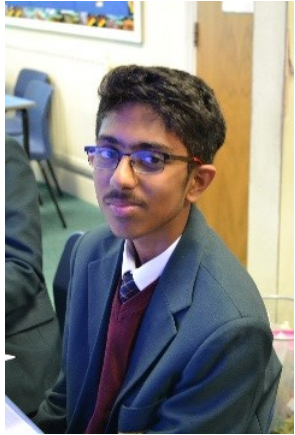
A reminder that our Recommend a Friend incentive scheme is still open. If current parents recommend Hydesville to friends and family members who then take up a school place in our Nursery, Prep or Senior School this academic year they will receive a fee discount. New families will also receive a uniform voucher.

Further details are on our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/recommend-a-friend/>

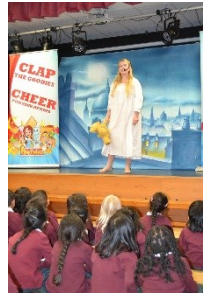
Senior pupil of the Week:

Kavan (Y9) awarded for making the transition into Senior School with great enthusiasm.



Quick round up from across the school

On Tuesday children in Lower Prep enjoyed a performance of Peter Pan by touring company, Gary Star productions. The show was due to take place last month but was cancelled because of the snow but we didn't want our children to miss out!



A group of Senior School girls took part in the Aspire Festival of Netball at the University of Wolverhampton. Our pupils joined schools from across the borough and gained tips from coaches to help them improve their game.

Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to the following pupils who received awards for swimming:

Harry (Y2) – 10m

Avaani (Reception) – 5m

Avneet (Y1) – Stanley 2 and Stanley 3 Award



The following pupils were awarded with Kombat Federation awards:

Kairon (Y1)

Jay (Y6) – black & white belt

Ruby (Y4) – purple belt

Arvind (Y5) – black belt



Congratulations also to Oliver (Y1) for his ice-skating award and Shaan (Y1) for

his medal for completing a Santa Dash where he raised money for Birmingham Children's Hospital.



Notices/reminders:

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

Form 2

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

RJ

Prep School assembly rota	The school website has been updated with this term's Prep School assembly rota: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/prep-school-assemblies-2/ Parents are invited to join us for coffee after the weekly Friday assemblies.
Trips – payments and consent forms	Payments required for: Table Tennis Experience Day (Y7 – 9) Yonex all England Badminton Championships - NIA (Y7 - 9) Consent forms required for: Animal Man (Nursery & Reception).
Lacrosse – after school sports club	Lacrosse is being offered as an after school sports club for children in Upper Prep. Lacrosse is a new and fun sport for Hydesville; the children have been introduced to the sport during Games lessons this week. Payment is required for the club; letters are available from the school office.
Parking – polite reminder	As ever, Hydesville actively encourages good relationships with our neighbours, and we expect all parents to park considerately, respecting local residents and adhering to the Highway Code when dropping off and collecting children from School.
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.
World Book Day – 1st March	Pupils are invited to come to school dressed up to celebrate World Book Day. Seniors can dress as their favourite book character or author and Prep classes will be given different themes (letters will go out soon). There will be a prize for the best-dressed pupil. More information will follow!
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 per day. Letters will be going out shortly.

Dates coming up week commencing 22nd January 2018

Monday	<p>WS4 Dental Practice visit: Lower Prep Maths competition at King Edward's School, Edgbaston: (selected) Y4 pupils After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep (12 places, payment required).</p>
Tuesday	<p>Visit to Walsall College: Y9 After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 & KS4 Art Club: Prep Spanish Film Club: Seniors Lacrosse: Upper Prep (payment required).</p>
Wednesday	<p>'Understanding Cancer Together' talk: Y9 Gifted and Talented tennis coaching: Senior School After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (payment required).</p>
Thursday	<p>After school clubs: Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm). Art Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep</p>
Friday	<p>Nursery Stay & Play session, 1.30pm – 3pm (for external/prospective families only) After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6.</p>