



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Avneet – Y1  
Maaya – Y2  
Avnie-Mae – Y2  
Tandip – Y3  
Shona – Y4  
Amin – Y5  
Akaal – Y6  
Isabelle – Y6



## A note from the Headmaster



Approaching the half-term, it is nice to be able to draw breath and reflect on what has gone before. We have suffered a fortnight of excessively chilly weather, but know that spring is on the horizon. I hope that you and your family will have the chance to spend time watching nature shaking off the effects of winter and restoring that feeling of new life springing in to action.

Of relevance to this is the blossoming of the academic potential of pupils. I have spent the last week working through the Years 3-6 reports and marvelling at how well so many of them are doing. Reading the teachers' comments, I am reminded again of how important the knowledge of the child can be: our staff are amazing at really understanding each pupil, and seeing how to help them make further progress.

Tomorrow is "Random Act of Kindness Day", although it has been lovely to note that at Hydesville, the random nature means we start early and extend it for a week! The kindness comes so naturally to the pupils, and it is evident that the combination of home and school prepares them for a life led more considerately than many. We can be proud of their character shining through.

Next half-term sees our subsequent stage of "Challenge" – how to ensure that every child is developing their thought processes fully. Whilst this occurs in the classroom every day, we are looking at some events that will encourage intellectual team-work as well as exploring matters beyond the curriculum which will be of interest to our brightest pupils. Emails or tweets about the most unusual or exciting Children's University visits will be eagerly anticipated!

Again, thank you for all your support in these past six weeks. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February.

Kindest regards...

## Felt birds workshop

Creative Year 9 pupils worked with textile artist Lisa Olson this week to create a beautiful collection of felt birds.

Lisa spent the day with pupils, introducing them to needle felting, which involves gently working the fibres of coarse wool using a needle.

The pupils produced a variety of striking 3D bird sculptures, including a kingfisher and a penguin.



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## Performer of the Week:

**Amaan (Y7)** awarded for demonstrating excellent progress in his guitar lessons, finding new chord shapes with far more confidence and fluency!

(photo to appear next time!)

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## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Veer** (awarded for making excellent progress and working very hard).



## Easter 2019 Ski trip

We are looking at taking part in a Cognita Easter Ski Trip on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2019. The trip will be open to pupils who are currently in Years 4-8 (but will be in Years 5-9 when they travel).

We have reserved a number of places and now need to gauge interest and secure places.

The trip is to Les Menuires in France departing on April 6<sup>th</sup> for 7 nights. Hydesville will join pupils from other Cognita Schools. The price is £1219pp which includes flights, full board accommodation, ski passes and tuition and a range of day and evening activities.

Please register your early interest to Mr Honey (via email: [info@hydesville.com](mailto:info@hydesville.com)) by Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> February. More details will be given after this date. Please note, you are not committing to the trip at this stage, but we need to get an idea of numbers of pupils interested to determine if it is viable.

## Talent shines at Teatime Concert



Congratulations to the pupils from Year 3 to 11 who performed so beautifully and confidently at the Teatime Concert on Tuesday.

There were performances by pianists, trumpeters, guitarists, violinists and singers.

There was an eclectic range of music from classical works, to exciting musical theatre and

pieces and even the National Anthem. Well done to Rory in Year 9 who was the compère, ensuring the concert ran smoothly.

Miss Kingston would like to congratulate and thank all who took part. The concert was enjoyed by parents, grandparents, staff and pupils.

## Hydesville becomes member of digital noticeboard

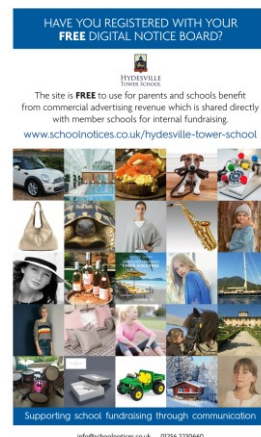
We are delighted to announce the enrolment of Hydesville Tower School in a new digital noticeboard and market place for parents: School Notices. This allows our parents to communicate, advertise and trade between themselves and parents at other independent schools, whilst also benefiting some of our school causes through the sharing of advertising income.

School Notices is free for all to browse and post notices, whilst providing a place for local and parent owned businesses to advertise.

The School Notices website is accessible to all parents at [www.schoolnotices.co.uk](http://www.schoolnotices.co.uk) and please follow this [link](#) to register.

## Celebrating Random Acts of Kindness

We've all been very kind to each other this week as we've been celebrating 'Random Acts of Kindness Day'. Pupils in Senior School held an assembly on Tuesday to encourage everyone to be kind to each other. In PSHE lessons pupils made a kindness pledge. Even teachers got involved; they've been extra kind to each other and Mr Honey bought in cakes for all the staff!





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

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

**Form 3**



## **Year 2 visit Warwick Castle**

Last Friday Year 2 had a great day visiting Warwick Castle. The day began with a talk from the falconer and the children learnt a lot about different birds of prey. After climbing the castle walls to walk to the top of the towers, they discovered they could see the enemy coming from miles away! During the afternoon the children learnt about different weapons and visited the

main part of the castle. They were amazed by the beautiful decorations and learnt about different types of armour and the jobs women did during wars. Throughout the day, the children spotted familiar parts of the castle that they had been learning about in class.

What an incredible day!



## **Opening our doors on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**

We're holding an All School Open Morning on Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Letters have been sent home to request pupils to help out. We do hope you are able to support this event, so we would be grateful if you could return reply slips as soon as possible.

Please do come along to the Open Morning if you would like to find out more about Hydesville – all areas of the school will be open, from Nursery to the Senior School. Please spread the word to friends and family

too! Find out more here: <https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/open-days-at-hydesville/>

## **Prep School Awards and Achievements**



Well done to the following Year 4 pupils who were finalists in the recent Maths competition at King Edward's School in Edgbaston: Om, Fahaan, Mahima and Simone.

Congratulations to Shaan and Jay in Year 1 who were awarded Kombat Federation certificates.



Well done also to Shriya in Year 3 for her Mini Tennis Bronze Award.



## Notices/reminders:

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| <b>Book Appreciation Club – March 1st</b>  | Book Appreciation Club is cancelled on the first Thursday after Half Term (1 <sup>st</sup> March) as it is parents evening.   |
| <b>Swimming Galas</b>  | The School Swimming Galas are coming up after Half Term: 19 <sup>th</sup> March for Upper Prep and 20 <sup>th</sup> March for Seniors.<br>All children need to have purchased a House swimming cap from the School office in time for the galas. They are £3.50 each and the House colours are as follows:<br>Bradford: Yellow<br>Dilke: Blue<br>Hatherton: Red |
| <b>Senior School Badminton trip (14<sup>th</sup> March)</b>                        | The Senior School Badminton trip to the NIA on March 14 <sup>th</sup> is now FULL. No more payments can be taken.   |
| <b>Year 1 PE</b>   | Parents are reminded that full tracksuits are required during the cold winter months. Children are also allowed to wear gloves as long as they are navy blue.   |
| <b>Year 7/8 trip money (for the Football Coaching Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March)</b> | Please note, the money for this trip is now due.  |
| <b>Feb Half Term – Sports Plus Scheme</b>  | We will be hosting a Sports Plus Holiday Club during February Half Term (Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> to Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb) for children in Year 1 to Year 6. There's no need to book, just turn up on the day required. The camp is open to non-Hydesville children also.   |
| <b>Prize-giving 2018</b>   | Please save the date! This year's prize giving events will take place on Thursday, July 11 <sup>th</sup> . More details will follow.  |
| <b>World Book Day – 1<sup>st</sup> March</b>                                       | Pupils can 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. There will be a prize for the best-dressed pupil. Letters are going out today.   |
| <b>Nursery &amp; Reception Feb Half Term Holiday Club</b>                          | We will be holding a Half Term Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception (9am – 4pm), priced at £25 per day. Contact the School Office for more details.   |

## Dates coming up week commencing: 26<sup>th</sup> February 2018

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| <b>Monday</b>    | <p>Term re-starts</p> <p>Fairtrade Fortnight begins</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Seniors</p> <p>Football: Seniors</p> <p>Archery: Upper Prep</p>  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <p>Hydesville Big Maths Quiz: (selected) Y5 &amp; Y6</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Music intervention: KS3 &amp; KS4</p> <p>Art Club: Prep</p> <p>Spanish Film Club: Seniors</p> <p>Spanish: Upper Prep</p> <p>Football: Upper Prep</p> |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Hockey: Upper Prep</p>  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <p>World Book Day</p> <p>Themed lunch day: St David's Day</p> <p>Parents' Evening: Prep School</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Upper Prep</p>  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <p>No Added Sugar Day</p> <p>After school clubs:</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11</p> <p>Karate: Reception – Y6</p>   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <p>All School Open Morning: 10am until 12 noon</p>  |