



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Shreeya – Y1  
Avnie-Mae – Y2  
Karina – Y3  
Tanaya – Y4  
Linda – Y5  
Isabelle – Y6

### Sportsperson of the Week:

Kyan (Y9) awarded for his successes in this week's swimming gala – getting through to the front crawl final and coming second out of all Walsall partnership schools.



## A note from the Headmaster

A wonderful element of school is finding ways to stretch and challenge every pupil. Although it may seem a simple concept – “give them more work” – in reality, this does not necessarily inspire a love of learning, nor does it develop their depth and breadth of understanding. At Hydesville Tower School, our emphasis is on giving every child the best chance to make significant progress, and challenge within and without the classroom is key.

Thus, I will be delighted to address the Prep School assembly this coming Monday about the benefits associated with the Children's University. This is a scheme that encourages pupils (Years 3-6) to take the opportunities to experience new ideas: the half-term holiday ahead is a perfect time to do this, with a range of activities that pupils can engage in. Details of some of the options will come out next week, and I have encouraged the children - via parents - to send in details of what they have done (with a photo?) to the School's Facebook or Twitter page. We will recognise on the Monday Awards Assembly those pupils who have achieved impressive levels of success with the Children's University.

It has been a week to reflect on Mental Health within the Senior School: its importance is huge as funding is reduced in this area. The more we can do to develop the resilience and strength of character in our children, the better. Equally important however, is to remove the stigma of mental health issues and understand that they are no less unusual than physical health issues. I am proud of the care exhibited by the staff towards the children, and hope you will appreciate that we are here if help is needed. That is the 'Hydesville family' way.

Today we bid farewell to Mr Wells, whose maternity cover in the History department in Senior School has come to an end. We thank Mr Wells for his hard work and we look forward to welcoming Miss Cox back next week.

Best wishes for the weekend to you all...

### Animals visit EYFS!

A collection of furry and not-so-furry friends came into school to meet our Nursery & Reception children this week.



Our brave boys and girls stroked snakes, cockroaches, millipedes, rats, a tortoise and a lovely barn owl!

The children were also able to demonstrate their Maths, communication and language skills when they were asked to describe and talk about the features of the different animals.



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## Performer of the Week:

**Simrun (Y6)** awarded for being a positive and friendly member of Upper Prep Choir, as well as singing beautifully!



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## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Amar** (awarded for following the Golden Rules all of the time).



## Supporting Children's Mental Health Week



Supporting our pupils' emotional and mental health is very important to us as a school, so we were proud to support Children's Mental Health Week.

In Year 2, teachers shared a story which told the children about the importance of telling others how they are feeling. Children discussed why they are individuals and what makes us all special.

Senior pupils had an

assembly about the effects of social media mental health and in their Forms they discussed what they could do to tackle some of the problems such as sleep deprivation, stress and cyber bullying.



## Tapas and Flamenco anyone?



Year 7 pupils enjoyed a tapas lunch on Monday when they visited Amantia Spanish restaurant in Birmingham. Whilst enjoying their lunch, they also watched a traditional Flamenco dancer who used castanets, a fan and a shawl in her performance.

The pupils ordered in Spanish, tucked into a tasty meal of traditional tapas and then took to the floor for a Flamenco dancing workshop. Olé!

## Year 7 turn roving reporters

Pupils in Year 7 are getting ready to take part in the BBC School News Report on 15<sup>th</sup> March. In their English lessons, they are taking advice from BBC journalists online about how to gather and present news stories. They have chosen their own areas for research and investigation and they are currently conducting interviews with staff and other pupils about the impact of computer games on children's health and well-being. Our final reports will be available to view on the school website, as well as the BBC School News website – look out for our reports which may be featured on BBC1 on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March!



## Year 1's fun week



The Arctic came Year 1 this week! Mrs Brown bought her skis in and wore her snow clothes so the children could compare them to the clothes that Scott of the Antarctic would have worn on his expedition to the South Pole over 100 years ago. The children also made posters for Captain Scott to advertise for young explorers to accompany him on his expedition, and they wrote letters of application explaining why they think they would be suitable candidates to join him on his expedition. The snowy fun continued when the children went on a trip to the Snowdome and they spent time imagining what it must be like to be an Inuit living in the North Pole or Scott of the Antarctic on his expedition to the South Pole.





## Senior Pupil of the Week:

**Sam (Y8)** awarded for taking advice from his teachers and making progress.



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

**2M & 2P**

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

**Form 5**

## BINGO & Banquet – Save the Date!

**BINGO**

1	5	11		30	62	80
1	5		6	30	72	88
		8	15	30	55	75

		7	10	23	30	42	62
2	4				28	50	72
9	14			18	21		88

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**& BANQUET**

social night at school on Thursday, 15th March 2018 6.15pm to 8.30pm  
Eyes down look in...

You are all invited to our next parent social event – Bingo & Banquet – taking place on the Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March. The fun evening is open to pupils too, with Mrs Whitehouse acting as our bingo caller!

More details will follow soon but for now, please save the date, and if you wish to secure your seats early, please email [sarah.archer@hydesville.com](mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com). Entry is free and we ask guests to bring a culinary contribution so we can all enjoy a sharing supper before the bingo fun begins!

## Celebrating Safer Internet Day 2018



We've celebrated Safer Internet Day with a range of activities across School.

This year's theme is *Create, Connect and Share Respect. A better internet starts with you.* Senior Form tutors held a special assembly on Monday and on Wednesday pupils took part in a range of activities during form time, including creating jigsaw pieces to put up around school.

Thank you to parents who attended our information event on Tuesday; we hope you found the session useful. Parents are reminded that we have a dedicated section on the website that offers safeguarding guidance for parents, and includes a list of social networks, websites and Apps to be aware of. You can see it here: <https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/safeguarding-contacts/>

## Prep School Awards and Achievements



Well done to Sam in Reception for earning his 10m swimming badge, and Shivam in Y3 for achieving his 25m swimming badge.

Well done to pupils in KS1 who took part in our handwriting competition to celebrate National Handwriting Day. The children were asked to find a short poem or extract to copy out in their neatest handwriting. We awarded lots of certificates to those who submitted entries in Monday's assembly. A huge well done to Tamika in Year 1 and Mehtaab in Year 2 who were selected as winners of the competition.



## Notices/reminders:

<b>After-School Sports Clubs – Upper Prep</b>	Letters are going out for Upper Prep pupils to sign up for next half term's sports clubs. The deadline to sign up is Friday, 16 <sup>th</sup> February at 4pm. Next half term's clubs are: <b>Monday – Archery</b> <b>Tuesday-Football</b> <b>Wednesday – Hockey</b>
<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. 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: Bradford: Yellow Dilke: Blue 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 2 Banquet Day: Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Children are invited to come to school dressed as a princess, knight or in other castle themed costumes.
<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. Contact the School Office for more details.
<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. More info to follow.
<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: 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018

<b>Monday</b>	<p>Felt workshop with Lisa Olson: Y9</p> <p>After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep (12 places, payment required).</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Shrove Tuesday: pancakes at breakfast and lunch</p> <p>Teatime Concert: All</p> <p>Maths Feast, University of Wolverhampton: (selected) Y10 pupils</p> <p>Parents' Evening: Nursery (3.40pm)</p> <p>After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 &amp; KS4 Art Club: Prep Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Lacrosse: Upper Prep (payment required)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Table tennis coaching day, Corby Smash Table Tennis Centre: (selected) Senior pupils</p> <p>After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (payment required).</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Trip to Black Country Museum: Y5 &amp; Y6</p> <p>Reception Information Event: 2pm</p> <p>After school clubs: Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm). Musical Theatre: Upper Prep</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Random Acts of Kindness Day</p> <p>Year 2 Banquet Day (see details above)</p> <p>Last day of half term: All</p> <p>After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6.</p>