



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Kairon – Y1
Jayden – Y2
Qais – Y3
Dev – Y4
Harrison – Y6

Senior pupil of the Week:

Gavin (Y8) – awarded for a positive attitude and going above and beyond expectations in English



A note from the Headmaster

This last fortnight has given me moments to go and visit the many extra-curricular clubs that are offered across the whole school. Whilst academic matters will always be important within an educational environment such as our own, teachers recognise the value of developing the whole child. The experiences gained by the children can be so enriching and beneficial – not just to their school time but throughout their life. My first visit to a chess club at my own school resulted in a defeat within four moves by Scholar's Mate. At least I should be grateful that it was by a move with such an intellectual title! But the experience – rather than the embarrassment – of playing amongst friends and peers was a huge part of the pleasure and the attraction.



I've visited STEM Club, and marvelled at the ideas behind their successful kite flying. Archery has demonstrated that we will always have a chance in the Olympics in sports requiring finesse, skill and accuracy. I have offered a "Hola!" to the Spanish Club, marvelled at the beautiful design work and project development in Art Club, and then seen the confident performances of the young dramatists. At one point, I made the mistake of venturing in to the Hall when Musical Theatre was on, and that nearly resulted in me dancing to Moana!

Everywhere I visited, I saw happy, smiling faces. Your children have this wonderful capacity to immerse themselves in whatever is happening, and pop up at the end ready for more. In a week where I have been reading of so much academic progress by the Year 8 pupils in their reports, it has been lovely to see the other side of school life as well.

Best wishes for the weekend...

No fake news at Hydesville!

Pupils in Year 7 took part in the BBC's School Report Day yesterday. The project involved the children becoming roving reporters, interviewing each other and scouring the school for good news stories (no fake news here!). On Tuesday, Sukhi Nagra from the BBC visited and gave pupils tips and advice about framing and editing their work. Our intrepid reporters then practised their interview skills by asking lots of questions about what it was like to work for the BBC.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Reuben (awarded for always working hard)



Spring Concert

A reminder that it's our annual Spring Concert next Wednesday 21st March, at St Matthew's Church, starting at 6.00pm and everyone is invited!

The Spring Concert is a wonderful occasion for us to get together as a community, and to enjoy a lovely celebration of our pupils' musical talents, as well as the Nursery and Lower Prep's Easter bonnet parade (bring tissues!).

We look forward to seeing you all there. Details about rehearsals and timings are on the website: <https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home-2/>

All things Science...

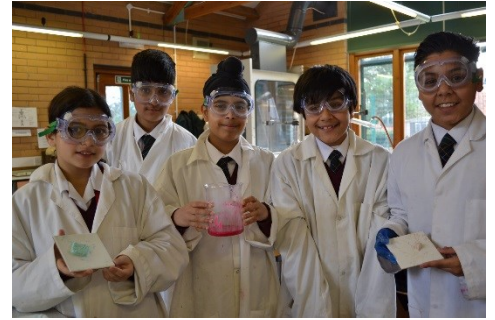


We were proud to take part in the UK's biggest celebration of Science this week.

Amongst the packed calendar of science related activities, Year 2 had a 'chocolate

themed' Science day, the Upper Prep STEM Club had a go at creating small scale filtering units for untreated water, Year

7 made plastic cheese, Year 6 earned their Bunsen Burner Licence and Year 9 spent a lesson building series and parallel circuits and learnt how to change a three pin plug.



Celebrating Shakespeare Week

We've had a great time celebrating Shakespeare Week in Prep School! In Maths lessons Year 2 have been working out the cost of buying different



Shakespearean plays. They also wrote fact files about him and his life and made models of the Globe Theatre.

Year 1 and Year 2 have been writing with quills. Mr Leslie's Year 4 class have had fun trying out Shakespearean insults.



Miss Bowdige's classroom turned into a crime scene on Tuesday morning when children put their super sleuthing skills to the test and worked out that Lady Macbeth had killed King Duncan!

Easter Holiday Club – Nursery & Reception children



Easter Holiday
Fun Club
HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL

Wk 1: Tuesday 3rd to Friday 6th April
Wk 2: Monday 9th to Friday 13th April
Wk 3: Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th April

Club Hours:
8.30am to 4pm.

Open to all Hydesville Nursery & Reception pupils, as well as non-Hydesville children... please bring a friend (and a packed lunch)!

Book NOW to secure an Early Bird price of £15 per day, per child (offered to the first 10 children booked in for each day). The price is £20 per child per day thereafter.

Please complete booking form overleaf...

Our Easter Holiday Fun Club is also open to non-Hydesville children so Nursery and Reception pupils can bring a friend! Flyers and further details have been sent out. Hurry to book your place to secure the Early Bird discount! See Mrs Smith in Nursery for more details.

Performer of the Week:

Emily (Y11) – awarded for producing an interactive and informative presentation on music through time as part of her revision activities



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to Karam (Year 3) and Dev (Year 4) for their Kombat Federation awards.



Following on from their after school hockey sessions with coach Eddie Johnson from Wednesbury Hockey Club, Year 4 pupils Luke and Zakir played for the Club's U10 team in the Staffordshire County Finals last weekend and won the tournament! The team now go to the Midlands Finals in Nottingham in April. Zakir plays in goal and Luke is a midfielder. Well done boys!

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 4

Notices/reminders:

<p>Hydesville Communication Charter</p>	<p>We have launched a Communication Charter to help forge excellent home-school relations. Read more here: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/hydesville-communication-charter/</p>
<p>Filming Spring Concert</p>	<p>Next week's Spring Concert will be filmed and we may be uploading some of the footage to the School's Facebook account. Please let us know if you do not give permission for your child to be filmed (please email info@hydesville.com)</p>
<p>Safeguarding</p>	<p>The school website is continually being updated with key information, advice and guidance for parents to help keep our children safe online. See more here: https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/safeguarding-contacts/</p>
<p>Easter holidays sports camps – Year 1 – Year 6</p>	<p>Sports Plus Scheme are offering a Holiday Sports Camp on Tuesday 3rd April to Friday 6th April, open to non Hydesville children also. Letters have gone out this week. Book direct with Sports Plus: 01922 414488 or 07715 092244.</p>

Senior School Swimming Gala – 20th March	The Senior School swimming gala takes place on Tuesday 20 th March at Walsall Gala Baths, 9.20am – 12 noon. Parents are very welcome to come along to spectate.
Sport Relief – Friday 23rd March	All pupils can come to school in non-uniform - the theme is 'sportswear' – in return for a donation of £1.
Nursery prize giving	Nursery prize giving has been confirmed for Tuesday 10 th July at 1.30pm, taking place in school. Please save the date.

Dates coming up week commencing 19th March 2018

Monday	Early Years' Easter Egg hunt, Walsall Arboretum Upper Prep Swimming Gala (sorry, no parent spectators due to space restrictions) After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep
Tuesday	Senior Swimming Gala (parents invited to spectate) After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 & KS4 Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Football: Upper Prep
Wednesday	Spring Concert: 6.00pm (St Matthew's Church, All School) After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Trip to National Adventure Park Farm: Nursery & Reception After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm)
Friday	Red Nose Day & Sport Relief After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6