



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Emil – Y1
Cynthia – Y2
Aryan – Y3
Jayden – Y4
Sofia – Y5
Anand – Y6

Sports pupils of the Week:

Michael (Y10) & Jaina (Y9) – awarded for superb performances at this week's swimming gala



A note from the Headmaster

In a week that has contained the Prep and Senior Swimming Galas, the Spring Concert and the Early Years visit to the National Adventure Park Farm, it is easy to see why our children develop into the upstanding individuals they become!



The Swimming Galas are a perfect example of the determined attitude shown by our pupils, especially those for whom swimming is not an area of confidence for them. Whether swimming in the widths races or tackling the Individual Medley, the children displayed all the qualities one would wish for. Although Dilke was the ultimate House winner in both events, everyone can feel proud of what they accomplished.

My first Spring Concert will be a memory to cherish over the weeks and months ahead. Having lost the Christmas Concert to the snow, this was our first whole school event, and it was as uplifting and joyous as many had suggested to me. Whether it was the enthusiasm and excitement of the Easter bonnet parade, the rhythms and drama of the African Drummers, the eloquent delivery of the poetry, or the wonderfully musical choir and instrumental ensemble pieces, the audience had a huge amount to enjoy. The final piece – a duet by Eve and Devina – capped it off beautifully, with their harmonies causing many a tear to be shed. I sat throughout the performances beaming with pride at the talented children, and really appreciative of all the staff (especially Miss Kingston) who helped to bring it all together.

With best wishes for the weekend ahead...

EYFS go on an adventure

Nursery and Reception pupils had a fun filled day at the National Forest Adventure Farm yesterday. The children went digging for fossils in the Jurassic Canyon sand play area, enjoyed driving the diggers in the JCB Big Dig Zone and went on a very bumpy tractor and trailer ride where the children enjoyed 'spotting a scarecrow.' Whilst Nursery children enjoyed 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' book inspired activity, Reception children were involved in a going on a 'Bear Hunt'.

A fantastic time was had by all, resulting in most of the children snoozing on the coach on the way home!



Nursery Star of the Week:

Henry (awarded for working hard and growing in confidence)



Performer of the Week:

Zakir (Y4) - awarded for excellent progress in his drum lessons with Mr Vickers.



In a week that went swimmingly well.....

Our pupils' hard work and effort in their lessons was put into practice in the annual School Swimming Galas this week, where all pupils from Year 3 to Year 10 competed.

In the Upper Prep Swimming Gala at the University of Wolverhampton on Monday, Dilke were crowned house champions with Hatherton finishing second and Bradford third. The winners of the Jones Cup (which recognises the swimmers who achieved the most points) were Simrun and Toby (both in Year 6).

Congratulations also to Dilke who won the Senior School Swimming Gala at Walsall Gala Baths on Tuesday. It was a very competitive event with a number of very close races and it was great to see our pupils supporting their houses and friends.

Well done to Hatherton and Bradford who came second and third respectively. The boys' and girls' swimming trophies were awarded to Michael in Y10 and Jaina in Y9. We also saw Year 9 pupils Kyan, Ria and Jaina break school records. Wow, well done all!



Making beautiful Spring time music

The Spring Concert was a wonderful occasion for us to get together as a community, and to enjoy a lovely celebration of our pupils' musical talents.

The showcase of musical performances raised the roof at St Matthew's church, the collection of poems delivered by pupils were a lovely addition and Nursery and Lower Prep stole the show with their Easter bonnet parade.



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

- RJ
- 2M
- 2P
- 3S

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

Form 5

Easter Holiday Club – Nursery & Reception children



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 or your child's Reception class teacher for more details.

Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to Emil (Y1) for his 6th Class Award from the City of Birmingham Gymnastics Club.



Well done Kairon (Y1) for his Kombat Federation Award (pic to the right) and Adam (Y2) for his 15m swim award (pic to the left).



Congratulations to Amaan in Year 7 for passing his Level 2 flute exam.

Notices/reminders:

Hydesville Communication Charter	We have launched a Communication Charter to help forge excellent home-school relations. Read more here: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/hydesville-communication-charter/
Year 1: Sponsored Penguin Waddle, Monday 26th March	Year 1 parents are reminded about the sponsored penguin waddle on Monday at 2:30 pm in Walsall Arboretum. Children may bring something black and white to change into clearly labelled in a carrier bag. Refreshments will be served after the event in the dining room. Sponsor forms and money to be returned to the child's class teacher by Thursday 29 th March.
Safeguarding	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/
Easter holidays sports camps – Year 1 – Year 6	Sports Plus Scheme are offering a Holiday Sports Camp on Tuesday 3 rd April to Friday 6 th April, open to non Hydesville children also. Letters have gone out this week. Book direct with Sports Plus: 01922 414488 or 07715 092244.
Year 2 Scooterability: Wednesday 28th March	Children are asked to bring their scooters to school on Wednesday 28 th March and park them under the shelter on the playground. If you would like your child to wear a helmet (recommended) and protective pads, please send them into school on the day. There are some children who do not have a scooter, if you would be willing to allow your child to share their scooter, please let us know. You can do this verbally or through a note in the homework diary.
Peter Rabbit cinema trip: Y1 & Y2	Pupils are going to watch Peter Rabbit at the Light Cinema in Walsall on Thursday 29 th March. Children should come to school as usual, wearing their uniform.

Book Appreciation Club	Book Appreciation Club will not be on Thursday 29 th March as it is the last day of term. It will be open to Years 5 and 6 only next term. Letters of invitation will be sent out soon.
Y3 & 4 trip to Edgmond Hall	A reminder that final payments for this trip are due on Thursday, 29 th March.
Senior School Bushcraft Residential	A reminder that final payments for this trip are due on Thursday, 29 th March.

Dates coming up week commencing 26th March 2018

Monday	Year 8 Parents' Evening Early Years' Easter Egg hunt, Walsall Arboretum Penguin Walk, Walsall Arboretum, 2.30 pm: Y1 (parents welcome!) After school clubs: Archery: Upper Prep
Tuesday	Prep School Extravaganza: 4.15 pm After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 & KS4 Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Football: Upper Prep
Wednesday	A* STARS Programme: Y2 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Trip to the Light Cinema, Walsall, to see Peter Rabbit: Y1 & 2 After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Term Ends: All