



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Jared** (awarded for  
growing in confidence)



## A note from the Headmaster

The end of this week signals the conclusion of the Spring term, and as has been typical throughout, we have been bustling with busy-ness and able to enjoy some wonderful events and great achievements. The Prep School's Extravaganza – one of Mrs Whitehouse's favourites – has been the source of much excited discussion in recent weeks, with acts being polished and stage fright overcome.

What I saw on Tuesday evening was testament to the children's qualities and enthusiasm, and to the staff's work in producing such an event. I know there were many proud families who saw the shows, and I am sure they will recognise both the talent within their own children and the work of the many staff to bring together such an event. It was a tremendous team effort, and my cheeks were aching by the end with smiling at the lovely performances!

With nearly three weeks of holiday ahead for the children, I hope that some much-needed rest and recuperation can occur, and that families are able to spend some time enjoying the change to Spring: healthy outdoors activity is a very valuable way of releasing the mind from stresses, and is far more fun than any digital entertainment! To our pupils in the Senior School, attention will be turning to exams, and especially the GCSE cohort. I wish them good health during these weeks, and an encouragement to work hard as well as give themselves some time off.

We look forward to everyone returning on April 19<sup>th</sup> with renewed enthusiasm for a great summer.

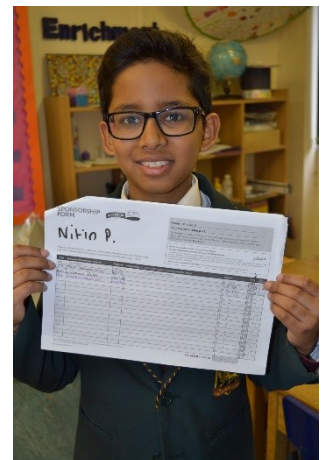
With best wishes....

## Nitin is Standing up to Cancer

We're very proud of Year 5 pupil, Nitin, who is running 5k on 20th May in Birmingham and standing up to cancer.

If you would like to sponsor Nitin and support the amazing Cancer Research charity, please log on to:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/preetis-race-for-life-2>



## Prep School Extravaganza raises the roof!

Well done to the Prep School children who took part in Tuesday's amazing Performing Arts Extravaganza.

The evening was a wonderful celebration of dance, singing, music and elocution – all coming together in an energetic showcase of talent. The show had it all, from solo vocal performances to a group of Bollywood dancers and even a whole class production of Jellie Ball.

The children looked great in their costumes and they took to the stage with confidence and style!



## Performer of the Week:

**Jaina (Y9)** – awarded for passing her grade 2 ABRSM piano exam.



Once again, a huge thank you to all our performers who made the Extravaganza so special and to parents and staff for your continued support. An extra special thank you goes to Miss Bowdrie who directed the show brilliantly (plus performed an amazing ballet piece – on pointe no less!).



## Year 1's penguin waddle



Thank you to the parents and family members who came along to support Year 1 at Monday's sponsored penguin waddle around Walsall Arboretum to raise money to help protect wildlife at risk. The fundraising idea was suggested by our kind hearted Pupil Voice representatives and as such we are delighted to announce Hydesville is now the

proud adopter of an Adelie penguin through the World Wildlife Fund.

Our penguin waddle was a great occasion to raise money for this wonderful cause. We will announce the amount raised soon!

## Seniors buddy up with Prep for Spanish lessons



Year 7 Spanish pupils took on the role of the teacher and taught Year 4 pupils Spanish this week. The Year 4 pupils learnt body parts and then how to sing 'Head, Shoulders, Knees and Toes' in Spanish. Year 7 pupils used flash cards and song lyrics, and paired up with a Year 4 pupil

to practise the lyrics before the grand performance at the end!



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

**2P  
5FJ  
6K**

**Well done to the following Senior Form Group who also achieved 100% attendance this week:**

**Form 7**

## Changes relating to school access and safety

Our pupils' safety is of paramount importance to us, so we'd like to make you aware of some changes regarding access to school. These will come into effect on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:

- A playground barrier will be in operation from 3.40 pm until 4.45 pm each day. Fobs for Nursery parents or those with special access requirements are available to purchase from the school office.
- Parents who are dropping off children in the morning wrap-around care or whom are collecting children in the evenings from this provision should go to the Lower Prep playground gate and press the button on the intercom unit to gain entry. Exit will be from here also.
- Parents wishing to attend the Breakfast Club will be able to do so via the main playground pedestrian gate, and will be allowed in to the Dining Room by the supervising staff member. Exit from the Breakfast Club will be by returning back into the playground and out of the main gates.

A letter from Mr Honey has been sent out with more details. The letter is also available on the School website: <http://ow.ly/zvwr30jdAl9>

## Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to the following pupils for their swimming awards:

Yusuf (Reception) – Stanley 5  
Karam (Reception) – Puffin Award  
Yuvraj (Reception) – Stanley 3  
Shaan (Year 1) – 5m  
Karum (Year 3) – 75m



Well done to Shriya in Year 3 (pic to the right) for her amazing success in the Dudley Festival of Music, Drama and Dance. She won lots of awards!



Shivam in Year 3 (pic to the left) has achieved his second karate belt.

Well done to pupils in Prep School for their successes in the Penguin Art Competition. Children were set a brief to create a picture of a penguin. All entries were of a very high standard so the judges had a tough job! Well done to the following winners:

### KS1

1<sup>st</sup> place – Kairon (Year 1)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Anesu (Reception)  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Lara & Susannah (Year 2)

### KS2

1<sup>st</sup> place - Khaya & Arvind (Year 5)  
2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jaydeep & Gyaan (Year 6)  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Simrun & Isabelle (Year 6)



## Congratulations

### to:

Ravin in Y8 and Rachna in Y9 who were the winner and runner up, respectively, of the Science Week poster competition.

The theme was exploration and discovery.

What brilliant posters!

They will now be entered into the national

competition...watch this space...!



Well done to all Prep pupils who took part in this term's Swimming Gala, especially Toby & Simrun in Y6, for being awarded the swimming personality awards.



And finally, congratulations to Dilke who were this term's Prep School house winners!



## Notices/reminders:

<p><b>Buscraft Senior residential &amp; Edgmond Hall residential (Y3 &amp; Y4)</b></p>	<p>Thank you to those parents who have promptly paid for these residential. Can those parents who have not yet paid please do so ASAP.</p>
<p><b>Uniform</b></p>	<p>A reminder that Prep School pupils should return to school in winter uniform. Hats (girls) and caps (boys) are part of our uniform and a full uniform check will take place on the first day of term.</p>
<p><b>Escape Room Challenge (3<sup>rd</sup> May): Y3 - Y9</b></p>	<p>A reminder that payment for this activity is now required.</p>
<p><b>Y2 Seaside Experience Day</b></p>	<p>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> April - children should bring their beach wear to school with them.</p>

## Dates coming up week commencing 16<sup>th</sup> April & 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2018

<b>Thursday (19<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	Start of Term: All Seaside Experience Day: Y2
<b>Friday (20<sup>th</sup> April)</b>	Loudmouth Production 'Bully for You': Y8 Young Enterprise Tenner Challenge After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6
<b>Monday (23<sup>rd</sup> April)</b>	After school clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical theatre: Seniors German intervention: Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>	Immunisations: Y9 After school clubs: Music Club: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Cricket: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Parent Engagement Group meeting, 6pm in School Hall After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	Themed lunch Day (Spanish) Hydesville Apprentice Challenge: Y6 Literacy presentation to parents, 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm in School: Reception – Y6 Trip to Aldridge Parish Church: Y4 After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Term Ends: All
<b>Friday</b>	Pupil Voice presents Movie Night, 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm in School Hall: Reception – Y6 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6