



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Sana – Y1
Shaan – Y1
Aryan – Y2
Viren – Y3
Rayah – Y4
Fleur – Y5
Harrison – Y6
Harman – Y6

Senior pupil of the Week:

Hasan (Y8) – awarded for showing commitment towards his studies



A note from the Headmaster

Last week's "Beast From The East" has been yet another part of the interesting climatic backdrop for Walsall in the last three months. I was hopeful that the "Power Of The Tower" would mean that we resisted all snowfall and remained operational for Friday and the Open Morning: sadly that was not to be, but given the conditions as parents and staff left the Prep School Parents' Evening, undoubtedly it was the right call to make. My thanks go to those pupils and parents (and staff) who had offered their time for the Open Morning, even if it did not come to pass.



The success of our Year 5 team in the recent Big Maths Quiz was a wonderful achievement, and credit to them for their teamwork and mathematical flair. We also received the tremendous news of the spectacular successes of our many mathematicians in the Maths Challenge – a national competition which really tests an individual's skills

The Nursery's British Values event was a lovely chance to spend time together with children and parents, considering the Golden Rules and how respect and tolerance are key principles that we want in all our young people. I am so impressed by the way in which such opportunities are seamlessly included in the educational experience of the children. The singing and the dancing was so enjoyable: the first time performing in such a way can be a big deal, but the collective efforts were amazing!

A busy week ahead with the Year 5 residential trip (fingers crossed for warm Wales!) and the Senior School pupils having the chance to visit the Badminton Championships at the NIA, a Year 10 Science trip to the NEC, plus a Parents' Social Event of Bingo.

We may all need a rest next weekend...!

Celebrating inspirational Women

We celebrated International Women's Day in Senior School yesterday. The day began with an inspirational assembly led by female staff who spoke about an inspirational woman in their life and shared their personal messages about what motivates them as well as words of encouragement to female pupils. Staff and pupils have also made pledges to celebrate our achievements, and motivate and unite females to become the best they can be.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Noah (awarded for being kind and helpful towards other children)



Well done to the Nursery Star of the Week, Veer, from the last issue too (correct photo this time!):



Sports person of the Week:

Govind (Y8) - awarded for winning the Hydesville Football talent competition and for impressing coaches at WBA FC during Monday's visit.



Y5 & 6 Maths Challenge

Well done to the following pupils who received certificates this week for their performances in the national 'Primary Maths Challenge':

Bronze: Harman, Isabelle, Daisy, Abdullah, Aini, Ajay and Nitin.

Silver: Rayen, Simrun, Aiden, Maryam, Arjun and Jag.

Gold: Harrison, Jay and Toby.

Our three gold certificate winners have been invited to take part in the finals round and we await details of how they have got on.

Congratulations to everyone who took part!



No worries for Year 4



In PSHE lessons last week pupils in Year 4 learnt about the story of the Worry Dolls of Guatemala, and then had a go at making their own dolls.

Mahima, in Class 4B, explains: "We were given the opportunity to produce our own worry dolls. It was a fascinating and entertaining experience for every one of us. It was interesting to learn about Maria and Diego, who were distressed, feeling hopeless and were desperate for money. They made tiny dolls and convinced a rich man that they

were magic and would take all his worries away.

"Ironically, by selling these 'worry dolls' they earned enough money to live for a good whole year with self-sufficient, scrumptious, mouth-watering meals for their entire family. Maria and Diego's worries seemed to be taken away by the 'magic' of the 'worry dolls' they made."

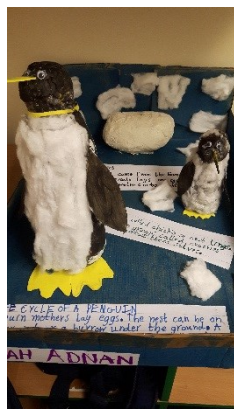
Super swimmers!

Congratulations to Toby and Ethan (both Year 6).

They have been selected to be part of the swimming team to represent the Sheffield partnership in the Walsall Schools' Swimming Gala on 22nd March. They swam the fastest times in the recent swimming gala at Brownhills School. Toby will be swimming in the backstroke, breaststroke and medley relay and Ethan will be racing butterfly and the freestyle relay.



Penguin projects



Over the half term holiday, pupils in Year 1 were set the task of making a penguin project to present to the class to assist their learning about the Antarctic. Mrs Brown and Mrs Chand were extremely thrilled and amazed with the projects and all the children presented them very well. Well done to all of Year 1 on their amazing work!



Performer of the Week:

Ryan (Y5) – awarded for demonstrating excellent progress in Samba.



And well done to the Performer of the Week, Amaan, from the last issue (pic included this time):



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

6K

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

Form 7

Prep School Awards and Achievements (awarded in assembly on Monday 26th Feb)



Well done to Oliver (Year 1) and Jessica (Year 5) who were awarded a Diploma certificate for attending a Ski and Snowboard School during the half term holiday.

Shriya in Year 3 was awarded a bronze medal and certificate for taking part in a mini tennis competition.



Simran in Reception and Shreeya in Year 1 received awards from the International Dance Teachers' Association (IDTA).



Tayo in Year 1 and Viren in Year 2 achieved swimming awards.



A special mention to Shreeya in Year 1 who made a brilliant model of the Terra Nova, the ship that Captain Scott travelled in on his expedition to the Antarctic.



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/
Bingo & Banquet evening – Thursday 15th March	Spaces are still available for next Thursday's Bingo & Banquet Night. Entry is free and everyone is welcome! Reserve your place by emailing sarah.archer@hydesville.com
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 Holiday Nursery & Reception Holiday Fun Club	We are running a Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception on the following dates: Tues 3 rd to Friday 6 th April Mon 9 th to Friday 13 th April Monday 16 th and Tuesday 17 th April. Letters are going out next week. This Fun Club is also open to non-Hydesville children (so bring a friend!), will run from 8.30 am until 4pm each day and is priced at £20 per child per day (an additional Early Bird discount will be available so hurry to secure a place!)
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 are going out next week.
Year 9 pupils – Games lessons	Pupils must wear gum shields in games lessons from next week. These can be purchased from any sports shop or larger supermarkets and can be moulded at home.
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.

Dates coming up week commencing 12th March 2018

Monday	Residential to Colomendy, Wales: Y5 (until Wednesday) Shakespeare Week begins After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors Football: Seniors Archery: Upper Prep
Tuesday	After school clubs: Music intervention: KS3 & KS4 Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Football: Upper Prep
Wednesday	Pi Day: Senior School After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Yonex Badminton Championships, NIA, Birmingham: Y7 – Y9 Bingo & Banquet Evening: 6.15 pm BBC News Report Day: Senior School After school clubs: Musical Theatre: Upper Prep Book Appreciation Club: Upper Prep (4.00 – 4.45pm)
Friday	After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6