



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Oliver – Y1
Kimren – Y2
Tanvir – Y3
Burhaan – Y4
Jessica – Y5
Rayen – Y6



A note from the Headmaster

Written in to the core values of all Cognita Schools are three key principles: pursuing academic excellence for all, developing character and connecting with a global community. It makes me proud how well we achieve these ingredients at Hydesville Tower School, and in recent weeks the character development opportunity has been wonderfully illustrated. Partly through our warm, family-feel community combined with the high standards exemplified by the staff, our children develop into well-rounded, polite and thoughtful individuals. Many visitors in recent weeks have remarked to me about the atmosphere they detect in the school as they wander around, with children who are learning the manners and ideals that will serve them well in later life. The confidence shown by the children in their performances then reveals the next phase of that development. Whether on stage in assembly, performing at the Spring Concert or Extravaganza, or preparing for this term's drama shows, our pupils are given the belief that they can tackle things that would unnerve many. And most recently this week, a presentation to Years 9-11 about the trip-of-a-lifetime to Tanzania in Summer 2019. All those present will have recognised what a fantastic opportunity such a trip would be, and the impact on character would last forever. Hydesville is where remarkable things keep on happening and it is little wonder you can be so proud of your sons and daughters...



Tanzania Summer 2019

As Mr Honey mentioned above, this week saw the launch of a trip-of-a-lifetime to Tanzania. Lewis from Outlook Expeditions visited on Tuesday to deliver an assembly to Years 9, 10 and 11, introducing our pupils to this wonderful opportunity.

In preparation for this adventure the students will undertake a year-long project to raise funds for their experience. Not only will it be an unforgettable experience, it will enhance pupils' CVs and improve chances of getting a place at University. Please come along to the Parents' event on Tuesday 1st May 5.30 pm to find out more! Click on this link for more information: <https://www.hydesville.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/12/2018/04/Tanzania-trip.pdf>



Performer of the Week:

Devina (Y11) – awarded for passing her grade 5 her grade 5 Trinity Vocal Exam.



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Jaina (Y9) – awarded for her sterling effort in cataloguing the books in the Library.



Senior School House Captains announced

Congratulations to Year 10 pupils Michael, Ella and Karn who have been announced as Senior School House Captains for Bradford, Dilke and Hatherton respectively.

Pupils in Years 9 & 10 have the opportunity to apply for the last three House Captain places. The deadline for written applications to Mr Lawrence is Friday, 4th May.



Inspiring girls into football

A number of our girls in Years 3 to 6 had the chance to work with current Walsall player Liam Kinsella as part of 'Women's Football Week'. Liam has represented his country at U21 level and is a vital part of the current Walsall FC team. Our girls worked on their football skills and then played two games. They won both games and played

fantastically well!

As an added bonus, Alice Kinsella, who has just won a Gold medal at the Commonwealth Games in gymnastics was also there to inspire our girls. Both Liam and Alice answered questions about their experience in sport. It was a great afternoon, which was enjoyed by all.

Well done KS1 elocution group!

We are very proud of the KS1 Spring Term elocution group who enjoyed performing to their parents on Wednesday. The children performed both individual and group poems. It was wonderful to see how their projection, expression and confidence has grown throughout the term. Well done children!



Breaking news from Mr Honey!

Thank you to all parents and pupils who have helped us work through this first week with the new procedures regarding the barrier and entry routes. The many supportive and appreciative comments from you have been really helpful.

Wednesday evening's PEG made a great suggestion of having age-specific instruction sheets to help everyone understand what they should do. We will work on this in the next week to help parents further with the system.

With thanks,
Mr Honey

Please Sir, can I have some more.....?!

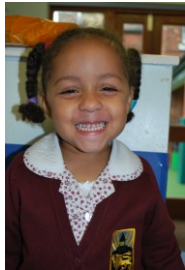
We also received feedback at Wednesday's PEG meeting that some children are still hungry after lunch. We would like to remind parents that pupils can have as much fruit, vegetables and salad as they like. Children can also fill up with extra carbohydrates – potatoes, rice, pasta and bread.

Pupils simply need to ask the serving staff or the school staff on duty and they can have more!

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Nursery Star of the Week:

Kiana - awarded for working hard, being well mannered and helpful.



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

2P

4L

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

Form 5

Form 7



Congratulations to Tayo in Year 1 for his Stanley 2 swimming award and to Shaan in Year 1 for his mini tennis award.

There were lots of successes in the recent Dudley Festival of Music, Dance and Drama. Well done to Marcylena in Year 6, Simone in Year 4 and Nitin in Year 5. They scooped numerous awards!



Well done also to Nitin for his successes in athletics.

Susanna in Year 1 was awarded a Learn to Swim Grade 4 certificate and Mustafa in Year 3 was awarded his pen license.



Well done to Emil in Reception for achieving a Grade 5 gymnastics award.

And extra special congratulations to Miss Bowdidge who was given a medal for completing a Half Marathon!



Year 2 received Scooterbility Awards after attending scooter training before the Easter break.

Well done to pupils in Year 1 and Year 2 who took part in an Easter holiday competition where they were asked to create a poster to show the different ways they travelled during the holidays. All pupils who took part were awarded certificates and Tayo in Year 1 and Adam in Year 2 were selected as winners. Well done children!



Notices/reminders:

Uniform	A reminder that Prep School pupils should be wearing winter uniform this half term. Hats (girls) and caps (boys) are part of our uniform.
Annual parent survey	Further to the letter that was sent out today, a reminder that parents will be receiving the annual parent survey next week. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it. Your feedback is very important to us.
Walk to School Day, 4th May	To launch the A Stars 5 Minute Walking Zone, Prep pupils are invited to walk to school on Friday 4 th May. Letters have been sent out.

Dates coming up week commencing 30th April 2018:

Monday	After school clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical theatre: Seniors German intervention: Seniors
Tuesday	National Citizen Service (NCS) interactive session: Y11 Trip to Walsall Art Gallery (pm): Y6 After school clubs: Music Club: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Cricket: Upper Prep Art Club: Y3 & Y4
Wednesday	After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Escape Room Challenge: Y5 – Y9 After school clubs: Y5 Booster sessions: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6)
Friday	Sponsored Walk, Walsall Arboretum After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6