



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Haris** – awarded for making excellent progress.



### Senior Pupil of the Week:

**Sam (Y8)** – awarded for passing three book tests on Accelerated Reader.



## A note from our pupils..

This week our newsletter introduction has been written by two of our pupils.

**Khaya in Year 5** would like to share his thoughts on what Hydesville means to him:

“Hydesville is a place of wonder, with children so tender and kind, so keen to learn as much as they can and strive more and more each day. It is a place to experience and learn things we haven’t studied before.

“Our school is built on friendship and we end each day with more knowledge, helping our brains expand. In our daily lives, it is wonderful to be helped in so many ways from our teachers who take their time to help us all.”



**Simmi in Year 9** gives us an insight into life at Hydesville Senior School:

“Hydesville gives me the opportunity to learn and is an environment where you feel safe and cared for. School gives me the opportunity to develop in all areas, and this makes me happy.

“From 8am there us a breakfast club. I come to school at 8.30am, sit in the dining room with my cousin, then go to my locker to sort my books for lessons. When the bell rings at 8.45am we make our way to registration. School has

officially started!

“After registration we head off to our lessons. On a Friday I have English, where we are currently studying life in the 1970s, which I am enjoying as it helps me understand how my Mum used to dress in those days.

“Mid-morning break is at 10.55am. During this time, we can buy snacks, and it also gives me time to see my friends and talk about our lessons.

“We have more lessons until lunchtime, when you can also talk to the teachers if you need to.

“After lunch, we’re back to lessons. On a Friday I have Drama and then Enrichment. In Drama we are rehearsing for Blood Brothers and in Enrichment I am learning about mindfulness.

“To end the day our bell for home sounds at 3.45pm, when our parents are waiting to collect us or the school bus takes us home.

“In short, a Hydesville pupil’s life is about discipline, learning and of course having fun. It’s not all hard work, Hydseville gives you the opportunity to be involved in lots of fun activities during the year.”



## Performer of the Week:

**Hashim (Y7)** – awarded for making exceptional progress in his music performance this half term.



## Race for life updates

Year 6 teacher, Mrs Kenton, would like to thank everyone for their kind words and donations, they have been much appreciated. If anyone would still like to make a donation, please send it into school in an envelope addressed to Mrs Kenton. Well done to Senior School teachers, Mrs Shaw and Miss Kaur-Hamilton, who also completed the Race for Life last weekend and are pictured alongside Mrs Kenton and her daughter, Emilia.



## Royal Wedding celebrations



We've had a lovely week celebrating the Royal Wedding. We kicked off with Mrs Chand's Royalty assembly outlining the importance of the British monarchy. The audience had a surprise when the pupils took on the roles of members of the royal family, wearing masks, happily singing and dancing to Bruno Mars' 'Marry You'.

Pupils in Year 7 wrote letters to Buckingham Palace in their English lessons and we had lots of fun in school today. Our younger pupils came dressed as princes and princesses, and the rest of the school wore red, white and blue. We enjoyed a traditional British lunch, KS1 had a picnic in the park and Seniors had a lunchtime disco. There was a cake and bake sale and we had lots of union jack flags and bunting around school. What a lovely day we all



had, and we all wish Meghan Markle and Prince Harry our very best wishes for a wonderful wedding day!



## Update from Year 1

It's been a busy couple of weeks for Year 1. Mrs Brown's class held a lovely May Day assembly where the children taught the school about the traditions of May Day and even demonstrated some traditional maypole dancing and Morris dancing complete with bells and handkerchiefs.

The pupils also found a giant boot and coat in their classroom. When they watched the CCTV footage they realised a beanstalk had appeared in their classroom overnight but then disappeared. What strange goings on.....



## Black Country Museum Trip

Last week, pupils in Year 8 and 9 visited the Black Country Living Museum to discover more about the Industrial Revolution and its impact on Victorian society. Pupils had a guided tour around the museum, learning about the role local people played in creating an industrialised Britain. The visit included a walk through an underground mine and a lesson in a Victorian classroom where pupils demonstrated their quick mental arithmetic. Fortunately, the class were spared the cane, as all pupils had clean hands and no nail varnish!



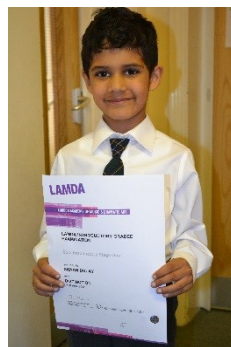
## Responsible Social Media Usage

As we enter the era of GDPR, there is increasing awareness of the need to use data, information, videos and/or images with care.

The rights of the subject are increasing, and hence the responsibilities of the users are escalating also.

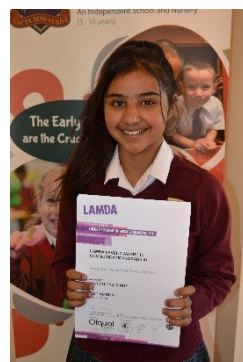
Therefore, please be mindful of the problems arising through sharing stories from the School's website or social media sites if they involve anyone other than your own child. Adding a "like", a "share" or a "retweet" may seem innocuous but this will have extended the spread of the information beyond the immediate school community for which it was originally intended.

We want to celebrate the achievements of our wonderful pupils – and distributing messages via social media is a powerful way to do so – but please ensure parental permissions have been given if the sharing is on front-facing social media sites.



## Prep School Awards & Achievements

Congratulations to Shaan in Year 1 for his successes in LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art).



Well done to Simone in Year 4 (photo, right) and Marcylena in Year 6 (photo, left) for their successes in the Northfield Festival of Music and Speech. Marcylena is also celebrating an award from LAMDA.



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

- RJ
- 1C
- 3S
- 4B

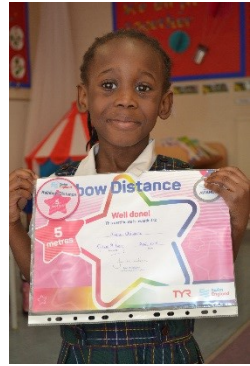
Well done to the following Senior Form Groups who also achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week:

Form 7

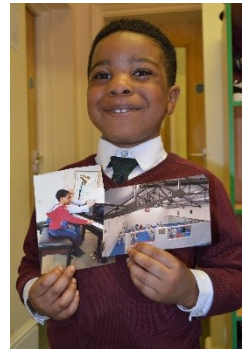


Sukmani in Year 5 received awards for success in dance.

Aesu in Reception received a certificate for swimming 5m.



Hibbah in Year 1 (photo, left) was presented with a '500 Words' certificate and Fola in Year 1 (photo, right) was recognized for his achievements in piano and karate. Well done everyone!



**Notices/reminders:**

<p><b>Walk to School Week</b></p>	<p>It's Walk to School Week next week, so we encourage parents to walk their children to school. We have marked out a 5-minute walk zone around the local area (parents have been given maps with more details). We'd also like to remind you that you can park at the Toby Carvery on Broadway North and walk into school from there.</p>
<p><b>May Half Term Holiday Fun Club</b></p>	<p>A reminder that we are running a May Half Term Holiday Fun Club for children in Nursery &amp; Reception from Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June, from 9 am until 4 pm, priced from £15 a day. Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery or your child's Reception teacher for more details.</p>
<p><b>Year 6</b></p>	<p>Year 6 are going on a trip to Walsall Leather Museum next Thursday afternoon. Pupils will be back at school before the end of the school day.</p>
<p><b>Sport Relief fundraising update</b></p>	<p>We are delighted to announce we raised £313.94 for Sport Relief.</p>

<b>Annual parent survey</b>	Our annual parent survey closes next Wednesday (23 <sup>rd</sup> May) so we'd like to encourage those of you who haven't completed it to do so if you are able. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already given us your feedback. It is really important to us.
<b>Prep School Uniform – message from Mrs Whitehouse</b>	We are bringing forward the wearing of summer uniform to ensure that the children are comfortable and cool. From Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> May, summer uniform may be worn. Please remember to include sun protection in your child's bag. You may wish to ensure that this is applied before school. Sunhats may be worn for playtime and outdoor lessons but should not be worn to and from school. Sunhats should be plain white.

### Dates coming up week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> May 2018:

<b>Monday</b>	After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>	After school clubs: Music Club: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Cricket: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Gifted and Talented Football Day at the University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus: Y9 & Y10 Child initiated workshop, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Nursery (parents invited). After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	Football Aspire Day at the University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus: Y7 & Y8 Trip to Walsall Leather museum (pm): Y6 After school clubs: Y5 Booster sessions: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6)
<b>Friday</b>	Last day of half term: All After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6