



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Tamika – Y1  
Adam – Y2  
Jessica – Y3  
Zakir - Y4  
Amrit – Y5  
Noor – Y6



## A note from the Headmaster

Another half-term has flown by and as always, everyone in the school community is ready for some rest! This week is always a tricky time for pupils and parents, with end of year assessments and exams taking children out of their usual routines and requiring their focus on preparing for and completing tests to the best of their ability. It can be a fraught time for parents as well, securing a balance between pressuring for spending time on revision but also keeping a child in balance and still emotionally refreshed. Therefore, with the week ahead looming, I hope all members of the Hydesville community can enjoy some good weather, some time outdoors to relax and play, and the chance to catch up with friends and family.

Well done to my “ghost writers” last week. I read the thoughts of the two pupils and wondered if I might be able to put my feet up in the future! It is nice to hear the pupils’ voice, so I am very grateful to the teachers who run the various groups within the school that enable the pupils’ views to be heard: earlier this week, I saw Hibbah, Dev and Karina with notebooks in hand as they headed off to the Pupil Voice group with ideas aplenty for developing the school.

In a similar vein, many thanks for the parents who completed the recent Voice of Parent survey. It is really helpful to have your feedback, both to reflect on the various things that you are very happy about but also consider if there are things we can do better. “Being the best at getting better” is an important principle for a school, so children are always getting the most from their experiences. I will write in more detail about the VoP outcomes and what we will be doing in response in due course.

I wish you a lovely bank holiday weekend, and hopes for a happy half-term week...



### Cricket success

Well done to the Year 5 and 6 cricket team who played in the Walsall Schools' cricket tournament at Pelsall Cricket Club. Eight teams took part and the standard was very high. We finished 2nd overall, only losing one game all day!

## Performer of the Week:

**Mahima (Y4)** – awarded for sight reading to such a high standard in preparation for her day playing in an orchestra!



## Nursery's parent engagement event

Thank you to our wonderful Nursery children and parents for attending our child initiated workshop on Wednesday to take part in lots of fun and exciting activities, including planting, dinosaur swamp, unicorn gloop, painting ice, baking fun, bathing the babies and much much more!



Mrs Jones in Nursery explains: "We invited parents along so they could find out more about how we encourage our children to learn through play.

"Learning through play is one of the main ways children learn. It helps to build self-worth by giving a child a sense of abilities and to feel good about themselves and because it's fun children often become very absorbed in what they are doing.

"It was great to see parents and children enjoying the session together."

## Year 2 learn about healthy eating



Year 2 loved learning about healthy food. The children talked about what they can do to keep healthy and discussed their favourite healthy food.

They also went on a visit to the Senior School kitchen to make a tasty couscous salad which involved weighing the couscous



and learning how to use a knife safely to chop the ingredients. Then came the best bit when they ate it!

## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Avi** – awarded for growing in self-confidence.



## Our Senior School authors

We're very proud of Senior School pupils, Ravin and Hashim in Year 7 and Priya in Year 8, who have had stories published in the new Young Writers 'Stranger Sagas' anthology. The pupils entered the competition in which they had to submit a 100-word short story and were delighted to

hear their work was selected to be published!

## Year 3 & 4's Residential

Pupils in Year 3 and Year 4 had a pirate themed residential to Edgmond Hall in Shropshire last week. The children soon settled into the routines and ate and played well...some even managed to fit in some sleep!

Plenty of fresh air encouraged many adventures, including the building of shelters in the woods to a camp fire with singing. The children worked in teams, solved problems, took part in a blind fold activity, enjoyed an orienteering task and had fun meeting the goats, rabbits and chickens, who were also living on the site. All in all, it was an excellent venue to experience life away from home and everyone enjoyed themselves!





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

**1B**

**2P**

**Well done to the following Senior Form Groups who also achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:**

**Form 3**

**Form 7**



## **Prep School Awards & Achievements**

Well done to Ruby in Year 4 (photo, left) and Maaya in Year 2 (photo, right) for their Kombat Federation awards.



Congratulations to Nitin in Year 5 who came first in his Race for Life on Sunday, completing the run in an impressive 25 minutes and raising £348.75 for Cancer Research UK.

Pupils in Years 4 & 4 received awards from last week's Residential trip to Edgmond Hall.



## **Year 6's A Stars programme**

Well done to the following pupils who achieved a 'bronze' award for completing 6 miles in the recent A Stars programme: Obaid, Jag, Gyan, Rohan, Tom, Mya, Daisy, Navneet, Isabelle, Ethan, Cameron, Noor.



And congratulations to the following pupils who were awarded 'silver' certificates for completing 12 miles: Saahib, Jaydeep, Jade, Rayen, Zaynab, Harrison, Arjun, Harman, Marcylena, Jay, Simrun, Ajay, Anand, Akaal, Aini, Aiden, Abdullah, Toby.



## Notices/reminders:

<b>Walk to School Week competition: Prep School</b>	A reminder to Prep children to bring in their completed entries for the 'Walk to School Week' competition on <b>Monday 4th June</b> .
<b>May Half Term Holiday Fun Club</b>	Spaces are still available on our May Half Term Holiday Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception - Tuesday, 29 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> June, from 9 am until 4 pm, priced from £15 a day. Please just turn up on the day if you would like your child to attend.
<b>Plea for Reception dressing up costumes</b>	We are in need of dressing-up costumes for children in Reception (approx. age 4-6). If you have any you would be willing to donate to school please bring them to the school office.

## Dates coming up week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> June 2018:

<b>Monday</b>	Term commences: All SATS & GL Assessments: Y6 Senior School GL Assessments: Y7 & Y8 After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Seniors
<b>Tuesday</b>	World Environment Day After school clubs: Music Club: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Cricket: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
<b>Thursday</b>	Tennis final at Tipton Sports Academy: Y3 & Y4 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>	After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6