



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



- Laila – Y1
- Mehtaab – Y2
- Dhaya – Y3
- Simran – Y4
- Ryan – Y5
- Jay – Y6



A note from the Headmaster

As we approach the Bank Holiday weekend, I am aware of the changes around us that are almost imperceptible. The colours of the natural environment start to become more vibrant and pronounced – hopefully sitting in your garden this weekend will demonstrate the beauty of the different shades and hues – and there is a gradual sense of summer coming. (Editor’s note: I wish it would come faster!) It can be hard to recognise the extent of the change, from the harshness of late winter to the improving mid spring, because we are living it day after day.



In a similar way, our children show such developments, but they can be easily missed because the changes are small or slight. Sometimes it needs us to stop and think back to how they were before. With that in mind, I am stunned that our Year 11 pupils have already completed their GCSE Art exam and are embarking on their language speaking exams next week: *bonne chance à tous!* It seems like only yesterday that I was hearing their names for the first time as this year’s GCSE cohort and now they are underway.

Similarly, the Year 6 pupils are engaged in the Hydesville Challenge – a phenomenal range of activities and events that rounds off the Prep School experience in a way that surpasses all I have seen before. Credit goes to Mr Turner, Miss Crump and Mrs Kenton for all the thought and enterprise involved in designing the schedule. Nevertheless, it is the pupils who are so impressive and have blossomed: their increasing maturity, engagement and character are true testament to the benefits of all that has gone into the year.

The seasons will keep on changing, and the children will keep on developing. It is a privilege to see all of them showing their best so often.

Wishing you a beautiful Bank Holiday weekend...

May Half Term Nursery & Reception Fun Club

We're running a May Half Term Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception, 9 am - 4 pm. Hurry to reserve your place and secure an Early Bird price of £15 a day. Hydesville children can also bring a friend. See Mrs Smith in Nursery (or your child's Reception teacher) for more details.

Half Term Holiday
Fun Club
HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL
Tuesday 29th May to Friday 1st June

Club Hours:
9am to 4pm.

Open to all Hydesville Nursery & Reception pupils, as well as non-Hydesville children... please bring a friend (and a packed lunch!).

Book NOW to secure an Early Bird price of £15 per day per child (offered to the first 10 children booked in for each day). The price is £20 per child per day thereafter.

Please complete booking form overleaf.

Performer of the Week:

Michael (Y7) – awarded for making an excellent start to playing the trumpet, Mr Diaz is extremely impressed!



Hydesville Apprentice Challenge

Pupils in Year 6 rose to the Hydesville Challenge of becoming young entrepreneurs and came up with a number of business ideas that even Lord Alan Sugar would be proud of. The children were each given £1 and asked to set up a mini enterprise over the Easter school holidays. They presented their ideas to a panel of Hydesville judges on Thursday and we are delighted to award 'Entrepreneur of the Year' to Harman whose Stop Motion Movie project raised £51 and caught the eye of the judges due to its originality and creativity. The teachers were so impressed with Harman's project they have employed him to design a Stop Motion Movie of the Hydesville Challenge. Well done also to runners up Ethan, Jade and Cameron. Ethan designed and sold bookmarks, Camron held a raffle to raise money to make jewellery, which he then sold and Jade embarked on a programme of money making ideas across the holidays and raised a staggering £241.75!



Tennis success

A huge well done to our Year 3 & 4 tennis team who played in the Walsall qualifying tennis tournament at Shelfield Academy this week. The standard of competition was very high and our team won six of their eight matches. They finished within the top two teams which means they will now go on to represent Walsall at the Black Country Schools Games later this term. A fantastic effort, well done all!

Great opportunity with the National Citizen Service

Thank you to Kim and Jake from the National Citizen Service who came to talk to our Year 11 pupils about the government funded once-in-a-lifetime experience for 15-17 year olds to learn skills for work & life. What an amazing opportunity for our pupils! Parents can find out more here:

<http://www.ncsthechallenge.org/programme/>



Movie Night fun

Last Friday, Prep School enjoyed Hydesville's very first Movie Night. It was organised by the Pupil Voice representatives and pupils could choose to watch either Boss Baby or Captain Underpants. Everyone was treated to a drink and an ice-cream and a fine time was had by all. The pupils said they would definitely like to do it again!

Robot-tastic Year 6

This term we have launched an online voting platform, '[Votes for Schools](#)'. Year 6 have had great fun investigating this week's question, 'are robots a danger to humans?'

Pupils wrote their own algorithms for making jam sandwiches and the topic even inspired Saahib to bring his own robot to school. He was able to demonstrate to the year group how he can write his own algorithms and programs.



Quick round up from across the school

- Year 6 visited Walsall Art Gallery on Thursday. They experienced a wide range of styles and media and enjoyed sketching some of their favourite exhibits



- Year 2 have been learning how to estimate, measure and read capacity scales. To do this, they were set the challenge of creating a mocktail that could be enjoyed by the seaside. They followed a recipe and measured the ingredients to create a delicious fruity drink. It was an extremely enjoyable maths lesson.



Mrs Kenton's Race for Life

Sunday 13th May is a key date for Mrs Kenton as she will be taking part in the Race for Life in the Arboretum. She will be doing it in memory of her sister, who sadly passed away in July 2017 after a brave battle with leukaemia. If you would like to support by making a donation, then this would be greatly appreciated. Find out more here:

<https://www.aboveandbeyond.org.uk/totheoneswelove>



Launching our Walking Zone,

Today we launched our A* Stars 5 Minute Walking Zone when 30 children and their parents walked from the Toby Carvery restaurant on Broadway North to school. The event raised awareness of road safety but also demonstrated how enjoyable a short walk to school can be. Every Prep School pupil has been given a leaflet with key information about our new walking zone and stickers can be found on lampposts within a five-minute walking radius of the school. We would like to encourage all parents to park outside the walking zone so children can enjoy a short walk in the mornings, and in turn, help ease traffic congestion around our School.

Prep School Awards & Achievements

Congratulations to the following Prep School Class who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week:

6K



Congratulations to Narian in Year 3 for achieving his orange belt in karate.

Shaan in Year 1 was presented with his Hop On, Hop Off certificate (he was absent last week so wasn't able to receive it in our last assembly) and Hibbah in Year 1 was given an award from Walsall Artistic Roller Skating Club.

Well done also to Yuvraj in

Reception and Fayaaz in Year 4 for their house point certificates.

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

Form 1

Form 5

Notices/reminders:

Uniform	Prep School pupils should be wearing winter uniform this half term. Hats (girls) and caps (boys) are part of our uniform.
Annual parent survey	Parents should have now received our annual parent survey. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it. Your feedback is very important to us.
Nursery's Teddy Bears picnic, 11th May	A reminder to Nursery parents about the Teddy Bear's Picnic on 11 th May at 2pm. Children are invited to bring a teddy to school. Parents are welcome, please meet at school at 1.50 pm. The event is non uniform for children.
Year 8 & 9	There is an English and History trip to the Black Country Living Museum for Year 8 & 9 next Friday (11 th). The final deadline for reply slips and money is Tuesday 8 th May.
Year 6	Year 6 payments for the Hydesville Challenge were due by 4 th May.

Dates coming up week commencing 7^h May 2018:

Monday	BANK HOLIDAY: SCHOOL CLOSED
Tuesday	GCSE Examinations start: Y11 'Speak Up! Giving Hydesville a Voice' Performing Arts event: Prep & Seniors 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	Parents' Evening, in School Hall, 4.30 pm – 6.00 pm: Y10 After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Visit by nutritionist from Chartwells Independent: linking nutrition with mental health: All School After school clubs: Y5 Booster sessions: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6)
Friday	Trip to Black Country Living Museum: Y8 & Y9 Teddy Bears picnic in Walsall Arboretum, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm: Nursery (parents invited) After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6