



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Jayden – Y1
Susannah – Y2
Sian – Y3
Tarun - Y4
Adeel– Y5
Anand & Akaal – Y6

Senior pupil of the Week:

Tyler (Y10) – awarded for honesty and integrity.



A note from the Headmaster

Having just returned from the final Sports Day event of the summer, I can officially confirm that the athleticism of our pupils (and parents!) is in no doubt. I was soundly beaten by Avnie Mae in the shuttle race, trudged in last in the Nursery/Reception gentlemen's sprint and after a good start in the tug-of-war, discovered that the parents had been discussing tactics throughout the afternoon and were able to

secure the victory. There's always next year...

Well done to all the pupils involved and the staff for their efforts to organise and run the various events which have been a great success. Similarly, I think it is worth flagging up some other great news from this last week regarding academic progress in the Prep School. Years 1 to 6 undertook GL Assessments after half-term – a national testing system that enables comparisons with pupils across the country as well as progress being made year on year by the cohort. The scores being secured by each class have indicated a significant improvement for the group compared to last year's scores, showing evidence of progress above and beyond what is happening elsewhere. This is a credit to the staff who work hard to help each child in their learning journey, as well as the home-school partnership which supports their development. I am very proud of what the Prep School teachers have achieved with this year's input. I can appreciate that with the demise of the old "levels", it is harder for parents to be reassured of the steps being made by their child during the course of the year. However, these results are a clear indication of the excellence of provision in the classroom, day after day.

All the best for your weekend...

¡Buen apetito!



Room 23 became a Spanish café this week, complete with Spanish inspired treats and traditional music.

Children in the Upper Prep Spanish Club organised the event, selling a variety of snacks and drinks to raise money for Acorns Childrens' Hospice. The menus were in Spanish, and our talented pupils were encouraged to ask for their treat in Spanish. It was a great opportunity for our pupils to put their

language skills into practice.

The café will be open to pupils in 4B, 4L and 6K next Wednesday (27th) and to pupils in the rest of Upper Prep on Wednesday 4th July. Drinks and snacks are priced at 50p each, so children may wish to bring in some spending money.

Nursery Star of the Week:

Kadii – awarded for always working hard.



Performer of the Week:

Eve (Y10) – awarded for representing the school so wonderfully on recent trips, and for communicating so well with children with complex needs.



On your marks....

Our annual sports days have taken place this week and we saw some amazing performances from our pupils! Upper Prep and Seniors went to Wyndley Leisure Centre on Tuesday and competed in a number of track and field events (and tug of war!). Well done to Hatherton who were the winning House in the Upper Prep event and Bradford who were victorious in the Seniors event.

Congratulations to Rayen in Year 6 and Daisy (Year 6) and Dhaya (Year 3) who were the highest scoring boy and girls for Prep. Kai in Year 8 and Kyan in Year 9 were crowned 'Victor Ludorum' for the Seniors, with Louisa in Year 8 winning the 'Victrox Ludorum' title for Seniors.



Children in Nursery & Reception had their Sports Day in Walsall Arboretum. It was a great afternoon of sporting fun with Nursery taking part in running and teddy and cup races and Reception competing in running and egg and spoon races. Congratulations to the winning team – bears – who were closely followed by tigers and monkeys.

And a huge well done

to the winners of the parent's races - Yuvraj's dad and Ameliyah's mum!

Pupils in Years 1 and 2 went to the University of Wolverhampton for a morning of throwing, jumping and running. The children came away with lots of achievement stickers, and had a great time. Well done everyone!



Year 4 trip to Blakelesy Hall

Last week, Year 4 visited Blakesley Hall and went back in time to experience life as a Tudor. They learned about how buildings were made, the differences between the life of the rich and poor and dressed in Tudor clothes. It was such an exciting day and the pupils learned so much.

Local artist inspires pupils

The year 10 GCSE art group and pupils on the MAT register for art went to Walsall Art Gallery to see an exhibition by local artist Andrew Tift.

Andrew Tift's style is photo realistic paintings and drawings. Focusing around the genre of portraiture, it is an eclectic show bringing together works ranging from more formal commissioned portraits and personal projects with specifically chosen sitters to more experimental work, in which the artist has challenged himself, pushing the boundaries of portraiture and reflecting on enduring themes such as the cycle of life, the passing of time and the persistence of memory. Pupils also had the chance to meet Andrew and took part in a question and answer session where the artist discussed his work.

Andrew's amazing artwork is on display at Walsall Art Gallery until 2nd September.



Sports pupils of the Week:

Congratulations to the following pupils who achieved the highest points in this week's sports days:

Rayen – Y6



**Daisy – Y6
Dhaya – Y3**



**Kai – Y8
Kyan – Y9**



Louisa – Y8



Talented musicians attend orchestra day

On Wednesday, five pupils attended a workshop led by the Orchestra of The Swan – a chamber orchestra who travel all over the world performing and leading workshops. Hydesville pupils included three musicians: one on bassoon, one on French horn, and one violinist. Each pupil played a solo and shared interesting information about their instrument with the group. Pupils then broke off into different sections (woodwind, strings and brass) to rehearse three different pieces from the BBC ten pieces' collections. Throughout the day, there was an opportunity for pupils from a local school that supports those with complex needs to come and watch and listen. Year 10 pupil, Eve, was wonderful enough to show her flute to some of the pupils and play for them which they absolutely loved! After lunch time, Hydesville joined others to make an orchestra of over 100 players from across the Walsall borough. It was the first time any of our pupils have played an instrument in an ensemble of that size, and the results they produced in just a day were absolutely amazing! To finish the day, pupils performed to an audience of parents and Walsall Forest Arts Hub staff (Miss Kingston would like to say thank you to all the parents who supported the event).

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Notices/reminders:

<p>Nursery – dough disco day, 27th June</p>	<p>A reminder that children in Nursery are to come to school dressed in party clothes on Wednesday 27th June as they will be enjoying a party lunchbox with an afternoon of fun filled dough activities.</p>
<p>Sports Plus Summer Holiday sports camp</p>	<p>Sports Plus Scheme will be running a Summer Holiday Camp at Hydesville for children in Years 1 – 6 during w/c 13th August from 9 am – 3.30 pm.</p>
<p>Senior School Bushcraft residential</p>	<p>A message from Mr Turner: “We will be meeting by the coach at 7.30am and departing as soon as ready. We hope to return by 6pm Friday. Can parents please ensure that all outstanding payments and emergency contact details are in school as soon as possible. Thank you.”</p>
<p>Dads v teachers football match</p>	<p>Our annual Dads v Teachers charity football match takes place on Friday 6th July at the indoor pitch at the University of Wolverhampton. Kick-off is at 5pm and everyone is welcome to cheer on the teams....more details will be sent out next week.</p>

After School Sports Clubs	Next week is the final week for Upper Prep and Senior School sports clubs. Year 1 and 2 Football Club will carry on until Thursday, 12 th July.
Year 2 – 10 Bubble Football	A reminder that the payment for this activity is now due.
KS1 parents	Please return any outstanding payments for the West Midland Safari Park trip.
Holiday Spanish For Parents 10th July 5-7pm	Letters have been sent out to Year 5 and Senior pupils about this event. Please return the reply slip to book your place - the evening promises to be lots of fun!

Dates coming up week commencing 25th June 2018:

Monday	After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 & Y11
Tuesday	Lunchtime trip to French restaurant: Y8 Nursery consultations, 3.40 pm onwards in Nursery After school clubs: Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Music Club: Seniors Cricket: Upper Prep
Wednesday	Junior Citizen Programme at Safeside, Birmingham: Y6 Bushcraft Residential: Y7 – Y11 (until Friday) Dough disco day: Nursery After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep
Thursday	Senior School taster morning: Y5 After school clubs: Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6) Y5 Booster sessions: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Football Club: Y1 & Y2
Friday	Nursery & Reception Graduation photos After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6