



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Subhan** – awarded for working hard and generally being well behaved.



## A note from the Headmaster

The glorious weather is here and the school is looking wonderful for the blue skies and the sunshine. An added boost to the look of the school arose from a suggestion by the Upper Prep: flower baskets and some lovely planting at the front of school have added a real splash of colour to the site, and I am grateful to the support staff for bringing this idea to life.

The school has been a little quieter since Wednesday, with the residential Bushcraft trip for the Senior School pupils. This presents another opportunity for our pupils to secure the character development that is so important in a school such as this. We want our pupils to emerge from Hydesville with the confidence and experiences to cope with the challenges of life, so trips such as this are very beneficial. If it is anything like the Bushcraft visit I attended in October, the pupils will gain a lot including great memories...and the less said about fish eyes, the better!

We are starting to have events that both herald the end of this year and the start of the next. Reports have been written and I am working through many of them currently. They are a rich source of insight in to the children's strengths, and reflect how well the teachers know them and support their progress. It is clear to see that pupils are achieving so much at Hydesville, and enjoying school as they do so. Having looked through the Nursery provision, it is evident that education has changed markedly and the early years lay amazing foundations for a child's future. Following the scrutiny of our Governance meetings, it is fully agreed that the Nursery provides an incredible start, the Prep School attainment levels are increasingly excellent and the Senior School develops pupils to exceed all expectations at GCSE. I feel very lucky indeed...

Enjoy the warm weekend ahead.

## Dads v teachers football

**Hydesville Dads**  
v  
**Hydesville Teachers**

In support of **acorns** Children's Hospice

**"Some people are on the pitch, they think it's all over..."**

It will be soon for the Year 6 Dads as they play an emotional farewell charity match in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice.

**Come along and show your support!**

● Bipin	● Mr Dhadda
● Sid	● Mr Honey
● Tari	● Mr Lawrence
● DJ	● Mr Leslie
● Jason	● Mr Walker
● Gulam	● Mr Long
● Michael	

**Prize draw on the night including Premier League tickets, Food and drink will also be available.**

**Friday 6th July 2018 - Kick Off 5pm**  
at the University of Wolverhampton, Indoor Arena,  
Walsall Campus, Walsall, WS1 3BD

We are very excited to announce more details about our annual Dads v Teachers football match on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

Kick-off is at 5pm at the Indoor Arena at the University of Wolverhampton and everyone is welcome to come along and cheer on the teams! The staff (Mr Honey, Mr Walker, Mr Dhadda, Mr Long, Mr Lawrence and Mr Leslie) are limbering up as I type, as the Dads are promising tough opposition!

As well as having lots of fun, we will be raising money for Acorns Children's Hospice so your support during the night will be gratefully received....

## Performer of the Week:

**Khaya (Y5)** – awarded for making excellent progress on the keyboard this week in his music lesson.



## Onsite vehicle access reminders

Further to previous letters and newsletter items regarding vehicle access to the School site, we would like to remind parents and carers about the arrangements concerning vehicle access before and after school.

When the playground barrier is in operation there should be **no parking in front of the barrier.**

This is as much about the potential need for emergency services to be able to access the site as for parents with fobs to be able to gain entry to the playground for collection of their child.

Parents or carers whose circumstances require special consideration are able to purchase a fob to enable access to the playground for collection of their child. This can be purchased via the School Office. The fob will cause the barrier to rise at the time of arrival, hence allowing access to the playground for collection.

We thank you for your understanding and cooperation in this matter; your support is invaluable to ensure the ongoing safety of our pupils and the wider Hydesville community.



## Prep School chess success

Well done to our talented Prep School chess team who took part in a chess tournament at King Edward's School in Birmingham last week.

Harman in Y6 was team manager, with Jay, Toby, Jaydeep and Rayen and Abdullah from Year 6, Simran in Year 4 and Shriya in Year 3 making up the Hydesville team.

All pupils were fantastic and everyone won games! Medals were awarded to each school, with our medals going to:

Gold - Harman

Silver - Shriya

Bronze - Toby and Jay

## Celebrating World Music Day

In celebration of World Music Day last week, the School hall became a hub for some Indonesian instruments



during a day of Gamelan workshops.

Every year group learnt about the cultural

background of Gamelan, before exploring the instruments (including three gongs!).

Pupils also learnt how to play a traditional Gamelan piece which would be played to start

the day, before putting it together with gongs to signal the start, end, and change of the piece. It was great fun!





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

**2P**

## **Our pupils are A Stars**

Last week four children from Prep School were chosen to take part in the A\* Stars Inter School Quiz at Walsall Town Hall. Thirty schools attended the event to compete against each other. Dev and Simar from Year 4 and Rhuben and Nitin from Year 5 represented Hydesville. Throughout the afternoon they took part in activities run by Walsall Leisure, in addition to answering three rounds of questions based on road safety. The team was fantastic and walked away with second place, only one point behind the winners. Well done children!



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

**Form 2**



## **Nursery's Dough Disco Day!**

Nursery children had such a fun time on 'Dough Disco Day' when they enjoyed a party lunch and a fun-packed



afternoon of activities based around play-dough.

Every week children participate in 'Dough Disco,' so this was the celebration party to conclude our initiative.

The importance of play-dough in children's learning is essential for fine motor skills and the strengthening of muscles. It is also lots of fun!

Thank you to all the children for making it such a success.



## **Year 8 enjoy a traditional French lunch**

Year 8 pupils went to Maison Mayci in Birmingham this week to enjoy a meal freshly prepared by French chefs. They practised ordering their food in French and tried a traditional snack of "Croque Monsieur" with pear tart for dessert.



## **Year 5 taste life in the Senior School**

Year 5 had a great morning sampling life in the Senior School and trying out subjects they will study in Year 7. They particularly enjoyed learning songs in Spanish and exploring gravity in the Senior School Science labs. Parents can find out more about our Senior School at our forthcoming Open Morning on July 6th.

See our website for more details:

<https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/open-days-at-hydesville/>



## Celebrating stratospheric Prep School academic results!

We are delighted to announce this has been an incredible year of academic success for Hydesville Tower School. Our Prep School has just secured GL Assessment scores that place them in the stratosphere!

These assessments are undertaken every year across the country, with benchmarks of above 112 as representing high achievement. Therefore, success obtained is a measure of the outstanding teaching occurring within the school. Each class has improved on its score from last year, often by significant amounts.

We are celebrating in Early Years too, with this year's test results in the EYFS profile demonstrating how our pupils are far exceeding the national average; 90.5% of our children have reached a 'good' level of development at the end of our EYFS. The national average was 70.6% in 2017.

Hydesville has three key features in its favour: dedicated, expert teachers with a passion for helping pupils progress; small class sizes to enable maximum attention for each pupil; and an understanding of each individual, so they secure the support needed to overcome any hurdles.

We are incredibly proud of these amazing pupils and their teachers. Well done everyone!



## Notices/reminders:

<b>Globe Theatre trip - Y10</b>	A reminder that outstanding money for this trip is now due.
<b>Wimbledon Week</b>	We are celebrating Wimbledon during break and lunchtimes in school next week. Children in Years 3 - 10 are invited to play tennis on the astroturf - please bring in trainers, rackets and balls.
<b>Holiday Spanish For Parents 10th July, 5-7pm</b>	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!
<b>Teatime concert - Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	The whole of Year 7 will be performing in Tuesday's tea-time concert.  Can parents please return permission slips ASAP.
<b>Sports Plus Summer Holiday sports camp</b>	Sports Plus Scheme will be running a Summer Holiday Camp at Hydesville for children in Years 1 - 6 during w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> August from 9 am - 3.30 pm.
<b>Spanish cafe - Prep School</b>	Class 5FJ have the opportunity to visit the Spanish café next Wednesday at break time. Classes 6C and 6K will also be able to visit the café on Tuesday during their Spanish lesson.  Children may wish to bring in a small amount of money to purchase snacks.
<b>Hike for Heroes - money raised</b>	We are delighted to announce the total of sponsorship money raised at our recent Early Years' Hike for Heroes, for Birmingham Childrens' Hospital:  <b>£1276.87</b>  Thank you to everyone who supported this event!



## Dates coming up week commencing 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2018:

<b>Monday</b>	Nursery & Prep School Moving Up Day Y7 (Sept 18 entry) Induction Day After School Clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 & Y11
<b>Tuesday</b>	French cinema trip: Y9 & Y10 Trip to the Botanical Gardens: Y1 Trumpet & Guitar Concert and Teatime Concert: Reception – Y11. Parents invited, 4.30 pm start. After school clubs: Spanish: Upper Prep
<b>Wednesday</b>	Bubble football lessons: Y2 & Y7 – Y10 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park: Y6
<b>Thursday</b>	Bubble football lessons: Y3, Y4, Y5 & Y6 Themed lunch day (Wimbledon theme): All Lower Prep & Upper Prep parents evening, 3.45 pm – 6.30 pm Trip to the Globe Theatre, London: Y10 After school clubs: Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6) Football Club: Y1 & Y2
<b>Friday</b>	Dads v teachers football match: 5pm kick off at the University of Wolverhampton (indoor arena) Senior School Open Morning: 9.30 am – 1 pm. After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6