



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Tayo – Y1
Maaya – Y2
Veer – Y3
Ruby – Y4
Nitin – Y5

A note from the Headmaster

Reasons to be cheerful:

1. Seeing the Senior School pupils relaxed and happy together in the lunchtime sun.
2. Presenting to Year 5 about Hydesville Champions, and seeing a sea of hands as everyone wanted to put themselves forward.
3. The waves and smiles from Nursery and Lower Prep pupils that I receive each Monday and Tuesday morning on gate duty.



Parents may recognise the opening words from the classic late '70s hit from Ian Dury and the Blockheads. It is important that we all take time to find reasons to be cheerful and thankful: it gives us the chance to keep a mental and emotional balance that can be easily lost in our busy and stressful lives. Thus, I am grateful for the regular sources of good cheer I experience at Hydesville. Miss Kingston recently attended a Cognita-wide conference on supporting pupil mental health, and you can expect to hear of various initiatives about this in the terms to come.

From my perspective, staff emotional health is also crucially important. You will read or hear the news stories around record numbers of teachers leaving the profession due to the stresses involved. I am very conscious that staff here work incredibly hard for the pupils. This is part of what makes our provision so strong, with each pupil being known well and nurtured so effectively. Nevertheless, as one parent reminded me recently, "Look after them! We want them to know that they are appreciated for all they are doing". So as a start, hopefully on behalf of you all, I will close with a sincere "thank you" to all the staff – teachers and non-teachers – who make Hydesville the place it is.

Best wishes to you all for a lovely weekend...



Senior School House Captains

We're delighted to announce three new senior school house captains! Well done to Belinda in Year 10 who will be representing Bradford and Year 9 pupils Rachna and Ria who are heading up Dilke and Hatherton respectively.

Performer of the Week:

Sinclair (Y8) – awarded for an excellent start to the Samba topic, as well as achieving the highest music mark in Year 8 for exam week.



Tennis success

Well done to the Year 3 & 4 tennis team who represented Walsall in the finals of the Black Country Games yesterday.

The best 12 schools in the Black Country took part so the competition level was very high. All pupils played fantastically well, with a special mention going to Shriya in Year 3 who won all of her games.

Hydesville finished 3rd in the group, being only one point off top spot. It was a very enjoyable day with some great tennis on show!



Prize giving 2018 – details announced!



We are very excited to release more information about this year's prize giving events taking place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th July.

Invites and further details are being sent out to pupils from

today so please check your son or daughter's bag.

Sew good!



Just before half term, Year 6 enjoyed an afternoon visit to Walsall's Leather Museum. As part of the visit they set about the task of producing a decorated African purse made out of, no surprise, leather. Once they had mastered the art of stitching leather they were able



take a memento to take home. They even had time for a quick tour of the museum to learn more about Walsall's past.

Nursery Star of the Week:

Layla – awarded for settling into Nursery life exceptionally well and being well behaved.



Hair today, gone tomorrow!



We're very proud of Year 9 pupil, Lanais, who has donated her hair to The Little Princess Trust who provide real hair wigs to children and young adults who have sadly lost their own hair due to cancer treatment and other illnesses.

We're amazed by Lanais' generosity, and are sure you will agree, her new hair style looks great!



Prep School Awards & Achievements

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

RJ
2M
2P
4B
6C
6K

Well done to the following Senior Form Groups who also achieved the highest attendance (92%) this week:

Form 1
Form 3
Form 7



Well done to the following Year 5 & 6 pupils who were awarded certificates for taking part in the recent Kwik Crick tournament: Jay, Cameron, Harrison, Simrun, Harman, Rayen, Nitin and Jessica.



Congratulations to Daisy in Year 6 for her achievements in horse riding.



Shriya in Year 3 made it through to be a mega finalist in the UK Chess Challenge. Well done Shriya!



Shreeya in Year 1 was presented with a gold medal for achievements in street dance and a certificate from Kombat Federation. Congratulations!



Well done to Karam in Year 3 for swimming 100m and Chaaya in Year 4 for swimming 400m



Shaan in Year 1 was presented with a certificate after being invested as a beaver scout.

Finally, congratulations to Year 1 for completing their sponsored penguin waddle. We are delighted to announce the children raised an impressive £146!



Notices/reminders:

Nursery & Reception	<p>A reminder to Nursery and Reception children to dress up as 'Super Heroes' for the Hike for a Hero event in the Arboretum on Monday 11th June 2-3pm.</p> <p>Please can Nursery and Reception children arrive promptly at school on Weds 13th June dressed in non-uniform for the trip to Wonderland.</p>
Nursery & Reception Summer Holiday Club – save the date(s)	<p>We will be running a Summer Holiday Club for children in Nursery & Reception from July 26th until August 24th. The Club will run from 9 am until 4 pm every day. Flyers and more information will go out shortly and hurry to secure your Early Bird price of £15 a day.</p> <p>Hydesville children can also bring a (non-Hydesville) friend!</p>
Sports Plus Summer Holiday sports camp – save the date(s)	<p>Sports Plus Scheme will be running a Summer Holiday Camp for children in Years 1 – 6 for 3 weeks from w/c 13th August. More details will be released soon.</p>
Plea for Reception dressing up costumes	<p>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.</p>
Lunch menus	<p>The School website has been updated with the latest lunch menus: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/chartwells-nutrition/</p>
Festival of Voices trip	<p>A reminder to pupils who are taking part in the Festival of Voices trip on Tuesday to return any outstanding reply slips.</p> <p>Pupils are also reminded to be listening to the songs and reading through the lyrics ready for the day.</p>

Dates coming up week commencing 11th June 2018:

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Bike Week (until Friday) Residential to Beaudesert: Y6 (until Friday) Prep School GL Assessments: Y1 – Y5 (until Friday) ‘Hike for Superheroes’ in Walsall Arboretum, 2.00 pm – 3.00 pm to raise money for Birmingham Childrens’ Hospital: Nursery & Reception (parents invited) HPV vaccinations: Y8 (girls) After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep Cricket: Seniors Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 & Y11</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Festival of Voices at the Performance Hub at the University of Wolverhampton: Y3 – Y5 & Y7 – Y10 After school clubs: Music Club: Seniors Spanish Film Club: Seniors Spanish: Upper Prep Music Club: Upper Prep Cricket: Upper Prep</p>
<p>Wednesday</p>	<p>KS3 Review of Targets: School Hall (4.00 – 6.00 pm) Trip to Wonderland Park: Nursery & Reception Skye call to British School of Barcelona: Year 9 Spanish pupils After school clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep</p>
<p>Thursday</p>	<p>KS3 Review of Targets: School Hall (4.00 – 6.00 pm) Themed lunch day: American (All) Trip to Blakesley Hall: Y4 Basketball Aspire Day at the University of Wolverhampton: Y7 & Y8 After school clubs: Y5 Booster sessions: 4.00 pm – 5.00 pm Book Appreciation Club: 3.45 – 4.45 pm (Years 5 & 6)</p>
<p>Friday</p>	<p>Cupcake Day After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6</p>