



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Karam – Y1
Ishaan – Y2
Aryan – Y3
Burhaan – Y4
Arvind – Y5
Rohan – Y6

A note from the Headmaster



As we reach the final stages of this academic year, it is time to draw breath and look forward to some holiday time. The children have worked hard this year, and will no doubt benefit from the time and opportunity to relax, play and be with friends and family. The same is true for staff and parents, so I hope you are all able to find an oasis of calm and tranquillity (or high adrenaline excitement, if that's your thing) to be recharged and energised. I trust we won't have that typical experience of hot weather whilst in school and then variable quality when on holiday!

A sincere "thank you" to everyone who has made this year so enjoyable for me. We were visited recently by the Chair of Governors who asked how I had found the year. I couldn't help but beam and said "I love it". It can be hard to know just how special a school is if it is all you have experienced, so I hope my time in another school just a year ago gives a handy frame of reference. The children here are splendid, from age 3 up to 16. Yes, they might have their foibles or those moments of doing something that exasperates a parent or teacher, but fundamentally they have great manners and are developing the social skills and confidence to make a positive mark on society in the future. And the staff here are remarkable. Putting the child at the centre of all that happens at school cannot be underestimated, nor taken for granted. Their strength – individually and collectively – is a significant part of why every day brings positive outcomes. My best wishes to those who are leaving the #Hydesvillefamily at the end of this term. Whether pupil or staff, you will be appreciated for all you have contributed to the community and we look forward to hearing of your future successes and adventures. Thank you again to the families who make up Hydesville Tower School, and I look forward to starting it all again in September...

Year 1 visit the Botanical Gardens

Pupils in Year 1 had a lovely trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham last week. It was a very busy day. During the morning they threw coins into the pool and made a wish, saw cacti in the Arid House and watched lots of different beautiful butterflies and amazing birds.

The beautiful rose garden smelt lovely and the children thought of their Mums who would love the roses.

After lunch they enjoyed running and rolling on the grass! There were bees, plants and more flowers. What a beautiful place to visit!



Performer of the Week:

Nimrah (Y5) – awarded for performing a beautiful solo at prize giving.



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Zara (Y10) – awarded for supporting the Duke of Edinburgh expedition.



More success for Year 6

What a week it has been for our Year 6 pupils! They have all done exceptionally well in their end of Key Stage 2 tests. We are delighted to announce the following results:

Pupils achieving the expected standard or above:

Maths - 100%

Reading - 97%

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar (SPaG) - 94%



These results are fantastic; with scores significantly improved across all areas from last year. Our pupils have performed higher than scores nationally too: in reading, 75% of children nationally achieved the standard, while 76% met the standard nationally in Maths and 78% of pupils met the expected standard in SPaG.

A huge well done to Year 6 who also put on an amazing performance of 'The Next Big Step' on Monday afternoon. All pupils acted with confidence and great character. The quality of the performance was a testament to the pupils (and teachers') hard work. Miss Crump and Mrs Kenton are incredibly proud of the year group in all they have achieved this year.

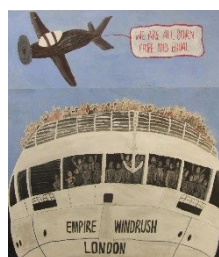
Talented Art pupils enter national competition

We're keeping everything crossed for our Senior School art pupils who have submitted some amazing pieces to a national competition.

'Arts & Minds' is an annual art competition that celebrates diversity. The focus of this year's competition is the 'Windrush Generation'.

Winners will be invited to London to attend a prestigious awards ceremony, will take place during Black History month. Good luck pupils!

The below photos of the artwork have been completed by pupils (left – right): Jaina (Y9), Emily (Year 11), Ella (Year 9) and Emily (again).



Holiday Spanish for parents

Tapas, sangria and pin the tail on the donkey were on the timetable this week for parents at a Holiday Spanish workshop led by KS3 Spanish pupils. With Year 9 pupil Rory as quizmaster and senior pupils taking on the role of teachers, parents joined us for a fun evening of learning Spanish. Their newly acquired language skills were put to the test in a fun quiz. Parents were split into two teams, Olé and Arriba, with Arriba coming out victorious! Thank you to the parents who came along, we hope you had a nice time and we are eager to find out how you get on with speaking Spanish during the summer holidays.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Emmanuel – awarded for being kind and helpful.



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

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Well done to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week:

Form 6

Stagecoach Guinness World Record attempt...

Last weekend Mrs Taylor and Miss Phillips were lucky enough to watch some of our pupils in their performance of Beauty and the Beast. Avnie (Y2), Mayna (Y2), Kimren (Y2), Sana (Y2) and Rayah (Y4) took part in their final Stagecoach performance of the year at the Forest Arts Centre. Across the country, there were lots of performances taking place, in an attempt to achieve a world record for the largest number of children performing at the same time. We are waiting to hear whether they broke the world record.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to the following children who received certificates for coming in 2nd place in the inter-schools' quiz as part of A Stars Programme Award: Dev and Simar in Year 4 and Rheuben and Nitin in Year 5.



These Year 6 pupils have passed their Bikeability course, level 1:

Rohan, Harman.

And the following Year 6 pupils reached level 2:

Jade, Saahib, Cameron, Jaydeep, Toby and Simrun. Congratulations all!



We were delighted to announce the winners of the



Bike Week Design a Bike competition:
Early Years: Ameliyah
KS1: Susannah
KS2: Chaaya

Well done to Ruby in Year 4 who received awards from the City of Birmingham Recreational Gymnastics Scheme Competition. She won 3rd place in the vault, 2nd place in the floor competition and 3rd place overall.





Congratulations to Hibbah in Year 1 who received a certificate from the Academic Arabic Centre for achievements in learning Arabic.

We are very proud of the following pupils who have become published authors after entering a Talent for Writing competition: Hibbah, Sana, Shreeya, Fola and Nandika in Year 1 and Alex in Year 2. Well done everyone!



Congratulations to Harrison and Jay in Year 6 (photo, left) who were finalists in the Primary Maths Challenge. Jay also won the silver medal!



Well done Saahib in Year 6 for his sponsored 'Man Up to Cancer' run in Walsall Arboretum. He ran an impressive 3.3 miles!



Well done Year 6 for taking part in a Junior Citizen Programme at Safeside in Birmingham.

Swimming awards

Well done to the following pupils who achieved swimming awards:

- Jayden in Year 1 for swimming 10m
- Emil in Year 1 for passing a water safety programme
- Susannah in Year 2 for swimming 25m
- Simran in Reception for swimming 5m with flotation equipment.



Congratulations to the following pupils who took part in a chess competition at King Edwards' School in Birmingham: Simran (Year 4), Jay, Adbullah, Harman, Rayen, Toby and Jaydeep (Year 6).



Well done to our Year 5 finalists from a Maths Challenge at King Edwards' School:
Arvind, Rhuben, Nitin, Sukhmani, Amrit, Linda, Amin, Khaya.



Notices/reminders:

Sports Plus Summer Holiday sports camp	Sports Plus Scheme will be running a Summer Holiday Camp at Hydesville for children in Years 1 – 6 during w/c 13 th August from 9 am – 3.30 pm. Contact the School Office for more information.
Nursery & Reception Summer Holiday Club	Places are still available on the Nursery & Reception Holiday Club running through the summer holiday. Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery for more information or to book a place. Non Hydesville children are also welcome.

Dates coming up week commencing 16th July 2018:

Monday	Trip to Twin Lakes: Y3 & Y4 Senior School prize-giving: 6.30 pm at Walsall Town Hall
Tuesday	Nursery Open House: 9.30 am – 3.00 pm Trip to Drayton Manor Park: Y7 – Y11 Trip to Matlock: Y5 & Y6 Recorder & Elocution Club Performance: KS1
Wednesday	Term ends: All