



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Navyd – awarded for being well behaved and making good progress.



A note from the Headmaster

Of course, the fans of the beautiful game know that the important match is tonight at 5pm at the Indoor Arena at the University of Wolverhampton, with Hydesville Dads v Hydesville Teachers. There will be much artistry on display and no little skill, although I fear some of us may look as if we are playing in slow motion – well, me anyway!



Apparently there is another important match on this weekend, although I was reminded of how it does not impact on everyone in the same way when my wife informed me of a pre-planned family picnic. I hope your family are able to enjoy the football – or not – without the scowls and tuts I received when suggesting we try and do both!

In a similar way, not all things at school suit or interest everyone. Some pupils love their sports, others their performing and some prefer their music. We aim to ensure that every child will have opportunities to develop those passions, as well as trying new things, for well-rounded characters and personalities. It has been nice to enjoy a week with Bubble Football and tennis on some days, a Teatime Concert and the final rehearsals for the Year 6 and Senior School productions. The children are talented – and in some cases in more than one area – so it is vital that we keep giving them those chances to develop the confidence to take on the challenges.

There is a lot of interest in pupils joining Hydesville currently. It is a reflection of how positive the reputation of the school is and how it is moving forwards on all fronts. As we get closer to the end of this year, I am increasingly able to reflect on what an amazing place it is. All schools have challenges to face – such as parking – but the crucial element is the human one. Having a place where everyone focuses on each child and their development is special, and makes me proud of all that Hydesville stands for.

Here's hoping for a win...

Teatime Concert raised the roof



This week's Teatime Concert celebrated the work our pupils do in peripatetic lessons from Years 1 to 10, including violin, guitar, vocals, piano and drums!

We also showcased the hard work our Year 7s have been putting in all year on either trumpet or guitar. Mr Diaz and his trumpeters took us on a round the world journey playing Brazilian,

Egyptian and Mexican inspired pieces. Mr Vickers and his guitarists showed off their work through performing 'Wish You Were Here' in which Ravin took a guitar solo, and 'Sitting on the Dock of the Bay' where Chanroop sang whilst playing the guitar. What a talented bunch of pupils we have!

Performer of the Week:

Chanroop (Y7) - awarded for pushing herself and singing a solo at the Teatime Concert whilst also playing guitar!



Learning about the life cycle of a butterfly

Pupils in Year 1 have been learning about the life cycle of butterflies.

The children observed tiny caterpillars grow bigger by the day, eventually making cocoons. They waited patiently until they finally they emerged out of their cocoons as beautiful



butterflies. The children understood that they could not keep in them in the net and that they had to let them go into their natural habitat so the beautiful butterflies were released....



French film trip

Year 9 and 10 GCSE French pupils went to the Everyman Cinema in Birmingham this week to celebrate La Fête du Cinéma, which is a French film festival that takes place in France every year, offering reduced rate tickets to promote the cinema industry.



Pupils had the opportunity to watch a private showing of Taxi 2, a French action film, directed by Gérard Krawczyk. They thoroughly enjoyed the film and the snack boxes!



Prize giving 2018 – update

As you are all aware, our annual prize-giving events take place next week.

Early Years' have their event in School on Tuesday afternoon, while the rest of Prep School and Seniors will have theirs at Walsall Town Hall on Wednesday.

If England win their World Cup match this Saturday, they will be playing in the semi-final match scheduled for the evening of Wednesday 11th July – right in the middle of our Senior School event!

We are concerned that if this happens there may be a negative effect on attendance at prize-giving, so we are proposing that if England do progress to the World Cup semi-finals, we will look at amending the start times of our events. We anticipate the Prep School event taking place during late morning and the Senior School event during mid-afternoon.

This is just a 'maybe' for now, as we are conscious of parents potentially booking time off work for the ceremonies, so we wanted to alert everyone early so you can also be prepared.

More details will be released on Monday morning, once we know the outcome of Saturday's England v Sweden match.

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

1B

1C



Blowing bubbles!

The astroturf came alive with lots of giant bubbles this week as our pupils tried out football with a twist.

Pupils in Years 2 to 10 had great fun running jumping, skipping and playing football wearing a giant plastic bubble. It was lovely to see our pupils try out something different and by the sounds of their shrieks and giggles, they really enjoyed it!

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

Form 4

Form 6

Notices/reminders:

<p>This year's House point scores – Senior School</p>	<p>Here are the Senior School final House scores for this year:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DILKE – 3,175 BRADFORD – 3,170 HATHERTON – 3,084</p> <p>Congratulations to Dilke! They will be going on a trip to Star City next Thursday (12th July) as their reward!</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>Nursery & Reception Summer Holiday Club</p>	<p>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.</p>

Dates coming up week commencing 9th July 2018:

Monday	Year 6 End of Year Production, 2.30 pm After School Clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors German Intervention: Y10 & Y11
Tuesday	Trip to Aberdovey: Y6 Nursery prize-giving: 1.15 pm in School Hall (tickets have been issued) Holiday Spanish for parents' session: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm, Y5 & Y7 – 10. After school clubs: Music Club: Upper Prep Music Club: Seniors
Wednesday	Prep School prize-giving at Walsall Town Hall – 1.30 pm (Y1 – Y6) Senior School prize-giving at Walsall Town Hall – 6.30 pm
Thursday	Senior School House Reward Trip, Star City, Birmingham: Y7 – Y11 Trip to Wheelock Primary School, Cheshire: Y5 & Y6 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park: KS1 After school clubs: Football Club: Y1 & Y2
Friday	KS1 Scootathon: KS1 After school clubs: Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 – Y11 Karate: Reception – Y6