



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Aleena – Y1
Martin – Y2
Ibrahim – Y3
Karina – Y4
Zakir – Y5
Pavan – Y6

A note from the Headmaster

We have completed the first full week and it is clear that the school is in great health. Although the weather has been variable, the smiles on the faces of the children (and staff) have remained bright and sunny. I know that it must be pleasing for parents to see their child happy to be at school, and it is certainly a cause of great pride for me.

It was lovely to have the opportunity to talk to so many parents at the Prep School 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon, as well as the Senior School 'Welcome Evening' for new parents and pupils.

The connection between home and school is so important to ensuring the best for the children, and making links with the Tutor is a keystone element of that connection. The school has a fantastic collection of staff whose attitude is about putting the child first. Thus, communication with them is so worthwhile: remember, they would be delighted to hear about the positive events as well as anything causing a concern!

Thank you for the feedback about the new Reception Office, which has certainly improved the experience for parents and visitors. It has also been good to see the impact on the front of school as we trial the increased Park and Ride provision in the mornings. We are always keen to do what we can to help the whole school community have the best experience possible, and so I am delighted to announce that we are extending the trial for another fortnight to ensure its viability and spot any pitfalls.

Fatigue will be setting in after a full week, so I hope everyone is able to catch up on rest and have a peaceful weekend...

Happy Birthday to us!

We've had a great day celebrating the School's 66th birthday! Staff and children looked fantastic dressed in 1950s style clothes. Congratulations to Louisa in Year 9 who was awarded a prize for being the 'Best Dressed Senior Pupil'.

We also enjoyed a party lunch with banners, balloons and Hydesville birthday cakes! A huge thank you to the Poonia

family from the Cake Shop in Walsall (see

www.egglesscakeshop.com) for supplying a wonderful eggless cake.

Prep children have also taken part in a school prayer competition, where we have asked them to write a school prayer that we will be using in assemblies this year.

We will announce the winner next week.



Performer of the Week:

Aini (Y7) – awarded for taking to her role in Buggy so well, learning lines and songs in a very short amount of time like a true star!



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Priya (Y9) – awarded for being an excellent role model to new pupils.



It's a kind of magic.....

We're delighted to announce that Mr Walker, our piano teacher, will now be offering a beginner's course in magic and illusion during breaks and lunchtimes!

Open to children in Year 4 and above, the five-lesson course will introduce pupils to spoon bending, mentalism, coin magic and card tricks and he promises all pupils will be performing professional magic from the very first lesson.

Mr Walker was a member of Leicester's Magic Circle whilst at university and he has gone on to perform at many weddings and events.

Letters have gone out about to all pupils and are available from the office (as well as on the school website).

If your child is interested in taking part, please return the form as soon as possible. Mr Walker will then contact you to arrange times and payment.



Millie's Mark recognition for Nursery

Our exceptional Nursery School has been awarded Millie's Mark, which is a Quality Mark for nurseries where employees working directly with children are trained in paediatric first aid. This has been awarded by

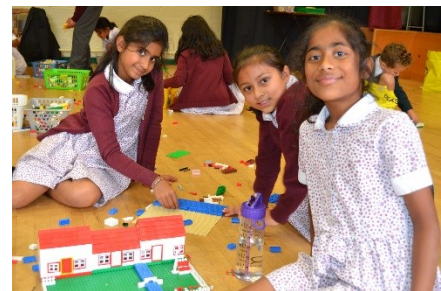
National Day Nurseries Association (NDNA) in association with Department for Education and Millie's Trust.

Millie's Mark is national recognition for going above and beyond the minimum requirements to keep children safe and minimise risks and accidents. We are delighted that our efforts have been rewarded and that we have achieved this very special award. Read more here: <https://www.hydesville.com/hydesville-nursery-receives-millies-mark/>



Quick round up from across the School

- Pupils in Years 3 – 6 took part in a hands-on Science & Technology workshop where they worked in teams to build a town made of Lego.



- Year 8 were delighted to receive letters from Kensington Palace for the letters they wrote to Prince Harry and Meghan to wish them congratulations on their marriage.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Solakhni – awarded for being kind and helpful.



Orienteering in the Arboretum

To start their new topic, Years 3 and 4 went orienteering in Walsall Arboretum last Friday. Pupils were given a map to find clues relating to the topic and they worked with partners and used their mapping skills to secretly find each clue, record the evidence and then return to their teacher to see if they were correct. The children also looked at the evidence and discovered it was Circumnavigating the World, where they will learn about Sir Francis Drake. What a fun and interesting lesson!



Parking considerations

We respectfully ask that parents park considerately in neighbouring streets when dropping and collecting their children to and from Hydesville.

We actively encourage good relationships with our neighbours and this academic year we are supporting the A*STARS Team and Walsall Council's Parking Services this term as they launch a Safer School Parking campaign. We thank you all for parking considerately and safely to benefit the school environment and help keep our children safe.

Smarter School Parking

Inconsiderate and dangerous parking around our schools puts children and others at risk.

We want your help to keep our children safe and to make a difference.

The law says

School Keep Clear markings
Do not PARK, WAIT or STOP on these under any circumstances, these are there to protect school entrances and leave a clear view of the street for everyone.

Double/single yellow lines
Do not PARK, WAIT or STOP on double yellow lines at any time or single yellow lines during restricted times.

Double parking
Vehicles parked in the middle of the road can cause an obstruction for all road users and restrict visibility, these vehicles can be prosecuted by the Police with a Fixed Penalty Notice (FPN) or Walsall Council with a Penalty Charge Notice (PCN).

Resident's driveways/dropped kerbs
Do not block pavements or driveways as this causes an obstruction. The Police can issue a FPN for this and the Council can also issue a PCN when a resident has signed up to the Council's 'Dropped Kerbs Scheme'.

Junctions/Footpaths
Do not park within 10 meters of a junction as this restricts visibility. Police can issue a FPN for this, if parking is adjacent to yellow lines, the Council can also issue a PCN.

How can you help?

- ✓ Leave the middle of the road free for other users especially emergency services
- ✓ Make sure your child gets in and out of the car on the pavement side
- ✓ Check for cyclists and pedestrians before opening your doors
- ✓ Try not to reverse near a school if possible
- ✓ Keep your speed down as pedestrians maybe crossing between parked cars
- ✓ Park away from the school and walk for the remaining 5-10 minutes
- ✓ Turn off your engine when parked, idling vehicles outside schools can cause health problems, noise pollution and damage the environment

Walsall Council will continue to use the Camera Car to monitor parking on School Keep Clear. The Camera Car uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition technology to detect offences for review by Civil Enforcement Officers (CEO) prior to a Penalty Charge Notice being issued through the post. CEO patrols and local Police also run joint enforcement initiatives outside schools.

Please contact

- Local neighbourhood Police on 101 for any obstruction queries
- Parking Services on 01922 854343 for enforcement queries
- A*STARS team for general queries regarding sustainable travel and road safety

www.aftorwalsall.co.uk

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to the following pupils who achieved swimming awards:

- Shreeya in Year 2 for swimming 400m
- Shivam in Year 4 for swimming 50m
- Chayya in Year 5 for attending a lifeguard taster session
- Aleena in Year 1 for swimming 5m
- Ryan in Year 3 for swimming 400m
- Tayo in Year 2 for achieving his Stanley 3 Award



We are delighted with the 'super playing' by the following Year 3 children who attended Mrs Brown's Recorder Club last year.

- Mayna
- Maayah
- Ibrahim
- Ishaan
- Harry
- Mehtaab



Congratulations to Shriya in Year 4 for her tremendous success in the UK Chess Challenge. Shriya won all 6 games in the Northern Gigafinal of the UK Chess Challenge and came top in the U8 girls. She is now through to National level Terafinals competition. Good luck Shriya!



We are very proud of our Year 6 pupils who have been awarded badges and have become 'Hydesville Champions'. They now act as role models to their younger peers, helping everyone to be kind to each other to ensure Hydesville is a safe and happy school.



Congratulations to Sam in Year 1 for his certificate of excellence for his football goalie training.

Notices/reminders:

<p>Homework Club arrangements</p>	<p>The Upper Prep Homework Club will now take place in the Year 1 classroom (the large classroom on the ground floor of the Lower Prep building). Parents should access the Club in the usual manner: please press the buzzer on the Lower Prep/Nursery gate and proceed to the classroom where Mrs Riley will release your child to you.</p>
<p>Menus</p>	<p>The School website has been updated with this term's lunch menus: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/chartwells-nutrition/</p>
<p>October Half Term Nursery & Reception Holiday Club</p>	<p>We will be running a Holiday Club during w/c 29th October for children in Nursery & Reception. Letters will be going out soon. Places are limited so please secure your place early (you'll be able to benefit from an Early Bird discount too!).</p>

Letters	A reminder that copies of letters sent home are also uploaded to the School website: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home-2/
Events calendar on website	Pocket calendars, detailing this term's events and activities, have been sent home. Copies are available from the School Office, and all events are also uploaded to the School website: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/events-calendar/

Dates coming up week commencing 17th September 2018:

Monday	Trip to Woodlands: Y7 CAT Assessments: Y4 - Y8 After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre (Bugsy Malone rehearsals): Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Tuesday	After School Clubs: Musical Theatre (Bugsy Malone rehearsals): Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm) STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Wednesday	After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) 11Plus Booster Club: Year 5 (3.45 – 5.00 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Friday	Jeans for Genes Day: All
Saturday & Sunday	Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award