



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Iyla – Y1
Kairon – Y2
Safin – Y3
Aryan – Y4
Chaaya – Y5
Nimrah – Y6

A note from the Headmaster

William Horman (1440 – 1535 and Headmaster of Eton School) is regarded as being the original writer of the phrase 'manners maketh man'. Skip ahead about 500 years and it is clear that these traditions remain alive and well in Hydesville Tower School. It has been increasingly evident that the politeness and manners of the pupils has reached very high standards. Whether dutifully waiting and holding open doors for younger children, or dutifully responding to questions and asking about the welfare of the other person, I can see real evidence of the polite attitudes of our pupils. They are a credit to themselves and their families, and also a source of considerable delight for me.



Happiness. It matters to us all. I am conscious of the need to balance the targets of academic success, character development and fostering a global perspective. However, what I hear most from parents is the desire that their child is happy. Nobody wants their child force-fed through an exams factory, where the love of learning and exploration is driven out by the ruthless pursuit of exam grades. Thus, I am always keen to check on the children, whether on morning gate duty or in the corridors or Dining Room: "How is your day?". There are so many smiles that it is infectious! It may have been raining on Thursday, but not in my heart.

Have a lovely weekend...

Supporting Jeans for Genes

Children from Nursery to Year 11 have come to school wearing jeans today, to show their support and raise money to help some of the most vulnerable children in the UK.



Thank you to parents for helping us support the fantastic Jeans for Genes charity, which aims to transform the lives of children affected by a genetic disorder.

We shall let you know how much money we have raised soon.



Performer of the Week:

Robert (Y7) – awarded for learning the first page of a grade 6 piece with great independence and performing to his awe struck class! Well done Robert; a very talented young man!

(photo to follow next week).

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

3W & 4B

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance (97%) this week:

Form 5

Celebrating European Day of Languages

It's European Day of Languages next Wednesday, when we will be celebrating and promoting language learning across the School.

We would like to remind parents of children in Reception to Year 7 that children are invited to decorate a wooden spoon with a foreign language greeting, if they would like to contribute to Hydesville's 'Greetings Garden', by Wednesday 26th September.

We are creating the garden to celebrate the school's diversity and international outlook, and to mark the European Day of Languages.

Here's Mrs Fellows' designs, to help give you some ideas!



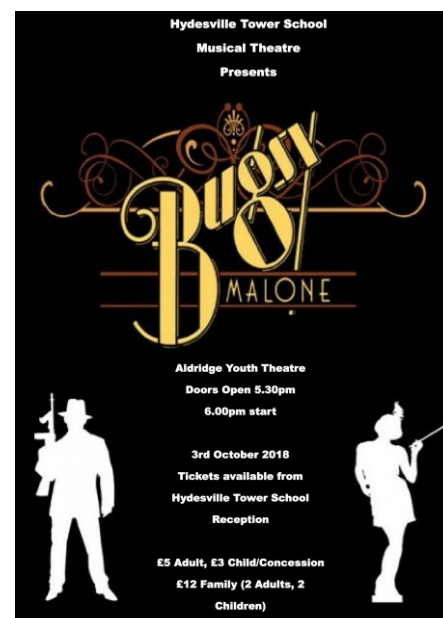
HTS presents Buggy Malone!

Prohibition New York. Fat Sam and Dandy Dan are at loggerheads. Custard pies and 'splurge guns' wreak chaos in the city. All-round nice guy and ex-boxer Buggy Malone just wants to get the girl, but when you're penniless and Tallulah has her sights set on you – what's a boy to do? Can Buggy stay out of trouble, win Blousey's heart and help Fat Sam defend his business? This might get messy...

Brought to you by the dazzling Hydesville Tower School Musical Theatre Club and featuring a live band, this promises to be an evening not to be missed.

Taking place on **Wednesday, 3rd October** at Aldridge Youth Theatre. doors open at 5.30 pm, with the show starting at 6.00 pm.

Tickets are available from the School Office, priced at £5 for adults, £3 for children/concessions and £12 for a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children).



Hydesville water bottles

New pupils joining us this academic year - along with all pupils in Reception and Year 7 - have been given a complimentary Hydesville water bottle, which they can use in School. We have water fountains situated around School for re-filling bottles during the day.

If any pupil has lost their water bottle from last year, replacements can be purchased from the School Office for £2.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Jared – awarded for always following the golden rules and being a good listener.



Reception Star of the Week:

Karina – awarded for trying super hard.



Senior pupil of the Week:

Rahim (Y9) – awarded for having made an excellent start to the school year.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

In partnership with Chartwells Independent, our catering provider, we are supporting Macmillan Coffee Morning. **We would therefore like to invite all parents to our coffee morning taking place in the school dining room on Friday 28th September, starting at 8:45 am.** All cake donations are welcomed to support this event. Please bring them along to the school hall on the morning of Friday 28th September. Please also note we are a nut free school, so we thank you for not using any nut products in your cakes.



We shall be asking for cash donations to this worthwhile charity so we do hope you will be able to show your support.

New School prayers

We are delighted to announce the winners of the Hydesville Birthday prayer competition. Teachers were very impressed with the standard of entries, with two in particular standing out. Congratulations to Grace in Year 1 for winning the Lower Prep category, and to Chaaya in Year 5 for winning the Upper Prep category. We will be using these new prayers in School assemblies this year. You can read them here: <https://www.hydesville.com/14039-2/>

Prep School Awards and Achievements

A huge well done to Kairon in Year 2 for his success at the Aston Villa FC Summer Camp. He performed so well, the Club has offered him a place on their Player Development Centre to enhance his skills further and he will have the opportunity to play matches for Aston Villa Juniors.



IDTA Awards

We were delighted to give out a number of IDTA (International Dance Teachers Association) Awards. The IDTA is a leading dance teaching and examination board. Well done to:



Year 1	Year 2	Year 5
Avaani	Sana	Rayah
Aleena		Chaaya
Brogan	Year 3	Tanaya
Ameliyah	Simar	
Anesu	Susannah	
	Avnie-Mae	
	Maaya	

Street dance awards

Well done to the following pupils who achieved IDTA Bronze awards for Street dance:

Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Avaani	Ameliyah	Simar
Omveer		Susannah
		Ryan
		Mayna



Congratulations to the following pupils who received Silver IDTA Street dance awards: Maaya (Y3), Dhaya (Y4), Simone and Chaaya (Y5).



General Dance Programme Primary Grade IDTA awards: Congratulations to Year 1 pupils: Brogan, Ameliyah, Anesu and Avaani (pic left).



And well done to Year 2 pupils Shreeya, Laila, Emil, Tayo, Shaan and Hussain for achieving a **General Dance Programme Grade 1 IDTA award** (pic right).



General Dance Programme Primary Grade 2 IDTA awards: Congratulations to the following Year 3 pupils: Cynthia, Maaya, Viren, Kimren, Ryan, Susannah, Simar, Adam and Avnie-Mae.



Well done to Dev in Year 5 for his award for finishing 2nd in a 60m running race and for his certificate for learning and participating at his religious temple.





Congratulations to Maaya in Year 3 for her dance award and Susannah (also Year 3) for achievements at Stageworks.

Swimming awards

Well done to the following pupils for their swimming successes:

Gia (Reception) – Puffin Award

Nandika (Year 2) – Rainbow

Jasmine (Reception) – Duckling

Viren (Year 3) – Stanley Award (and Mischief Making award)

Susannah (Year 3) – Rainbow (and Karate award)



Notices/reminders:

Nursery & Reception parents – helping your child with phonics at home	<p>Parents and carers may wish to access this website, to help you teach your child phonics at home.</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sUmUpf-JNoU</p>
Nursery Complimentary Week	<p>Letters have gone out to parents about Complimentary Week in October. Please return the booking form by Monday 15th October.</p>
October Half Term Nursery & Reception Holiday Club	<p>We are running a Holiday Club during w/c 29th October for children in Nursery & Reception. Places are limited so please secure your place early (you'll be able to benefit from an Early Bird discount too!).</p>
Breakfast Club	<p>A reminder that we run a Breakfast Club, before School, starting at 7.30 am. There is a charge for using the Club (£4 per hour). Parents are also welcome to join their children in the dining room for breakfast before school. There is no charge for pupils for this, and parents and children can purchase a selection of breakfast items. Contact the School Office for more details.</p>

Parents of pupils in Year 11 may find the following list of dates useful - open days for 6th Form and college. Please also see this link for useful information on 'What Next after GCSEs?' <https://icould.com/what-next/choices-at-16/>

College/6 th Form	Open Days
Walsall College	10 th Oct 4pm - 8pm 22 nd Nov 4pm - 8pm 26 th Jan 10am - 2pm
Queen Mary's High School	8 th Nov 7pm - 8pm
Queen Mary's Grammar School	29 th Nov
King Edward VI High School for Girls	23 rd Oct 6pm - 8pm
King Edward VI Handsworth School (Boys)	8 th Nov 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Sandwell College	11 th Oct 4pm - 7pm 13 th Oct 11am - 3pm
Arthur Terry School	15 th Nov 6pm - 8pm
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	15 th Nov 6pm - 8pm
Birmingham Ormiston Academy	18 th Oct 6pm

Dates coming up week commencing 24th September 2018:

Monday	Class and individual photos: All 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) Football: Year 1 & 2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm)
Wednesday	European Day of Languages: (selected) Senior School pupils After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Football (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	Macmillan Coffee Morning: All After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) DofE: Seniors (3.45 – 5.00pm)
Saturday	All School Open Morning: 10 am – 12 noon