

HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

## WEEKLY

News in  
brief...Head's  
commendations:

Rianah – Y1  
 Tamika – Y2  
 Maaya – Y3  
 Qais – Y4  
 Mahima – Y5  
 Amrit – Y6

## A note from the Headmaster

We are keen to embrace a global perspective at Hydesville Tower School, recognising that the children's travel, home, work and contacts will increasingly involve all parts of the world. We are well-placed as a Cognita School to do this, and our ski trip in France and the visits to Barcelona at Easter, and Tanzania in the summer are all part of this development. In addition, Miss Jenkins is leading an International Award initiative currently which will see all sections of the school gaining greater awareness and understanding of the world and what it has to offer.

In a linked event, it was great to host the Cognita Schools' European Day of Languages, with children and staff from other members of the group attending to showcase a range of performing arts. I am delighted to say that we won the popular vote, with Eve and Louisa singing a beautiful rendition of Despacito, which was acknowledged as the winning performance. The demands of having to host again were lifted by Northbridge House offering to take over next year, but it is a great event to have hosted and played such a key role in, and well done to all who put themselves under the pressure of performing.

I was chatting with a parent on Wednesday about how we had been through our own form of performance pressure during the day, with a visit from our governing body. Mrs Danuta Tomasz – our ADE and Chair of Governors – brings a wealth of experience as a former Head herself, as well as chairing most of the Cognita UK senior schools. Although the scrutiny is part of how we are held to account, it is also an invaluable way of measuring the successes that have been achieved in the past year and how we are continuing to move forwards. I have invited Danuta to introduce herself in a future newsletter, and I know she is keen to be involved regularly at Hydesville. Her comments about the academic strengths of the school and the warm, calm and positive atmosphere she observed were welcomed as an external recognition of what a great school we have. Best wishes for your weekend...

Presenting Prep School House  
Captains

Congratulations to the following Year 6 pupils who have been selected as the 2018/19 House Captains and Vice-Captains:

**Bradford** - Jessica (C) and Linda (VC).

**Dilke** – Fleur (C) and Khaya (VC).

**Hatherton** – Amrit (C) and Nitin (VC).

These pupils were voted into 'office' by their fellow pupils from Years 1 to 6, after giving a speech to explain why they should be considered for the positions. We look forward to all six children acting as role models to their peers throughout this academic year, and leading their Houses with energy and enthusiasm at key events, such as Sports Days and Swimming Galas.



## Performer of the Week:

**Amira (Y7)** – awarded for contributing so well during choir, and demonstrating such confidence and determination in music lessons.



And well done to Robert in Year 7 who won the award last week:



## European Day of Languages

A huge well done to Senior School pupils, Eve and Louisa, who won the UK Cognita Schools' European Day of Languages competition held at Hydesville this week.

We were joined by pupils from Akeley Wood and Northbridge House Senior Schools to celebrate innovation in teaching and learning. Pupils took to the stage to perform a music and drama pieces in a foreign language.

The calibre of acts was extremely high and we are delighted to announce Eve and Louisa stole the show with their rendition of Despacito and were awarded the title of champions!

The event was organised by Miss Jenkins. She said: "This is the third year we have celebrated European Day of Languages at Hydesville and second year as a Cognita group and this year we were delighted to host the event and welcome fellow Cognita Schools to Walsall. The day was a huge success; it was lovely to meet and collaborate with our peers and everyone had a great day and I look forward to our third Cognita competition for next year.

"A big well done to all Hydesville pupils who took part – Rory, Amir Eve and Louisa – and after winning last year's competition we are delighted we have kept the trophy at Hydesville for another year!"



### Open Morning

Saturday 29th September  
10 am - 12 noon



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Hydesville Tower School is a leading independent Nursery, Prep and Senior School in Walsall for boys and girls aged 3 to 16.

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## Hydesville opens its doors for All School Open Morning

We're opening our doors to prospective families tomorrow (Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> September) for our All School Open Morning. Thank you to parents for supporting this event by giving permission for your children to join us for the morning. Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors and their support at our open events is invaluable.

We would also like to invite parents to come along to the event if you would like to find out more about our Nursery, Prep or Senior School. Year 5 and 6 parents are particularly welcome, as the event will give you the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School. Please spread the word

to your friends and family too!

**Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: RJ, 2S & 4B**

**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week: Form 4**



## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Layla** – awarded for always working hard.



## Reception Star of the Week:

**Kiana** – awarded for excellent effort in all tasks.



## Senior pupil of the Week:

**Jaina (Y10)** – awarded for fulfilling her role as Librarian.



## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Thank you to everyone who has helped us support Macmillan Coffee Morning today.

We held lots of events across School to raise money for this fantastic charity.

Parents joined us at the start the day for coffee and cake,

and we also held staff and Senior School Bake Off competitions. We had some amazing and delicious cakes, so well done everyone!



We will announce the amount raised, along with the staff and pupil Bake Off winners next week, so please stay tuned!



## Prep School Awards and Achievements



Well done to Nitin in Year 6 for achieving a distinction in his recent LAMDA (London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art) exam. He also received a certificate for First Aid.

We were delighted to give out pen licenses to the following pupils in Year 5: Dev, Chaaya, Mahima and Simone.



Well done to Avaani in Year 1 and Dev in Year 5 for their achievements from Kombat Federation (Karate).

Congratulations to Simran in Year 1 and Kairon in Year 2 for their swimming certificates. Simran achieved a Duckling award and Kairon received an Octopus award!



Congratulations to Pavan in Year 6 who received three medals for his achievements in:

- Attending a Holiday Sports Camp
- Being awarded Man of the Match by his football team
- Winning races during a swimming gala

### Notices/reminders:

<b>Nursery &amp; Reception parents – helping your child with phonics at home</b>	<p>This week's link - parents and carers may wish to access this website, to help you teach your child phonics at home.</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmlzzMTqBxo">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EmlzzMTqBxo</a></p>
<b>Nursery Complimentary Week</b>	<p>Letters have gone out to parents about Complimentary Week in October. Please return the booking form by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> October.</p>
<b>October Half Term Nursery &amp; Reception Holiday Club</b>	<p>We are running a Holiday Club during w/c 29<sup>th</sup> October for children in Nursery &amp; Reception. Places are limited so please secure your place early (you'll be able to benefit from an Early Bird discount too!).</p>
<b>Bugsy Malone</b>	<p>Tickets are still available for 'Bugsy Malone', being performed by the Musical Theatre Club, on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, at 6pm at Aldridge Youth Theatre. Tickets are on sale at the School Office.</p>
<b>Jeans for Genes</b>	<p>We are delighted to announce we raised £224.37 last Friday in School for the amazing Jeans for Genes charity.</p>
<b>Prep School Fashion Show</b>	<p>Our Prep School Fashion Show takes place on the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> October. Letters have been sent out this week regarding costumes. All costumes need to</p>

	be sent into school (clearly marked with the pupil's name) by Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> October please.
<b>All School Photograph</b>	It's our whole school photograph on Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October (during the school day). Please ensure your child is sent to school in full school uniform, including their blazer. School jumpers and cardigans are not required.
<b>Walk to School month – October</b>	Prep School children have been set a challenge to travel to school during October in an active way. Forms have been sent out; please log how you have travelled to school and return the forms by 5 <sup>th</sup> November.

Parents of pupils in Year 11 may find the following list of dates useful - open days for 6<sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Form	Open Days
Walsall College	10 <sup>th</sup> Oct 4pm - 8pm 22 <sup>nd</sup> Nov 4pm - 8pm 26 <sup>th</sup> Jan 10am - 2pm
Queen Mary's High School	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 7pm - 8pm
Queen Mary's Grammar School	29 <sup>th</sup> Nov
King Edward VI High School for Girls	23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct 6pm - 8pm
King Edward VI Handsworth School (Boys)	8 <sup>th</sup> Nov 4.30pm - 6.30pm
Sandwell College	11 <sup>th</sup> Oct 4pm - 7pm 13 <sup>th</sup> Oct 11am - 3pm
Arthur Terry School	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm - 8pm
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls	15 <sup>th</sup> Nov 6pm - 8pm
Birmingham Ormiston Academy	18 <sup>th</sup> Oct 6pm

### Dates coming up week commencing 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018:

<b>Monday</b>	Black History Month: Prep & Senior School Walk to School Month: Prep School After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre (Bugsy Malone rehearsals): Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Year 8 & 9 boys indoor football v Queen Mary's School (Kick off 4.00 pm).
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<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	No Pen Day: Senior School Musical Theatre Club presents 'Bugsy Malone': 6pm at Aldridge Youth Theatre After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Whole School Photograph: All National Poetry Day: Prep & Senior School Parents' Evening: Y11 (4 – 6.00 pm) Lunch theme day: Mexican (see menu below) After School Clubs: Upper Prep 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)
<b>Friday</b>	Nursery Stay & Play session: 1.30 – 3 pm (for prospective Nursery families) Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award (until Sunday) After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) DofE: Seniors (3.45 – 5.00pm)

Next week's 'Around the World in 24 Dishes' menu is:

## mexican day.

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chicken fajitas

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mexican stuffed peppers

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sweetcorn & bean quesadilla

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mexican rice

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refried beans

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calabacitas (peppers corn zucchini garlic & blackbeans)

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salad bar

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mexican crullers (cinnamon doughnuts)

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