



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

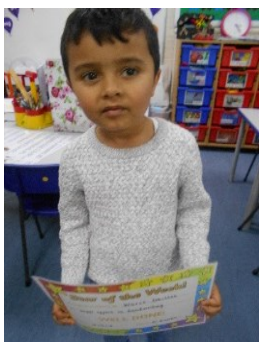
### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Tinashe** – awarded for  
being a positive role  
model.



### Reception Star of the Week:

**Waris** – awarded for  
super progress.



### A note from our pupils....

Mr Honey is attending a Cognita conference this week and is away from school, so our newsletter introduction has been written by three of our pupils.

#### Simone and Dev in Year 5 have reflected on the busy week:

Simone said: "This has been truly a very exciting week, with the amazing book fair that took place from Monday to Thursday. We gave a great big thank you to Miss Crump, Year 5C teacher. Speaking of 5C, they led a wonderful assembly about worries. So if you or your child has any worries remember to share them with someone who cares, or someone you can rely on".

Dev added: "This week has been the best this academic year. We were lucky to have Brazilian day for our dining option yesterday. The main course was barbecue chicken with corn on the cob and there was a very delicious pudding that was made of sprinkles and chocolate cream. We have also been busy preparing for our Fashion Show. Please come and see us next Thursday or Friday – you will be amazed!"

#### Rory in Year 10 adds his comments:

Mr Honey is away this week and he has asked me to write a few words for the newsletter in his absence. It has been another busy week here at Hydesville, especially in the Senior School, as we prepare to welcome pupils from Year 5 and 6, along with their parents, to the Information Evening next Wednesday. If you are facing the important decision about secondary education, don't miss this fantastic opportunity to find out what makes Hydesville such an attractive option. I was particularly pleased to hear that the Year 7 & 8 football team beat St George's, my old school, 4-3 this week. Congratulations to the players and coach Mr Lawrence who does a great job of developing their skills and fostering the sort of team spirit that wins matches.

Everything we do at Hydesville is set against the stunning backdrop of the Arboretum, which has never looked more beautiful in the Autumnal sunshine of the last few days. Each individual tree is different; each has its own charm and special quality, but it's when the trees are seen together that the magic really happens.

Remind you of anything? Thank you, Mr Honey, for giving me this opportunity and for so generously sharing your salary with me this month....

### Award winning Emily

Congratulations to former Hydesville pupil, Emily, who is celebrating after her artwork was chosen as the winner of the Senior Art category in the 2018 Arts & Minds competition organised by NASUWT – The Teachers' Union. Read the full story here: <https://www.hydesville.com/award-winning-emily/>



## Senior Pupil of the Week:

**Kerinda (Y8)** – awarded for excellent efforts and improvements made in reading.



## Performer of the Week:

**Qais (Y4)** – awarded for taking up the 'toot' in class so well, performing three different notes accurately, and creating a lovely sound.



## World Mental Health Day

Pupils' mental health is very important to us as a school and throughout the year we spend a lot of time supporting our children through school life, particularly with helping them through the stresses and challenges of growing up. This week we held a number of events



to mark World Mental Health Day. Seniors did some mindfulness colouring as part of their Art lessons and we held a lunchtime meditation session. PSHE lessons explored the effect of stress on the body and discussed positive ways to handle stress and Year 9

created posters on 'looking after our mental health'. In Prep, Class 5C led a wonderful assembly on 'the huge bag of worries' where they talked about how a 'problem shared is a problem halved.'



## Sporting round up



- It's been a great week for boys' football. The Year 7 5-a-side team won their match against Queen Mary's School on Monday. It was an exciting game that finished 7-7 with Hydesville winning the penalty shoot-out, 5-4. And last night, the Year 7 & 8 boys beat St George's School in Edgbaston, 4-3, in a fantastic game. Well done boys!

- Year 7 joined pupils from schools across Walsall at an Aspire Badminton Day at the University of Wolverhampton. As well as learning tips from top elite coaches, they took part in a tournament against five other schools.

- Year 7 & 8 girls continue to enjoy their rugby lessons with Walsall Rugby Club and are invited to attend these fun sessions later this month.

**COME AND  
ENJOY GIRLS RUGBY  
AT  
WALSALL RFC  
WEDNESDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**



**FUN**

**6.00-7.30pm**

**Or**

**SUNDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER**

**12-1.30PM**



England Rugby Community Coaches and Club Coaches are ready to welcome you down for a fun session!



**FRIENDS**

If you would like more info please contact Nick Jackson [nickjackson@rfu.com](mailto:nickjackson@rfu.com) 07894489754

**Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 2S and 3L**

**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who also achieved 100% attendance this week: Form 4**

## **Christmas Fair – save the date!**

We are very excited to announce our Christmas Fair will take place on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December, 5 pm – 7 pm.

It promises to be a fabulous occasion, with lots of festive fun including carols, mince pies and even a visit from the man in red himself! There will be stalls, refreshments and lots of activities taking place, so please bring the whole family along.

More information will follow after Half Term, but please save the date for now.



## **The Great Nursery Bake Off**

It was lovely to see Nursery parents and children come together this week for the annual 'Great Nursery Bake Off'.

The five Nursery key groups baked cakes in the following categories. Well done to the winners too!

Green Group - Cup cakes (winner: Dylan)

Blue Group – Cookies (winner: Noah)

Red Group – Cakes of the chocolate variety (winner: Arjun)

Yellow Group – Victoria sandwiches (winner: Anaya)

Purple Group – Fairy cakes (winner: Jemima)



## **Prep School Awards and Achievements**

Well done to Hibbah in Year 2 for achieving a 5m swimming award.

Keisha in Year 6 received a Proficiency Level 8 badge and certificate from British Gymnastics. Well done!



Congratulations to the following pupils who received awarded from Kombat Federation for achievements in karate: Kairon (Y2), Iyla (Y1), Ishaan (Y3), Rianah (Y1), Ryan (Y3) and Shreeya (Y2).



Well done to Ruby and Shona in Year 5 for receiving their pen licence.



## Notices/reminders:

<b>Nursery sound of the week</b>	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home:  <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gi8OBhl11U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gi8OBhl11U</a>
<b>Nursery Complimentary Week</b>	Letters have gone out to parents about Complimentary Week in October. Please return the booking form by Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> October.
<b>October Half Term Nursery &amp; Reception Holiday Club</b>	We are running a Holiday Club during w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> October for children in Nursery & Reception. Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery for more information and to book.
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 swimming</b>	Due to pool closures, pupils will need their PE kit on the following dates: 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct, 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov & 12 <sup>th</sup> Nov. Swimming will resume on Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> November.
<b>October Half Term Sports Plus Scheme Camp: Y1 – Y6</b>	We are running a Sports Plus Scheme Sports Camp during w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> October. Prices start from £15 for one day and the camp will run from 9am until 3.30pm. Call Sports Plus to book or for more information – 01922 414488.
<b>Army Team Building Day: 15<sup>th</sup> October (Y9 &amp; Y10)</b>	A reminder that all pupils in Years 9 and 10 need to come to school in PE kit.
<b>Wear it Pink: Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October (Senior School)</b>	Non-school uniform day for Senior School pupils on Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October in aid of breast cancer awareness. Pupils are required to wear at least one item of pink and donations are £1. There will be cakes and chocolate on sale at break and lunchtime.

<b>World Music Day trip (23<sup>rd</sup> November)</b>	A reminder that pupils should return their permission slips for this trip by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October please.
<b>Year 4 pupils</b>	Please return toot contracts by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October if pupils wish to rehearse over the holidays.
<b>Uniform</b>	Advance notice – we will change over to winter uniform after the half-term holiday. Hats and caps are compulsory for pupils in Reception – Year 6.
<b>Year 3 &amp; 4 Frank Chapman Trip</b>	Deposits are needed by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October please.
<b>Year 5 Bushcraft Residential (June)</b>	Please pay all deposits by Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October.
<b>Heritage of Hydesville Project</b>	Senior School pupils have been given the task of finding out more about their family history as part of the Heritage project for Hydesville's International Award. Pupils have been asked to interview family members about their heritage and create a piece of work for display. They can choose how to present their findings e.g. poem, storyboard, artwork, interview transcript. Their project is to be handed in Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November.

## Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

**Open Days coming up:**

**18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Birmingham Ormiston Academy, 6pm.**

**18<sup>th</sup> Oct: Streetly Academy, 6pm.**



**Highclare Sixth Form**  
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YOUR HEALTHCARE CAREER STARTS HERE...

# NATIONAL HEALTHCARE WEEKEND

"I just knew my mind! I met healthcare professionals who were honest and now I feel as though I have made an informed decision to pursue the career that I really want. I have been to similar events before but there is just nothing like this!"  
Sophia Bridgewater Year 12

ALL PHOTOS ARE FROM REAL MEDIC MENTOR EVENTS

**10th & 11th Nov 2018**  
**Birmingham**

**17th & 18th Nov 2018**  
**Exeter**

**24th & 25th Nov 2018**  
**London**

**DAY 1 Insight into THE MEDICINE/DENTISTRY/VETERINARY ORGANISATION FOR ASPIRING DOCTORS, VETS AND DENTISTS**

The Insight Conference is an essential event for any aspiring doctor, dentist or vet. It will help you to make an informed career decision and develop year 10-15. Parents and a greater insight into your chosen profession, which is a scored component of the UCAS application.

**DAY 2 UCAS LECTURES**

Day 2 offers optional UCAS lectures for Medicine and Veterinary Medicine. These are the most comprehensive UCAS lectures available, for students who want to take the next step and make a competitive application to medical or veterinary school.

DAY 1 £25/STUDENT OR FREE FOR STUDENTS FROM LOW-...

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**Dates coming up week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> October 2018:**

<b>Monday</b>	<p>Army Team Building Day: Y9 &amp; Y10  Visit from author &amp; illustrator, Steve Webb, to celebrate Creative Challenge Week: Y4 - Y6  After School Clubs:  Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>Cross-Country: Y5 – Y10  Visit from author &amp; illustrator, Steve Webb, to celebrate Creative Challenge Week: Y1 - Y3  A Stars Road Safety Walk: Reception  Internet Safety session for parents: Y3 – Y11 (4.30 – 5.30 pm)  Flu Vaccinations: Reception - Y5  ‘Land Art Workshop’ with artist Julie Edwards: Y10 &amp; 11 GCSE art classes  After School Clubs:  STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)  Football: Year 1 &amp; 2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm)  Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Senior School Information Evening: Y5 &amp; Y6  Football match v St George’s, Edgbaston: Y7 &amp; 8 boys  After School Clubs:  Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>ISA Senior Swimming Gala  Fashion Show: Prep School (4.00 pm)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Lunch theme day: Halloween  Wear it Pink: Senior School  Fashion Show: Prep School (9.00 am)  Last day of Half Term  After School Clubs:  Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)  DofE: Seniors (3.45 – 5.00pm)</p>