



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Grace - Y1
Maryam - Y2
Ryan - Y3
Tanvir - Y4
Fayaz & Tarun - Y5
Jessica - Y6

A note from the Headmaster....



As the end of the first half-term draws near, it is a perfect chance for me to pause and reflect on the seven weeks that have passed.

For our Nursery children – some of whom have not been with us before – this has been an exciting time of settling into the school in their new groups, and discovering all the fun that comes in learning. Whether exploring the natural world (and spiders!) in the Arboretum, or working on their cooking skills for the Nursery Bake Off, they have been immersed in a world of great discovery.

Prep School has started at a tremendous rate, with a wonderful sense of purpose in every form and a feel-good quality throughout the classrooms and corridors. The manners of the children are delightful, as is their zest for learning. Confidence abounds, as displayed by some lovely class assemblies and topped off with the unforgettable Fashion Show at the end of this Creative Challenge Week.

Senior School arrived back to discover it was growing, with a full cohort of 30 Year 7 pupils illustrating the confidence in the school's GCSE successes.

Whether winning the European Day of Languages competition or competing strongly in the ISA Swimming Championships, it is evident that well-rounded, talented pupils are borne of the Hydesville way.

A well-deserved rest is due for the pupils, who have thrown themselves into every element of school life with gusto. To the staff as well, I am hoping they secure some time to recharge. I am proud of how their attitude is always about putting children first, and very much at the centre of our work as a school. As parents and carers will know, that is not always easy as challenges arise, so to have the team of adults here who put in so much and keep smiling and cheerful is worth a great deal.

Whatever your plans for the next fortnight, I wish you all well and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 5th November...



Swimming success

Well done to the Year 9 and 10 swimming team who entered the Independent Schools' Swimming Gala yesterday. The competition was attended by a number of Independent schools from all over the Midlands and the standard of swimming was very high. Our pupils performed well, finishing 3rd in a number of races.

It was a great experience for our pupils to compete against some of the top swimmers in the country, so well done all!

Nursery Star of the Week:

Guneet – awarded for working hard and displaying excellent behaviour.



Tis the season to be creative!

Prep children are being given the exciting opportunity to design this year's official Hydesville Christmas card. The winning design will be made into a card and sent out to all friends and family of the School community.

Children have been given more information on the project this week. They have been asked to come up with a Christmas card design, presented on portrait style A4 paper or

card. The artwork should be completed in colouring pens or pencils and children should not stick any materials onto it as it will need to be flat so it can be scanned in.

The children need to complete their design during the half-term holiday, and bring it into School when they return on Monday 5th November.

We will be selecting three winners, one from Years 1 & 2, one from Years 3 & 4 and one from Years 5 & 6. The winning designs will be printed and have the name of the designer on the back of the card for all to see. Prizes will also be awarded to all winners. Good luck everyone!

On your marks.....

The Arboretum was a bit muddy for our annual cross country inter-house tournament this week but it didn't stop some sterling performances from our pupils; a big well done to everyone who took part!

The results are now in...and are as follows:



Performer of the Week:

Avnie-Mae (Y3) – awarded for leading her group so well in this week's Year 3 haunted house assessment.



Prep winning house: Bradford

Year 5 & 6 boys

- 1st – Nitin
- 2nd – Khaya
- 3rd – Jamie

Prep winning house: Bradford

Year 7 & 8 boys:

- 1st - Ishe
- 2nd - Arjun
- 3rd – Michael

Year 5 & 6 girls:

- 1st – Ruby
- 2nd – Sukhmani
- 3rd – Jessica



Year 9 & 10 boys:

- 1st - Kai
- 2nd - Sinclair
- 3rd - Guvraj

Senior girls:

- 1st – Priya
- 2nd – Louisa
- 3rd – Nikki

Searching for the Midlands' next young vocalist!

Budding young singers are invited to enter a competition being run by Forest Arts Centre. 'Pop Stars 2019' is asking for audition clips of pupils singing a cappella, with a backing track or whilst playing an instrument. Entries need to be sent to

singstars@forestartscentre.org.uk by Friday, 9th November.

Miss Kingston is available to help pupils record their entries. Last year's winner received a recording day with a song made just for her. This year's prizes include vocal coaching; a professional recording session; and promotion as a solo artist for 12 months within Forest Arts Centre.

Flyers are available from the School Office.



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SEARCHING FOR THE MIDLANDS' NEXT YOUNG VOCALIST!

POP STARS 2019

Please send your audition clip/video/links along with your details to singstars@forestartscentre.org.uk by 4pm on Friday 9 November 2018

Auditions - Wednesday 12 December 2018
Final - Thursday 7 February 2019 Tickets £6
A live professional band will support the finalists

Forest Arts Centre, Hawbush Road, Leamore, Walsall WS3 1AG
tel: 01922 654555 web: www.forestartscentre.co.uk
Box Office: 0300 555 2898

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From Broadway to the runway!

This year's Prep School Fashion Show was a fantastic event to close Creative Challenge Week.

The 2018 Fashion Show was given an International theme and will form part of our submission to gain an International award from the British Council.

Surrounded by parents and other members of the Hydesville family, the classes took it in turns to display their wonderful creations, taking us on a journey of seven different countries. Reception created Hawaiian lays, Year 1 and 2 took us to Greece with their toga designs and our Year 3 senioritas wore flamenco skirts and were accompanied by their sombrero wearing

Matadors, complete with castanets!

In elaborate and traditional Indian dress, Year 4 danced to the music of Jai Ho with a modern Bollywood twist, showing off their range of percussive musical instruments. 'Fascinating fascinators fit for a day at Ascot' was the theme for Year 5 girls, with boys parading their collection of tailor-made top hats, using the finest materials from Milan. The Grand Finale came from our Year 6 pupils who transported us across the continents to China, Tea Picking girls and butterfly dance and a little more!

Our glamorous compère, Mrs Whitehouse, said: "Our sincere thanks go to Mr and Mrs Panwar for their sponsorship of the materials and the bespoke hand-made Spanish skirts and toga outfits. We are truly grateful for the time they have spent and the support they have given to our school.

"We hope parents and other invited guests enjoyed the wonderful display of Hydesville's talent. Creativity is so important to us as a School and Nitin's closing comment of WE DID IT! sums up what fabulous children we have at Hydesville."

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: RJ, 1E, 2B, 4B and 5C

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest (99%) attendance this week: Form 5 & Form 6

Well done to Simba in Year 2 for swimming 25 metres.



Congratulations to Emil in Year 2 and Daniel in Reception for taking part in the Mini Birmingham Great Run.



Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IQsCAyg-axU
October Half Term Nursery & Reception Holiday Club	We are running a Holiday Club during w/c 29 th October for children in Nursery & Reception. Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery for more information and to book.
Year 3 & 4 swimming	Due to pool closures, pupils will need their PE kit on the following dates: 15 th Oct, 5 th Nov & 12 th Nov. Swimming will resume on Monday 19 th November.
October Half Term Sports Plus Scheme Camp: Y1 – Y6	We are running a Sports Plus Scheme Sports Camp during w/c 29 th 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.
Uniform	Uniform reminder – we switch to Winter uniform after half term. Hats/caps are a compulsory part of our uniform and we thank you for observing this.
Heritage of Hydesville Project	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 6th November.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Open days
See our amazing facilities, meet our tutors and find out more about our wide range of courses.

Saturday 20th October 2018 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Art & Design Centre • Birmingham Botanical Gardens • Erdington Skills Centre • James Watt College • Kidderminster Academy • Matthew Boulton College • Stourbridge College • Sutton Coldfield College

Saturday 24th November 2018 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Art & Design Centre • Birmingham Botanical Gardens • Erdington Skills Centre • James Watt College • Kidderminster Academy • Matthew Boulton College • Stourbridge College • Sutton Coldfield College

Wednesday 6th February 2019 – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Art & Design Centre • Erdington Skills Centre • James Watt College • Matthew Boulton College • Stourbridge College • Sutton Coldfield College

Saturday 15th June 2019 – 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Birmingham Botanical Gardens • James Watt College • Kidderminster Academy • Matthew Boulton College • Stourbridge College • Sutton Coldfield College

Careers open events - including guest speakers talking about relevant sector specific careers tailored to each college's subject offer.
James Watt College – Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Matthew Boulton College – Wednesday 3rd April 2019 – 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

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Dates coming up week commencing 5th November 2018:

<p>Monday</p>	<p>Term resumes: all Prep School assembly on Rail Safety After School Clubs: Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Football: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
<p>Tuesday</p>	<p>Visit by the Police (to support the topic on 'People Who Help Us'): Reception Senior School assembly on Rail Safety Parents' Evening: Nursery (3.40pm onwards) After School Clubs: STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Football: Year 1 & 2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm) Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p>

Wednesday	ISA Hockey tournament at Chase Academy Parents' Evening: Lower Prep (3.45 – 6.30 pm) Parents' Evening: Upper Prep (4.00 – 6.30 pm) After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	Trip to Guru Nanak Temple, Walsall: Reception Lunch Theme Day: India Diwali workshop: Year 3 - 8 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)
Friday	Prep School assembly: led by 5B Fire Crew Plus Trip to Safeside: Y7 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:

indian day.

chicken saagwala

beef madras

mushroom balti

pilau rice

bombay potatoes

curried cauliflower

poppadoms

salad bar

deli bar

ice cream

