



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Anushka – Y1
Amrit – Y2
Aynie-Mae – Y3
Zakariya – Y4
Shona – Y5
Sukhmani – Y6

Nursery Star of the Week:

Noah – awarded for working exceptionally hard.



A note from the Headmaster....

The last seven days have been an incredible reflection on Hydesville Tower School, and the amazing things occurring within. A week ago, we marked the Remembrance Day assemblies, with two minutes of silence being observed at 11.00am. In the Prep School assembly, a wonderful, thought-provoking piece by 5B held the attention of all. Marking such a centenary is an important part in helping our pupils appreciate their place in British society and valuing the commitment of previous generations to the lives we now enjoy.

Art has always been a cherished part of Hydesville, and we are fortunate to have two inspirational teachers in Mrs Rees and Mrs Shaw. Around the school, the quality of art work being produced by so many pupils is wonderful. Thus, it was a delight to hear that Amarah had been awarded the 1st prize in the National ISA Art competition. This is incredibly prestigious and we are so proud of Amarah and all the Art department and pupils in the school: a real centre of excellence. Not content with having one of the youngest Mensa members last year, the Prep School has unearthed another this year. Nitin's achievements are tremendous, and anyone seeing the clip on Central News will have seen all the character and confidence coming forth. However, unseen by television was the thoughtful advice he gave the Prep pupils earlier in the week: hard work paying off, and being inspired by the example of others to try for things yourself. A great young man!

So much news, there's hardly room to talk about Odd Socks day, or the Y9/10 football team beating St George's, or the TwitterTakeover by pupils or.... Have a wonderful weekend!

Odd socks (and more!) for Anti-Bullying Week



We've been showing our support for Anti-Bullying week across School with a range of activities. On Monday we wore odd socks to celebrate our individuality, respect and tolerance for each other. Prep and Senior pupils took part in a Twitter takeover on Thursday, to show their support for 'Stop Speak Support' cyberbullying day and Nursery children worked hard at being good friends and received 'Good Friend' certificates.



Sports person of the Week:

Harry (Y3) – awarded for his attitude and behaviour at the U9 football tournament.



Performer of the Week:

Jai (Y7) – awarded for making amazing progress on the guitar and performing as part of a duet with confidence and fluency.



Nitin is top of the class

We are very proud of Year 6 pupil, Nitin, who has passed the test to join high IQ society, Mensa. He became a member of the exclusive club earlier this month after scoring an impressive 154. As one of the youngest to sit the test – the minimum age is 10 and a half – Nitin's achievements are even more remarkable.

News of Nitin's success spread far and wide, after he appeared on ITV Central News on Tuesday!



Christmas Fair...we need your donations!

We are excited to announce our Christmas Fair, taking place on Friday 7th December, 5 – 7pm. There will be lots of fun activities on offer, including Santa's grotto (hurry to book your visit to see the man himself!), carols, craft and food stalls and much much more....

We will be grateful for donations of second hand books, toiletries and chocolate items for our various stalls. We are also collecting food items for Walsall Food Bank.

Please drop your donations into the School Office by December 7th.



Supporting Children in Need

We've had a great week celebrating Children in Need across the whole school. We've had it all – a non-uniform day, sweet sale, face painting, a chocolate raffle and even a 'kicking a football into a toilet' competition! Thank you to everyone for supporting this fantastic cause (we shall announce the amount raised soon). Check out our Facebook page to see the photos from the week: <https://www.facebook.com/hydesvilletowerschool/>

Cognita Ski trip – one place left

We have one place available on the Cognita ski trip at Easter 2019. The lucky person will join the other ten Hydesville pupils and Miss Bowdige for a trip of a lifetime, and a chance to experience the thrill of skiing. This would be a great opportunity for someone new to skiing, as well as for those with some prior experience.

The trip is open to pupils in Years 5 – 9. Further information can be found in the 'letters home' section of our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home-2/>

Please scroll down to the Prep or Senior section, and click on the letter called: 'Cognita Ski-trip – further information'. If you are interested, please contact Miss Bowdige urgently so the final place can be assigned.

Senior Pupils of the Week:

Rayan (Y11) – awarded for being a true gentleman

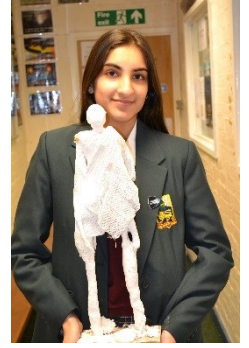


ISA art success for Hydesville pupils

Congratulations to Shivam in Year 4 and Amarah in Year 10 who have scooped prizes in the prestigious Independent Schools Association (ISA) art competition.



Shivam won second prize for his beautiful parasol design in the KS2 fashion accessory category in the Midlands regional competition. Amarah was the 3D Art Individual Key Stage 3 winner for her sculpture entitled 'warrior' which she created during a workshop last year led by local artist Julie Edwards. Judges were so impressed with Amarah's submission that she was put forward for the national awards and we are delighted to announce that she won!



Quick round up from across the School

- The U9 football team entered the ISA 5-a-side tournament in Kidderminster, along with 24 Independent schools from across the Midlands. In our league we won every game and qualified for the semifinal. It was a very close match but we sadly lost to a very good goal scored from a free kick. Well done to all of the boys who were outstanding.



- Pupils in Year 1 enjoyed a teddy bear's picnic on Monday. They planned the party and even made their own sandwiches!

- Pupils in Year 10 & 11 enjoyed a trip to the Skills Show at the NEC in Birmingham. They were able to find out what skills are needed for different



career pathways.

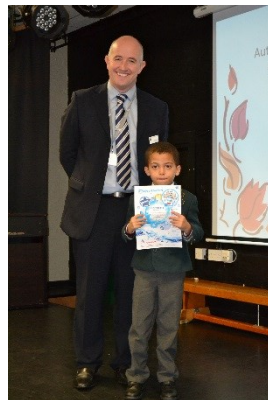
Reception Pupil of the Week:

Taio – awarded for being an independent learner.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to Tayo in Year 2 for his Stanley 4 swimming award.



Congratulations to Dev (Y5), lyla (Y1), Kairon (Y2) and Rehan (Y2) for their achievements in Kombat Federation (karate). Kairon also received a medal and certificate from Aston Villa Football Club for a Half Term holiday sports camp, and Rehan received a medal for his dodgeball skills.

Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://youtu.be/65b3vEfskZ4
Nursery nativity costumes	We have a limited supply of Nativity costumes in Nursery that parents can borrow if required (on a first come first served basis).
Y1 & 2 trip – 12th December	A reminder that payments for this trip are now due.
KS1 Nativity	A reminder for costumes for the KS1 Christmas Play to be bought into School by Monday 19 th November. Also, please could parents of Key Stage 1 pupils help their child learn their speaking parts and song words for the play (scripts will not be used at future rehearsals!).
Data collection & photo consent forms	It is extremely important that we receive these forms. Please return them to the School Office ASAP.
Final day of Summer Term 2019	Please note, the final day of the Summer term 2019 (Thursday, 11 th July) will be a half day. School will close for pupils at 12.00 noon.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Open Days coming up:

29th Nov: **Queen Mary's High School, 5.30pm – 7pm**

6th form applications are now available online to apply for September 2019 places for the following schools:

Handsworth Grammar, QM Girls, King Edward Aston School, Arthur Terry, Streetly Academy, Sutton Coldfield Grammar for Girls, QM Boys, Bishop Vesey Grammar School, Sandwell Academy.

Please see this useful website for careers advice, 'What is it like to be a.....?':

https://www.firstcareers.co.uk/?utm_source=FirstNewsEducation&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=FirstCareers&utm_term=20181003

Dates coming up week commencing 19th November 2018:

Monday	Road Safety Week: All 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)
Tuesday	PEG meeting: All (4.30 – 5.30 pm) 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) Art Club: Y5 & 6 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Wednesday	Cognita Calling – Skype call and ‘keepy uppy’ competition between Hydesville and Cognita School in Brazil ‘Around the World in 24 Dishes theme day’: England vs Brazil Anti-Bullying parent event: Senior School (4.30 pm – 5.30 pm) After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	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	Mad Hatter’s Tea Party: Nursery World Music education Day: Y6 – Y9 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:

england Vs brazil day.

cottage pie

bbq style chicken

garden vegetable cottage pie

steamed carrots & peas

bbq corn on the cob

jacket potatoes

salad bar

deli bar

brazilian churros

mini trifles

