



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Simran – Y1  
Karam – Y2  
Susannah – Y3  
Sian – Y4  
Parmroop – Y5  
Adeel – Y6

### Nursery Star of the Week:

Muhammed –  
awarded for growing in confidence.



### A note from the Headmaster....

This has been another busy week in the life of the school. From PEG meetings to Anti-Bullying to Cognita Calling, Hydesville continues to buzz with activity and excitement.

A big thank you to those parents who braved the rain and ignored 'Celebrity in a Jungle' to join us for the PEG on Tuesday. It was really valuable to discuss the matters associated with mental health and pastoral care across the school. There were some really thoughtful suggestions in terms of ensuring we keep doing the very best for our children in this area, and some profound and philosophical consideration about whether the difficulties are a product of our awareness and society highlighting the concerns. Mrs Whitehouse, Miss Jenkins and I left that meeting with a real sense of positivity about the steps we can add to our current provision, and more will be heard about this in the weeks ahead.

As a Cognita school, we are in the fortunate position to have linked schools around the world. As a way of encouraging connections to children in other countries and continents, this is a great advantage and so it proved on Wednesday. We had various classes recording messages to be played in other schools to find out about life in the UK, and we were able to share the same from others. Most impressive of all, however, was the link to PlayPen Bilingual School in Sao Paulo, Brazil. With great cheers from across the Atlantic Ocean, England took on the home of Pele...and lost 😞. Nevertheless, a connection has been made here which we will be looking to build on in the terms ahead. The world can seem a smaller place once we forge connections.

The Voice of the Pupil survey is drawing to a close. We have been following up with the pupils if any concerns have been raised, so we can be sure we are aware of what worries them in terms of their wellbeing. I am pleased to say that the number of alerts from last year's survey has halved, but we will not rest on our laurels: every child at Hydesville deserves to feel safe and happy, and hence enjoy a fantastic education.

All the best for the weekend...

### Tea & Nursery Rhymes



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## Performer of the Week:

**Tarun (Y5)** – awarded for supporting his peers in guitar lessons, being an excellent ‘mini-teacher’ and talking others through tricky processes with care and attention



## Reception Pupil of the Week:

**Amar** – awarded for super effort and progress in literacy.



## Poets win prizes

We are very proud of our budding poets in Key Stage 2 who have been announced as winners in the Young Writers Poetry competition. Not only have the children received certificates, but they will also have their poems printed in the next Young Writers book! Well done to: Simone, Ruby, Simran, Tanaya and Mahima in Year 5 and Susannah and Ryan in Year 3.



**Early Years' Open Event**  
Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> November. Tours available at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Call to reserve your place.

Hydesville Tower School is a leading independent Nursery, Prep and Senior School in Walsall for boys and girls aged 3 to 16. To find out more visit our website or contact Admissions Manager, Mrs Christine Phillips 01922 624 974  
www.hydesville.com @HydesvilleTower

## Early Years Open Event – 29<sup>th</sup> November

We are opening our doors to prospective Nursery and Reception families on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November.

The Open Event will give visitors the chance to see our school in action, meet staff and find out more about our small class sizes, excellent pastoral support and outstanding academic results.

Tours are available at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Please do come along if you are a Nursery family and wish to find out more about our Reception classes, or if you are looking for a Nursery place for your son or daughter. Please also spread the news about the event to any

friends or family. There's no need to book, please just arrive at the start of your preferred tour slot. Contact Admissions Manager Mrs Phillips via the School Office for more information or email: [Christine.phillips@hydesville.com](mailto:Christine.phillips@hydesville.com)

\*Nursery places are extremely limited for this academic year. We have availability for September 2019. Call us to find out more.

## Keepy Uppy for Cognita Calling

We challenged fellow Cognita School, Playpen in Brazil to a 'keepy uppy' football competition on Wednesday, as part of the multi-school 'Cognita Calling' Skype day.

It was great to connect with pupils from across the globe. Playpen narrowly beat Hydesville with more 'keepy uppys' but everyone had lots of fun!



## Senior Pupils of the Week:

**Jade & Mya (Y7)** – awarded for their fantastic fundraising efforts for Children in Need.  
(photo to follow next week!)

**Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1B, 3L, 5B and 5C**

**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group achieved the highest attendance (96%) this week: Form 1, 5 & 6**

## Nursery Fun Club

We will be running a Christmas Holiday Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (9am – 4pm) and on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December (9am until 1.30pm). Flyers will be going out soon. Please hurry to secure an Early Bird price of £15 a day. Please note, the club is also open to non-Hydesville children.



## A message from Mrs Whitehouse about uniform

“We are all justifiably proud of our school and wearing the school uniform with pride is part of our expectation.

“Thank you to everyone who complies with our expectations.

“Hats and caps are an essential part of our uniform and should be worn to and from school at all times”.

## All-School Awards and Achievements

### Swimming Awards

Well done to Amrit in Year 2 for her Stanley 7 award, Jayden in Year 2 for his 10 metres, 15 metres and Stanley 5 award and Tarun in Year 5 for his 800m award.



Congratulations to the following pupils who have been chosen as Pupil Voice representatives for this academic year:

Year 1: Samuel

Year 2: Sana & Zak

Year 3: Ryan & Simar

Year 4: Shriya

Year 5: Mahima & Dev

Year 6: Sukhmani



Well done to Karina in Year 4 for passing her Level 1 piano exam.



Congratulations to Eve in Year 11 who has been selected to attend the next round of auditions for the local ‘Pop Stars’ competition. And well done to Jai in Year 7 who won the prize for the Children in Need Chocolate quiz.

## Notices/reminders:

<p><b>Nursery sound of the week</b></p>	<p>Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home:</p> <p><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2DdC5Q6D64">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2DdC5Q6D64</a></p>
<p><b>Donations for the Christmas Fair</b></p>	<p>A reminder that we need donations of chocolate, toiletries, second hand books for the Christmas Fair. We are also grateful of donations of food items for Walsall Food Bank. Please hand your donations into the School Office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December.</p>
<p><b>Year 5 &amp; 6</b></p> <p><b>Upper Prep</b></p>	<p>A reminder that the money for the trip to Cadbury World is now due.</p> <p>Please return slips and money for the trip to see the Wizard of Oz on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Please also return payments for the indoor climbing trips.</p>
<p><b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Girls rugby festival</b></p>	<p>Walsall RFC is holding a girls' festival from 4-5.30pm. The event is open to girls in all year groups.</p>
<p><b>Basketball Aspire Day – Y7 &amp; Y8</b></p>	<p>Please return reply slips the for Basketball Aspire Day.</p>

## Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

**MANUFACTURE YOUR FUTURE**

**Fancy earning serious money**  
in an industry with loads of great jobs up for grabs?

**What is HVM?**  
HVM stands for High Value Manufacturing. If you choose a career in HVM, you could become a fester of aircraft components, work with robotics or even design components for oil rigs.

**HVM industries include:**  
Aerospace, automotive, oil and gas and much more...

**Pretty cool huh?**

**SAME CAREER, DIFFERENT PATH  
BUT WHICH ROUTE WILL YOU TAKE?**

Apprenticeship	Vocational	Academic
<p>You'll need <b>GCSEs</b> ideally in english, maths and science</p> <p>You'll study part-time at college or a training provider while you are working</p> <p>It could cost you <b>£0</b> Earn while you learn!</p>	<p>You'll need <b>GCSEs A* - C</b> to study at Level 3 and below C to study at Level 2</p> <p>You'll study full-time at college completing a BTEC</p> <p>It could cost you <b>£0</b> up to age 18 Fees from 19+</p>	<p>You'll need <b>GCSEs mainly A* - B</b> ideally in english, maths and science</p> <p>You'll study full-time at sixth form or college completing A levels</p> <p>It could cost you <b>£0</b> up to age 18 Fees from 19+</p>

**Dates coming up week commencing 26<sup>th</sup> November 2018:**

<b>Monday</b>	Assessment Week: Prep KS4 Mock examinations 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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Trip to see A Christmas Carol: Y9 After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Early Years' Open Event (for prospective Nursery & Reception families). Tours at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Year 5 & 6, sports hall athletics (11am-2pm at Ormiston Sheffield Academy. Around the World in 24 Dishes theme lunch: Morocco After School Clubs: Upper Prep Football (3.45 – 4.30 pm) 11Plus Booster Club: Year 5 (3.45 – 5.00 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	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:

## moroccan day.

lamb tagine

moroccan chicken one pot

chick pea & date tagine

maakouda batata (potato cakes)

moroccan couscous

moroccan spiced roasted vegetables

salad bar

deli bar

chocolate danette

