



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Jemima – awarded for working hard and growing in confidence.



Reception Pupil of the Week:

Gia – awarded for improving her writing skills through great application.



A note from the Headmaster....



It was brought home to me by Ryan at the school gates yesterday that this has not been an ordinary week! “We haven’t seen much of you, Sir.”, he said. Sadly, that is the fate of a number of us when an Inspection team calls. Even though it was raining during my gate duty, it was actually lovely just to be able to see the children and parents arriving, and share the usual smiles, greetings and happiness. I look forward to these times, since they are what motivated me into teaching. As for the Inspection, there is a period of time when we are unable to release

any of the information but rest assured, we will share the outcomes with you as soon as we are allowed. Thank you to the parents (and pupils and staff) who completed the survey questionnaire, which was very informative for the team. Thank you also to the supportive person who emailed in, “Knock ‘em dead, Mr Honey”! It brought a sense of relief from the trawling through paperwork.

On to the important matters – the children – who have been working hard in most age groups with their assessment week. This is an important time for teachers to triangulate what they have been seeing across the term with a different form of judgment. Whilst all experts acknowledge that accurate teacher assessment trumps all other options, we cannot escape the existence of tests or exams, and preparing children to keep cool under this pressure is an important role as they move through the school. One disappointing result does not necessarily mean a child is failing, but it may be that support will be needed to help them cope better in future with the test conditions.

Christmas Fair next week – of which more will come from Ms Archer in due course. I’m thoroughly looking forward to sharing the time with you and your friends and family, as we celebrate our amazing community. Have a lovely weekend...

Celebrating World Music Education Day

Last Friday, 25 pupils from Years 6-9 attended the World Music Conference, hosted by the University of Wolverhampton.

Pupils took part in workshops throughout the day which allowed them to experience and play instruments from a range of different cultures. They had great fun trying out the Gamelan, Romanian Opera Singing and playing the Dhol. The day finished with musician Dom Aversano showing them how to play the hand pan (which, we found out, is the only acoustic instrument to have been invented in the 21st century!).



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Sinclair (Y9) –

awarded for being a positive role model and for supporting his younger peers.



And here is the photo of Jade & Mya from last week:



to prepare your son or daughter to give their application the strongest chance of being successful in securing a Scholarship.

Our event will begin promptly at **4.00pm on Thursday 6th December in the School Hall**. There is no need to register to attend in advance.

Scholarship Information Event – December 6th

Parents of pupils in Year 5 & 6 are invited to a Scholarship Information Event at 4.00pm on Thursday, 6th December 2018.

The event will provide parents with information about our Senior School Scholarship Programme.

Parents might already be aware that we offer both Academic and Non-Academic Scholarships to children entering Year 7. At our event next week, we will explain more about the process of applying for a Scholarship, as well as provide valuable and practical advice and guidance about how best



Christmas Fair – raffle donations needed

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching – we're all getting very excited!

As well as donations for the tombola and second hand book stall, we would now also be grateful for donations for the raffle.

Tickets will be sold on the night, and prizes given out the following week.

Please drop your presents into the School Office next week.

Thank you for your support – we hope to see lots of you at the Fair next Friday!

Christmas boxes for the elderly

Kind hearted pupils from Years 7 – 9 have been collecting, packing and wrapping Christmas boxes for elderly people in our local community.

Mrs Shaw will be delivering the boxes to local care homes and via Age UK this weekend. Thank you to everyone who contributed to such a worthwhile cause.



Performer of the Week:

Cynthia (Y3) – awarded for remembering key words from the previous lesson so well, and helping her class to remember them too.



Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 2B, 4B and 5B

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Group who also achieved 100% attendance this week: Form 1

Carol Service – everyone welcome!

Our annual carol service will take place on Thursday, 13th December at St Matthew's Church, Church Hill, Walsall, WS1 3DG. We ask that you are seated in good time, ready for the service to begin at 6.30 pm. Performers are asked to be present by 6.00 pm and all other pupils by 6.15 pm.

For a "through school" like Hydesville, an event such as this that brings most of the elements together is particularly special. Thus, we expect all pupils from Reception to Year 11 to attend, representing Hydesville wonderfully in full school uniform. Parents, family and friends will be warmly welcomed as well, so we can see out the end of term as a community together. We look forward to seeing you all there!



Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YIQQo9eYVqk
Donations for the Christmas Fair	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 th December.
Upper Prep trip to REP Theatre, 12th Dec.	A reminder that payment for Upper Prep's visit to the REP is required by Friday 7 th December.
After School Sports Clubs	Next week, w/c 3 rd December, is the final week this term for after-school sports clubs. They will re-commence in January.
Nursery & Reception Christmas Holiday Club	Places are still available on our Nursery & Reception Christmas Fun Club. The Club is open 9 am – 4pm on Wednesday 19 th and Thursday 20 th December, and 9 am until 1.30 pm on Friday 21 st December. You can secure an Early Bird price of £15 a day if you book by Dec 11 th .
Nursery families	Nursery parents are reminded to send in Nativity costumes ahead of the performance on Dec 10 th and 11 th .

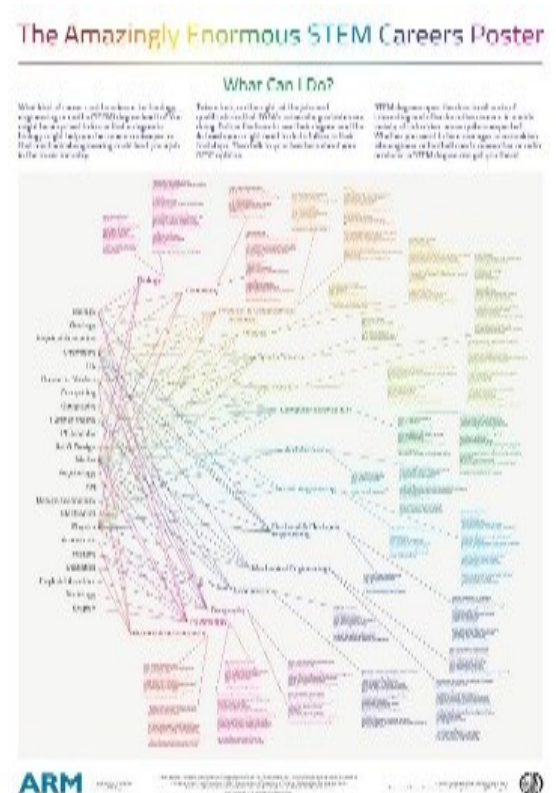
Y7 & 8 Basketball Aspire Day on Monday 3rd Dec	Pupils are asked to come to school in their PE kit. They will return to school in time for the end of the school day at 3.45pm.
Y5 & 6 Wall Climbing Trip on Thurs 6th Dec	Pupils are asked to come to school in their PE kit and tracksuits.
KS1 families	A reminder that it is the KS1 Nativity performance on Thursday 6 th and Friday 7 th Dec and parents need to return ticket slip to reserve tickets.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

STEM is an acronym for **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering and **M**athematics. STEM subjects are integral to the UK's success: the UK is the world's sixth largest manufacturer, engineering turnover is around £800 billion per year, and whilst the UK makes up only 1% of the world's population, we produce 10% of the world's top scientific research. Despite this, it is remarkable to note that even though STEM graduates have the potential to earn amongst the highest salaries of all new recruits, employers are finding it difficult to recruit STEM skilled staff. Alongside our need for a skilled STEM workforce, it is crucial that all young people, regardless of their future career pathway, have the STEM knowledge and skills they need to be an informed citizen in an increasingly scientific and technological society.

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If you are interested in a career in science, technology, engineering or mathematics then you must use this website. The Future Morph website is designed to show you just some of the amazing and unexpected places that studying science, technology, engineering and maths can take you. Think of this as your base camp, your launch pad, the door is open come on in and explore.



Dates coming up week commencing 3rd December 2018:

Monday	Settling in Morning: Nursery new starters Basketball Aspire Day: Y7 & Y8 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	Trip to Cadbury World: Year 5 & 6 Badminton ISA Tournament, University of Nottingham: KS4 Badminton Tournament, West Walsall E-Act Academy: KS3 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	Parents Evening: Y7 After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	Trip to Blakesley Hall: Y3 & Y4 Trip to see Aladdin at the RSC: Y10 & Y11 Indoor Climbing: Y5 & Y6 Christmas Play: KS1 (2.00 pm) Scholarship Information Event, 4 – 5pm: Y5 & Y6 Around the World in 24 Dishes theme lunch: Germany After School Clubs: Upper Prep Football (3.45 – 4.30 pm) 11Plus Booster Club: Year 5 (3.45 – 5.00 pm)
Friday	Christmas Play: KS1 (9.15 am) Christmas Fair: 5 – 7pm

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

german day.

german roast bacon with frankfurt sauce
bratwurst
bavarian kartoffelpuffer (potato cakes)
garlic mushrooms on garlic ciabatta
braised red cabbage & apple
warm green bean & potato salad
deli bar
salad bar
pretzels
apple struddle

