



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Alisha – awarded for growing in confidence.



A note from the Headmaster....



Two weeks away from school can seem like a long time. It was certainly noticeable on Monday that there were plenty of smiles on the children's faces, making me so proud as Headmaster. Schools should provide excellent opportunities for learning and developing character, but do so in a way that is enjoyable and exciting: as adults, we can all recognise how much better it is when we are working in a positive mindset, so seeing that in our pupils is very rewarding.

Next week, we begin the Voice of the Student surveys. Pupils in Year 3 and above will have the chance to describe how they feel at school in terms of their wellbeing and safety, as well as give information about their learning. I hope that everyone feels there is someone for them to talk to if they ever have concerns at school, but this survey is a great chance for us to catch any worries that have not emerged through the usual routes. I look forward to sharing the headlines with you in due course. Having just returned from a gathering of all the UK Cognita Heads, it is really exciting to talk about the tremendous attainment levels within the school in the last year. Whether in Early Years, GL assessments and Key Stage 1 and 2 performances, or in GCSE results, Hydesville Tower School is performing at the higher standards across the UK. These successes are a great indication of how the children have progressed, and a wonderful reflection on the quality of education being provided. We don't rest on our laurels from last year, though. Recent Parents' Evenings have started the next stage of helping every child become better, and the data from the Senior School reports are being carefully scrutinised to ensure everyone secures the benefits of our first-class education - our primary aim.

Forecasts look grim for the weekend, so see you on Monday with my brolly at the ready!

Reception's visit from the Police



What a fantastic morning our Reception children had when two local police officers arrived at School – complete with a police car and lots of police hats!

The visit was part of our 'People Who Help Us' project, that children have been working on this term.

The police officers used their training, experience and expertise to deliver police

safety information in a reassuring way to ensure pupils were able to understand the important role of the Police in our community.

The children also had a go at being police officers by dressing up in uniforms, sitting in the police car and even sounding the (very loud) sirens!

Performer of the Week:

Viren (Y4) – awarded for working so incredibly hard over the holidays, and returning playing the toot with confidence and accuracy – even performing a difficult duet! Excellent work!



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Robert (Y7) – awarded for his contributions to his online blog about life in a British school.



The workshops captured pupil's imaginations, whilst teaching them about the culture of India and they created a wonderful collection of dances (see our Facebook page for videos of Year 5 and Year 6's dances).

Celebrating Diwali through dance

Pupils from Years 3 to 8 celebrated the Indian festival of lights, Diwali, by taking part in an Indian Dance Workshop this week. Children were invited to dress in traditional Indian clothes and each class worked with an external dance teacher to learn a series of graceful movements used in traditional Indian dances, fused with the upbeat, modern Bollywood style of dance.



Announcing our 2018 Scholars

We are excited to officially unveil our 2018/19 Senior School Scholars.

Huge congratulations to Nihal and Kashif in Year 7 who are our Music and Maths Scholars respectively. They have been awarded the prestigious Scholar titles as they demonstrate skill, aptitude and passion in their particular fields.

We are very proud of both pupils who have made a fantastic start to their Hydesville journey and are acting as great ambassadors and role models to other pupils.



Security on site regarding after-school care

We are aware that there are some circumstances that two or more sets of parents or carers can arrive at the same time to collect their child from after-school care. Whilst we appreciate the temptation to hold the gate open for the next person, it does put the security of the site at risk. Please can we ask you to ensure that the gate is closed behind you, so the next person has been allowed in by the staff specifically? Thank you for your understanding and support.

Congratulations to the following Prep School Classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 3L and 4B

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest (99%) attendance this week: Form 1 & Form 6

Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Simran in Year 1 for achieving a red belt in kickboxing.



Well done to the following children who received medals for achievements at a Half Term Sports Camp:
Iyla (Year 1) – for fantastic effort
Ishaan (Year 3) – for super contribution
Emil (Year 2) – for dodgeball success



Well done to Samuel in Year 1 and Adam in Year 3 for swimming 25 metres.

Congratulations to the following pupils who received medals for their success in the Inter-House Cross Country tournament held before Half Term:



Year 5 & 6 girls: Jessica (Year 6, 3rd place), Sukhmani (Year 6, 2nd place), Ruby (Year 5, 1st place)
Year 5 & 6 boys: Jamie (Year 5, 3rd place), Khaya (Year 6, 2nd place), Nitin (Year 6, 1st place)

Well done to Shivam in Year 4 for achieving 2nd place in the prestigious ISA Midlands Regional Arts Competition in the Key Stage 2 category for his beautiful parasol he designed for Creative Challenge Week.



Creative Challenge Week winners:

Congratulations to the following children who were chosen by Mrs Rees and other Prep School teachers to win awards for their contribution to Creative Challenge Week 2018. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Brach for donating the prizes.

Waris (Reception), Grace (Year 1), Lara (Year 2), Ismail (Year 3), Karina (Year 4), Anaiya (Year 5), Nimrah (Year 6).

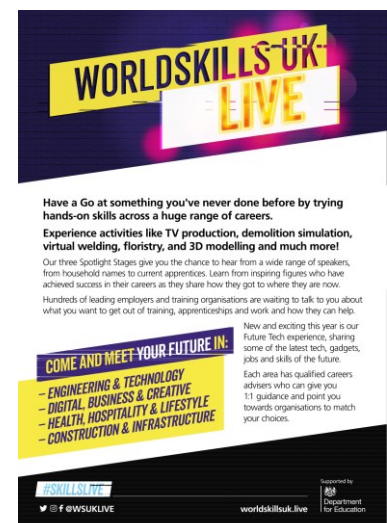
Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: http://ow.ly/knvm30mxLUS
Senior School Curriculum booklet	The Autumn Term 2 Senior School Curriculum booklet is now available to download from the website: https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/
Children in Need	Friday 16 th is Children in Need. Seniors can come to school wearing an item of yellow or spots. Prep & Nursery children can come to school dressed in spotty clothing. We are requesting donations of £1 per pupil.
Odd Socks Day	Pupils in Reception to Year 11 can wear odd socks to school on Monday 12 th November to mark Anti-Bullying Week.
Y10 & 11 visit to the NEC Skills Show (15 th Nov)	Pupils must download the WorldSkills UK LIVE App before the event. It is available via Google Play or via the Apple App Store. Please also return your reply slip for permission to attend the trip.
Term dates	The Academic Year 2019/20 term dates are now on the website: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/term-dates/

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Open Days coming up:

- 15th Nov:** Arthur Terry, 6pm – 8pm
King Edward VI Camp Hill School for Girls, 6pm – 8pm
Shire Oak Academy, 6.15pm
- 22nd Nov:** Walsall College, 4pm – 8pm
Barr Beacon, 6pm



Dates coming up week commencing 12th November 2018:

Monday	Anti-Bullying Week: All Odd Socks Day: Reception – Y11 Global Enterprise Week: Senior School 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	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: Y10 (4.00 – 6.30 pm) Football fixture vs St Georges: Y9 & Y10 After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	Trip to NEC Skills Show: Y10 & 11 Around the World in 24 dishes themed lunch day: France 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	International Day for Tolerance: Prep & Senior School 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:

french day.

chicken cordon bleu

boeuf bourguignon

ratatouille

boulangere potatoes

french beans

tarragon carrots

salad bar

deli bar

crepes with chocolate sauce

