



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Simran- Y1
Zak – Y2
Adam – Y3
Shriya– Y4
Ibrahim - Y5
Fleur– Y6

Reception Pupil of the Week:

Annaliese – awarded for growing in confidence.



A note from the Headmaster....



As I write, the final touches are being put together for this evening's Christmas Fair. It is very exciting to be opening our gates for this purpose, and for families to gather together and celebrate this time with friends. My grateful thanks to those who have contributed to the raffle and tombola, and to the staff, parents and pupils who have supported the organisation in advance and the events on the evening.

Anyone watching the BBC2 series 'School' will have seen a compelling account of events in the multi-academy trust. It

has proved a clear reminder of the challenges facing all education, as funding drops and schools are left wondering how they can support the children effectively. Even lovely schools like Hydesville has to face its challenges: children are all capable of having off days and behaving out of character. I can reflect on my good fortune of working amongst such caring professionals, who keep putting the children first and striving to support each child to maximise their potential. Whether the inspirational teaching, putting on extra clubs when the rain is pouring down, or simply being there to hear a child's concerns and devise strategies to help them, the staff at Hydesville Tower School are amazing.

A busy couple of weeks remain, with a variety of shows, concerts and events. The children have been preparing well for these, so it will be lovely to welcome you to them, and celebrate together the end of the term.

Have a lovely weekend...

Christmas card comp

Congratulations to Cynthia in Year 3 and Simone in Year 5 who have been announced as winners of the Prep School's 'Design a Christmas Card' competition.

All of the entries were very good so Mr Honey had a tough job selecting two winners, but Cynthia's and Simone's designs really stood out. Well done girls!

We are looking forward to sending out these special cards to members of the Hydesville family during the coming weeks.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Arvind – awarded for being well behaved and making good progress.



Senior Pupil of the Week:

Manveer (Y9) – awarded for being a positive role model and for supporting his younger peers.



KS1 present The INNspectors

Pupils in Years 1 & 2 took to the stage for their fabulous Christmas production of The INNspectors this week.

The traditional Nativity story took on a modern twist, with the inn-spectors Hibbah, Shaan and Tamika not pleased with the standard of accommodation on offer in the town. What a health and safety nightmare! However, as Mary (Amrit), Joseph (Oliver) and the donkey (Martin) tell their story (with the help of their Key Stage 1 friends) the inn-spectors realise that this is no ordinary baby. Their worries quickly fade as they declare the stable fit for a King!

The performance gave all our children a chance to be part of the widely told magical story and it kick started a period of excitement in the end of term calendar. The children made us so very proud; their acting and singing was amazing! Thank you to parents for supporting the event, we hope you enjoyed the show.



Please help Nursery!

Nursery is transforming the role play area in to a 'Baby Clinic' in January. We would be grateful for the following resources to be donated if no longer required by parents. Thank you!

- * Doctors equipment
- * Empty plastic pill bottles
- * Empty baby milk tins
- * Baby bottles
- * Baby baths
- * Scales
- * Changing mats

Prep School's Foodbank collection

Kind hearted children in Prep School have been busy bringing donations from home and we have collected a fantastic amount of food to take to our local foodbank in Walsall.

The collection follows a recent assembly during which our Pupil Voice representatives talked about the work of foodbanks and how they support in the local community.

We heard about how foodbanks help vulnerable individuals and families in crisis through the provision of three days' emergency food supplies while a longer-term solution is developed. The services they provide have an enormous impact on the people who use them, giving them an important breathing space at a time of great need.

If you would still like to make a donation, we will be collecting until Wednesday 12th December. We particularly need tinned and dried foods, toiletries and baby products.



Many thanks to everyone who has supported this fantastic cause.

Performer of the Week:

Khaya (Y6) – awarded for showing good progression on his trumpet after just one week of taking it home to practice, an excellent start Khaya!



Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1B, 2B, 3W and 3L

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week: Form 4 & 6

Heritage Project

As part of our work towards the International Award and to recognise Black History month, pupils in Years 7, 8 and 9 were asked to find out more about their own heritage.

Their brief was to interview their family members to find out more about their family history, culture and traditions. Pupils could then choose how to present their findings for a display in school celebrating the diverse heritage of our pupils.



The overall winner of the competition was Chanroop in Year 8 who used mixed media art to celebrate her Punjabi and Sikh heritage. Runners up included Priya in Year 9 who interviewed her grandmother, and Balvin in Year 8 who discovered more about his Portuguese and Indian heritage as well as his uncle's professional football career.

Quick round up from across the School

- Pupils in Years 7 & 8 had the chance to try basketball, during an Aspire Day held at the University of Wolverhampton on Monday. They took part in a morning masterclass with professional coaches to help them

develop their skills and during the afternoon they took part in a tournament with six other schools.



- Shaan in Year 2 was over the moon to receive a signed photo from Sir David Attenborough after sending him a letter as part of his topic homework!

- Year 8 Engineers have been designing and building prototype models of Eco Friendly homes. They considered aspects such as how you can make homes more energy efficient, choosing suitable and sustainable materials for their design and other features such as electrical vehicle ports and roof gardens to grow food and aid the plight of the bee population.



Prep School Awards & Achievements

Congratulations to Ismaeel (Y2) for swimming 10m, Anushka (Y1) for achieving 100m and Rianah (Y1) for her 200m certificate! Fellow swimmer, Mrs Whitehouse, is very proud of you all!

Well done to our recent Reception Star of the Week children, Amar and Gia.

And well done Shaan in Year 2 for completing his Santa run last weekend and raising a fantastic amount of money for Birmingham Children's Hospital (photo, right).



Congratulations to Shriya in Year 4 and Nitin in Year 6 for achieving their black belts in karate. Ismail in Year 3 also received his red belt. Well done children! (photo, left).

Om in Year 5, Avaani in Year 1 and Yuvraj in Year 2 received awards from Kombat Federation.



More chess success for Shriya in Year 4 who has been awarded the title of Staffs Junior Champion after taking part in the county championships recently. Congratulations!

Well done Avnie Mae and Kimren in Year 3 who both received awards for attending Stagecoach for the past four years!



Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjyk4ULW7Ik
Nursery & Reception Nativity – Monday 10th at 2.15 pm and Tues 11th Dec at 9.30 pm	Children will take costumes home on Monday after the performance and come to school dressed in their outfits on Tuesday with school uniforms in their bags.
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 .

Upper Prep's trip to the Rep Theatre – Weds 12th Dec	Pupils will be returning to school for approximately 6pm. Could parents please collect their children from the bus stop located outside of the Arboretum, just up the road from school on Broadway North.
Accelerated Reader Reward part – Monday 17th Dec at 1pm	For all pupils in Years 7-9 with 30 points or more on the Accelerated Reader scheme.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

A reminder that Year 11 need to sign up for their time slot for 1 interview/Career advice which will take place on **Monday 7th Jan.**

Sixth Form deadlines approaching

Bishop Vesey's Grammar School - 5pm, Thursday 20th December.

Arthur Terry - Wednesday 19th December.

Queen Mary's High School - Friday 25th January.

King Edward VI Handsworth Grammar School for Boys - Friday 11th January.

Barr Beacon - Friday 11th January 2019

King Edward VI High School for Girls - 31st January 2019

Dates coming up week commencing 10th December 2018:

Monday	Nativity: Nursery & Reception (2.15 pm) Wall climbing: Y3 & Y4 After School Clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Tuesday	Nativity: Nursery & Reception (9.30 am) After School Clubs: STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Wednesday	Trip to see Wizard of Oz at Birmingham Rep: Y3 – 6 Trip to see Dick Whittington at Lichfield Garrick: Y1 & Y2
Thursday	Christmas dinner: All Carol Service at St Matthew's Church: All (6.30 pm)
Friday	Christmas Jumper Day: All Trip to London Science Museum: and National History Museum: Y7 & Y8 Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) DofE: Seniors (3.45 – 5.00pm) Movie Night: Prep School (4.00 – 6.00pm)