



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Maven** – awarded for  
growing in confidence.



### Reception Star of the Week:

**Daniel** – awarded for  
growing in confidence.

### A note from the Headmaster...

Happy New Year to one and all!

It is always exciting to return for a new term with all the anticipation of the events to come. I love to see the enthusiasm and excitement on the children's faces, although as the week has gone by, I can see that the fatigue is setting in. Hopefully a weekend of rest and sleep will enable everyone to be bright-eyed and bushy-tailed once more.

New Year's Resolutions are often made (and subsequently relapse), with a view to self-improvement. As a veteran lover of making tick lists and securing targets, I have always relished the Resolution stage but when the running more/cycling more/watching less television targets have failed, it is always difficult to get back on track. School can present similar hurdles and challenges, with pupils arriving full of good intentions and plans to read more, work harder and learn better; occasionally however, that target can be missed and the risk is allowing the good intentions to be forgotten altogether. This is where the teamwork of our staff and children is so valuable. I feel so fortunate when I look at the quality of adults on the site, knowing that they are putting the children at the centre of all considerations and supporting them through the ups and downs. Our INSET work on Monday looked at a range of ways of helping every child succeed – academically and emotionally – to maximise everyone's potential.

I suspect it was missed with the busy end of term, but I just wanted to give a mention to our Year 5 Scientists who went and won the KES Birmingham Science competition. This was a great reflection on the work being done in science in our Prep School, and I know that Mr Burnham was very proud of how the pupils performed.

Ms Archer has today informed you of the Voice of Parent survey, which is being launched on 15<sup>th</sup> January and is open until 5<sup>th</sup> February. We really value the chance to hear your thoughts on the school and how we are doing on aspects relevant to your child's education, so please make a little time to complete it and offer your feedback.

All the best for the weekend...



### Voice of parent survey

Further to the letter that was sent out today and Mr Honey's mention above, we would like to remind parents and carers that they will be receiving the annual parent survey next week. The survey is invaluable in providing us with the insight we need to make informed decisions about change. Thank you in advance for taking the time to complete it. Your feedback is very important to us.



## Performer of the Week:

**Brogan (Y1)** – awarded for demonstrating excellent musicianship and concentration in lesson time. Mr Vickers is extremely impressed!



## Football fun for Simar and Amar



Lucky Simar was the flag bearer leading the Spurs flag on to the pitch and Amar paraded with mascots Chirpy and Lily!

Please send your children's out-of-school news to [info@hydesville.com](mailto:info@hydesville.com)

It is always lovely to hear about the fun things our children get up to in their spare time.

We were excited to find out about Amar in Year 2 and Simar in Year 5's involvement at the Tottenham Hotspur vs Wolverhampton Wanderers match at Wembley Stadium on December 29<sup>th</sup>.



TOTTENHAM HOTSPUR  
v WOLVERHAMPTON WANDERERS  
Saturday, December 29, 2018 - Wembley

KUMHO TYRE  
Better. All day.

## Photo consent form reminder

If you haven't already returned the photo-consent form we sent out last term, we urge you to do so as soon as possible.

We currently take and share photographs of our pupils for a variety of purposes, including social media and other marketing uses. We would like to continue sharing photographs in these ways but due to GDPR we now require written consent to do this. Please check each section of the form carefully, sign and return it to the School Office. We do also require your child to sign the form if they are over the age of 13.

If we do not receive a completed form, we will be unable to take or share photographs of your child to showcase their successes in school.



## Save the date – parent social event

Our next parent and staff social event will take place on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – the Great Hydesville Quiz – starting at 6.30pm in the School hall.

This is an evening social event for adults and promises to be great fun. So if you're up to putting your general knowledge to the test then do come along!

Entry is FREE and teams must register in advance as places are limited. Each team must have five players (smaller groups will be asked to join others to make a team) and guests are invited to bring their own finger food and drinks for their team. Plates, cutlery and napkins will be provided.

Contact Sarah Archer, Marketing Manager on 01922 624374 or email [sarah.archer@hydesville.com](mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com) to find out more or to register a team.





## Prep School Awards and Achievements (awarded during the final assembly of the Autumn term)

Well done to the following pupils for achievements in swimming:



Tarun (Y5) – 1000m (pic, left)

Emil (Y2) – 100m

Daniel (Reception) – 25m

Yusuf (Y1) – ‘I’m an explorer’ swimmer award

Samuel (Y1) – 50m

Simran (Y1) – Stage 1

Maryam (Y1) Stanley 1



Congratulations to Ryan in Y3 and Shreeya in Yx2 for their karate awards.



Well done to Dev in Year 5 for playing the main part in a production by his temple.



## Well done to the following pupils for achievements in this term’s Times Table Challenge:

**Bronze** – Safin, Aahil, Nandika, Parmroop, Veer, Tanvir, Tandip, Zak, Ibrahim, Susannah

**Silver** – Shivam, Jayden, Anaiya, Qais, Viren, Karamveer, Karum

**Gold** – Pavan, Aryan, Amrit, Jamie, Viren, Avnie Mae.

**Diamond** – Dev, Karina, Khaya

## Hall of Fame – new entries

1<sup>st</sup> – Nitin (new record)

2<sup>nd</sup> – Mahima

4<sup>th</sup> – Shriya





### House Point winners

Congratulations to Hatherton who were the winning house for the Autumn Term! 2<sup>nd</sup> was Bradford and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Dilke.



### The following awards were presented this week:

Well done to Gia (Reception) for her proficiency award, Level 8, in gymnastics, Jamie in Year 5 for being awarded Swimmer of the Term by his swimming club, and to Tayo in Y2 for swimming 10 metres.

### Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: <a href="https://youtu.be/mYGGk0MH_xQ">https://youtu.be/mYGGk0MH_xQ</a>
Young Voices	The Young Voices trip will be next Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January. Children going on the trip need to bring a packed tea with them.
Nursery parents	Two reminders for Nursery parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Please return your funding forms for the Local Authority by Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan.</li> <li>• Please send in or email a baby photo of your child to either Mrs Smith, <a href="mailto:Samantha.smith@hydesville.com">Samantha.smith@hydesville.com</a> or Mrs Willis, <a href="mailto:laura.willis@hydesville.com">laura.willis@hydesville.com</a></li> </ul>

## Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

To research potential career ideas, Miss Fairbrother recommends looking at the following websites and go to the 'explore jobs/job profiles' hyperlinks.

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)  
[www.prospects.ac.uk](http://www.prospects.ac.uk)

Other general useful websites are:

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com) (to research university and higher educational college courses)  
[www.which.co.uk/university](http://www.which.co.uk/university)  
[www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk](http://www.thecompleteuniversityguide.co.uk) (university league tables)  
[www.gettingofar.gov.uk](http://www.gettingofar.gov.uk) (to research apprenticeships at post 16, including degree apprenticeship at post 18)  
[www.indeed.com](http://www.indeed.com) (to research employment and apprenticeship opportunities at post 16 or 18)  
[www.yell.com](http://www.yell.com) is good for researching local companies regarding work experience opportunities.  
[www.starnow.co.uk](http://www.starnow.co.uk). This offers auditions for those interested in the creative arts industries.  
[www.creativealliance.org.uk](http://www.creativealliance.org.uk). This is an apprenticeships training provider for those interested in the creative arts.

EEF Engineering, JTL Training and In-Comm Training are good engineering based training providers for Engineering related apprenticeships. Pupils can register with these companies.

### School & College Interview Preparation

Please find some potential school or college interview questions to help you to prepare.

The interview will be more of an informal chat, so nothing to get too worried about.

They are likely to ask the following questions:

- 1) Why have you applied for these courses/subjects?
- 2) What do you know about the course/subjects you'll be studying?
- 3) Why our 6<sup>th</sup> form or college?
- 4) What are your careers aspirations and career ideas?
- 5) What are your hobbies and interests?
- 6) Tell me a bit about you and school - subjects you enjoy, excel in etc, work ethic, target grades, punctuality, behaviour and attendance.

If you have applied for college, you will be required to complete an Initial assessment. This is 2 x 30 minutes: one in literacy and one in numeracy and it is multiple choice. Please take your time answering the questions – questions may include pictures of a 10p coin, 20p coin and a 50p coin and they may ask which one is 50p etc. Some questions will be more challenging though.  
Smart - casual dress code, some pupils attend in their school uniform.

***Just remember to come across as motivated and enthusiastic!***

## Dates coming up week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019:

<b>Monday</b>	After School Clubs: Musical Theatre: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Art Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Archery: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Hungry Caterpillar session with Chartwells' Nutritionist: Nursery Fit Food session with Chartwells' Nutritionist: Reception, Year 3 & Year 4 After School Clubs: Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Spanish: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Art Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Fit Food session with Chartwells' Nutritionist: Year 5, 7 & 8 Parents' Evening: Y11 (4.00 – 6.00 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Themed lunch day: Italy Loudmouth Production: Y9 Young Voices: Upper Prep Choir After School Clubs: MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Intervention: Year 6 (3.00 – 5.00 pm) 11Plus Booster session: Year 5 (4.00 – 5.00 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)

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

## Italian day.

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Meatballs in tomato sauce

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Spaghetti carbonara

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Tomato & basil bruschetta

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Wild mushroom risotto

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Italian roasted vegetables

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Garlic & parmesan vegetables

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Salad bar

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Deli Bar

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Ice Cream

