



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Brogan - Y1
Nandika - Y2
Karanveer - Y3
Jamie - Y5
Sannah - Y6

Nursery Star of the Week:

Seva - awarded for settling in to Nursery life so well and for working hard.



A note from the Headmaster...

We have been delighted to welcome four teachers from the Cognita schools in Brazil. They spent several days visiting our classes, and observing the teachers in action. When I asked them what they would take back to Brazil as overriding memories, they spoke of the amazing calm shown by the children in class and assembly, the wonderful manners and confidence exhibited by each child they saw, and of staff who were consistent and supportive in helping every pupil develop. It made me very proud that fellow professionals could see the strengths in what we do. We are hoping for various inter-school projects and activities for the children to be started through these connections. Suffice it to say that several staff are eyeing up the return visit!

The ISI Inspection report has now been released, and I have sent it to you today for your information, as well as it being placed on the website. Whilst an arduous process - scrutinising all that we do in school - it found that we met all the standards required of independent schools, reflecting the focus we place on the children's education and their welfare.

Finally, a plea to the parents of older pupils (although all are welcome to apply the principles). When children are young, various routines are established that ensure bed time is punctually observed and gives the child sufficient time to rest. As they become older, teenagers wrestle with the desire for more independence and for more interaction with social media, games and video sites. Unfortunately, we are seeing some of our oldest pupils struggling with the demands of hard working days at school and late night interactions with technology: times of beyond midnight are being seen for some, so it is little wonder that they are struggling with fatigue, poor health, anxiety and irritability. Please can everyone do the following - **and blame it on me**. Remove all the devices by 10.30pm, so settling down to reading and sleep can begin. It is well established that FOMO (fear of missing out) keeps teenagers attached to their devices long in to the night, fearful of not seeing the latest comment or meme. If we all remove the devices for the night-time, no child need worry about FOMO, and the rest can allow them to keep suitably charged for the months ahead.

All the best for a chilly weekend...

Fit Foods

Clare Hedderman, nutritionist from our catering provider, Chartwells, held a series of Fit Foods workshops this week.

Pupils in Years 3, 4, 5, 7 & 8 took part, and explored the functions of food using a variety of ingredients. In teams they created their own health product in the 'super snack challenge'. Each team pitched their new product to the teachers, dragons den style.



Reception Star of the Week:

Daniel (awarded for good effort in all subjects)



The Hungry Caterpillar comes to Hydesville

Children in Nursery & Reception took part in a fun workshop on exploring our foods this week.

The interactive session was led by Chartwells' nutritionist Clare Hedderman. Based on the Hungry Caterpillar story, the children identified all the different foods the caterpillar ate. They discussed which foods helped the caterpillar to grow and stay healthy and which foods made the caterpillar poorly.



The children then took part in the edible art challenge, where they created a caterpillar made with a selection of fruits and vegetables. They even wrapped their caterpillars into a cocoon (tortilla wrap) and really

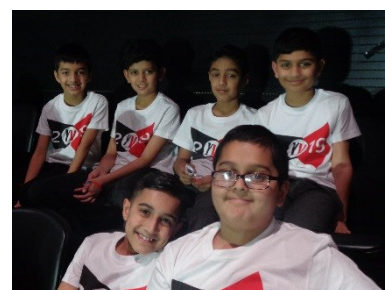
enjoyed tasting their creations!



Young Voices in fine form!

Since September, the Upper Prep choir has been rehearsing for the Young Voices Choir performance. It has been a lot of hard work with so many words to learn! Yesterday, the choir joined over 6000 other pupils at the Resorts World Arena for a final rehearsal and then spent the evening performing to a huge audience.

It was a spectacular show! Our choir all sang and danced their hearts out, clearly enjoying every moment (almost as much as the teachers!). They were perfect representatives of our school. It was a long and tiring day, but the experience will last a lifetime. Well done all!



A quick round up from across the School

- **Loudmouth:** theatre in education company, Loudmouth, delivered a session on sexual health and relationships to Pupils in Year 9 this week. 'Trust Me' was delivered through drama presentation, group work and pupil participation and dealt with a serious and important subject in a fun and engaging way. We were impressed with the maturity in which our pupils dealt with the issues covered during the lesson.
- **Basketball success:** well done to the Year 5 and 6 Basketball team who played in the Walsall schools' basketball ball tournament on Wednesday. The



standard was very high and we had a number of closely fought matches. Our team ended up finishing second in our league. Well done everyone!

Senior Pupil of the Week:

Sam (Y10) – awarded for an excellent performance at the Year 9 options evening.



Sporting Pupils of the Week:

The Year 5 & 6 Basketball Team – awarded for success in the Walsall Schools basketball tournament this week.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Swimming awards

Well done to the following pupils for receiving awards for swimming:

Tanvir (Y4) - 20 m

Narian(Y4) 50m

Avaani (Y1) 50m



Congratulations to Shreeya (Y2) and Ryan (Y3) for achievements in their Bollywood dance assessment.

Well done to Martin (Y2) for achieving his white and orange belt in martial arts.



Congratulations to Ismaeel (Y2) for receiving a trophy from his football club for endeavor (he tackles the opposition really well!).



Well done to Simran (Y1) for having her poetry published.

Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kmmewEew6IM
Sports Plus Holiday Camp	We are hosting a Sports Plus Holiday Club during February Half Term for children in Year 1 to Year 6. Letters are going out next week.
Photo consent forms	Please can parents return their child's photo consent form ASAP, if they haven't already done so.

Website to be aware of – Chat Avenue	We need to make you aware that a Walsall Primary School has shared a concern regarding the website, Chat Avenue, where it appears that indecent pictures were sent to children.
Annual parent survey	Our annual parent survey opened this week so we'd like to encourage those of you who haven't completed it to do so if you are able. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already given us your feedback. It is really important to us.
Nursery parents	Two reminders for Nursery parents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please return your attendance reply for the mark making workshop on Wed 13th Feb. • Please send in or email a baby photo of your child to either Mrs Smith, Samantha.smith@hydesville.com or Mrs Willis, laura.willis@hydesville.com

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

A reminder that the deadline to hand in application forms for references to Miss Jenkins is Friday 25th January.

Year 10 and 11

The Real Apprentice Event @ Hawthorns 7th March – 11.30-12.30

The real apprentice event is designed to help students learn more about apprenticeships and pre apprenticeship pathways. Pupils will have the chance to discuss their post 16 and 18 options with representatives from local colleges, training provider, employers and Connexions. There will also be a number of interactive displays for pupils to explore a range of different careers. Emergency services, Army and many more will be in attendance.

Year 10 and 11: Please sign up to attend the event with Mrs Booth before Friday 25th January.

Dates coming up week commencing 21st January 2019:

Monday	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) Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	English Poetry Live: Y10 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)
Wednesday	KES Maths Competition: Y4
Thursday	Themed lunch day: Greece 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) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Friday	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:

Greek day.

Beef kofta

Chicken gyros

Feta & spinach filo parcels

Vegetable moussaka

Greek lemon roasted potatoes

Briam (Greek roasted vegetables)

Salad bar

Deli Bar

Traditional Greek honey cake

