



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Anesu – Y1
Hibbah – Y2
Veer – Y4
Om – Y5
Rhuben – Y6

A note from the Headmaster...

As a school, Hydesville has a clear mission: giving every child the chance to develop to their full potential. We have made a commitment to this through mixed-ability teaching, which enables the strongest to excel whilst giving other pupils an excellent modelling of success. We also see all children involved in the various elements of school life, whether on stage for class assemblies or as a part of the teams and clubs. Every child matters, and we want them all to succeed.



Included within this is a commitment to individuals. The work being undertaken by Mrs Odunjo and Mrs Khan is making a tremendous difference for those with specific learning needs, and their care and attention to these pupils is most commendable. Teachers ensure that every child - regardless of their ability - is given the stretch and challenge to help them reach the next stage in their learning journey: it helps that every child is known by the staff, so they can plan for their provision.

At the top end, we are committed to developing our Most Able and Talented pupils so they thrive. We are shortly going to launch our new initiative for Key Stage 2, focusing our attention on becoming a site of excellence in terms of 11 plus provision and helping every child finish Year 6 ready to thrive in secondary school. Additionally, the Prep staff are making great strides in providing opportunities through their Spark sessions - Problem Solving in Maths and Science, Elocution, Pop Music and English, to name but a few. Helping every child maximise their potential is a key drive for us, and seeing all the children progress is a great reward for the efforts.

Here's hoping that next week does not carry the same snow warnings, and that everyone enjoys another 'Happiness homework'...

Eve shines at recording day

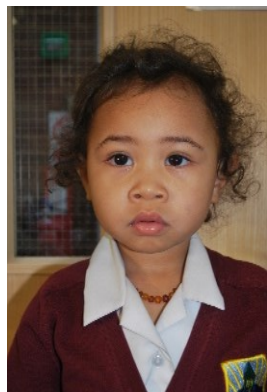
Last Friday our music scholar, Eve in Year 11, attended a recording day at the Performance Hub at the University of Wolverhampton.

Eve's GCSE performances were recorded by third year music technology students, who taught her an array of high spec technologies, talked her through various microphone skills, acoustic considerations for recording, and ensured that her GCSE recordings were of the highest quality. The university students were very impressed with Eve's vocals (as are we) and Eve and Miss Kingston thoroughly enjoyed seeing the world of music in Higher Education!



Nursery Star of the Week:

Cataleya – awarded for settling well into Nursery life.



Performer of the Week:

Ravin (Y8) – awarded for being such a wonderful leader in music enrichment, and sharing his music tech knowledge whilst demonstrating wonderful composition skills!



Year 5 & 6 visit Thinktank

A fantastic time was had by all on Tuesday when pupils in Years 5 and 6 visited Birmingham's science museum, Thinktank.

The children had the opportunity to view the incredible exhibits and engage with the countless interactive displays, which took them on a learning journey through the human body, World War 2 and future technology. They even took a virtual tour through space in the fascinating

'Earth and Beyond' planetarium show. It was an incredible day!



A sweet trip for Year 10

Year 10 Business Studies pupils enjoyed the day at Cadbury World experiencing a talk for Business Studies about marketing. This allowed students to access information within a real life business context, ask questions and investigate the topic further.

This integrates into the topics that Year 10 complete during their GCSE Business Studies course.

Mrs Jones hopes that this is a visit to remember for the pupils when they come to revise, enabling them to reflect upon what they have learnt.



Valentine's Concert – not to be missed!

We're very excited to announce our Valentine's concert, taking place on Tuesday 12th February. This is a new event which is in place of the tea time concert we usually do this time of year and it promises to be a very special showcase of music, dance and vocal performance.

Tickets* are now available, priced at £2.50 each (this includes entry and an afternoon tea which will be served whilst you sit back and enjoy the show).

*Please note that spaces are limited and unfortunately no tickets will be issued on the day.



Reception Star of the Week:

Haris - awarded for a super attitude towards learning.



Senior Pupils of the Week:

Zara (Y11) - awarded for supporting her peers.

Monisha (Y9) - awarded for supporting Prep school pupils with their reading.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Congratulations to Simran in Year 1 for achieving a yellow belt in kick boxing.



Well done to Om in Year 5 for earning his red and white striped belt in karate.



Pavan in Year 6 received certificates for swimming 200m and 400m. Well done!

International Dance Teachers Association (IDTA) awards



Congratulations to Jessica in Year 6 for her array of awards this week! She received certificates and medals for tap, (freestyle) social dance and for achievements at the Spotlight Stage School.

Brogan in Year 1 received IDTA rosettes for her successes in ballet and freestyle dance. Well done girls!



Ishaan in Year 3 received a trophy for scoring five goals at football!

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

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

Notices/reminders:



Senior School trip to Barcelona

There are still spaces available for the trip to Barcelona (10th – 13th April).

The cost is £665. This includes visits to the Nou Camp, Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell and the Poble Espanyol, as well as sightseeing

around the city, including the world famous Ramblas and the city's dancing fountains.

Interested pupils should contact Mr Turner or Miss Jenkins as soon as possible.

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Oiu_YmW_Efk
Photo consent forms	Please can parents return their child's photo consent form ASAP, if they haven't already done so.
Annual parent survey	Our annual parent survey is still open 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.

Year 11 Spotlight on Careers

How do I

- how do i gain qualifications
- how do i make new friends
- how do i study a levels
- how do i kick start my career

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- Art & Design Centre**
Venture Way,
Brierley Hill DY5 1RG
- Birmingham Botanical Gardens**
Westbourne Road,
Birmingham B15 3TR
- Erdington Skills Centre**
Edwards Road, Erdington,
Birmingham B24 9EW
- James Watt College**
Aldridge Road, Great Barr,
Birmingham B44 8NE
- Kidderminster Academy**
Piano Building, Weavers Wharf,
Kidderminster DY10 1AA
- Matthew Boulton College**
Jennens Road,
Birmingham B4 7PS
- Stourbridge College**
Hagley Road,
Stourbridge DY8 1QU
- Sutton Coldfield College**
Lichfield Road,
Sutton Coldfield B74 2NW

Career Open Events

Guest speakers talking about relevant sector specific careers tailored to each college's subject offer

Wednesday 3 April 2019
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Open Events

Come and take a look inside at one of our open events

Saturday 24 Nov 2018
10:00am – 1:00pm

Wednesday 6 Feb 2019
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday 15 June 2019
10:00am – 1:00pm

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Dates coming up week commencing 4th February 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	Safer Internet Day: Prep & Senior School 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	Trip to Frank Chapman Centre: Year 3 & Year 4
Thursday	Trip to the Snowdome: Year 1 Themed lunch day: Russia After School Clubs: MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 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:

Russian day.

Beef stroganoff

Russian shashlik

Mushroom stroganoff

Uzbek plov (Russian rice)

Roast red cabbage & beetroot

Buttery garlic & herb potatoes

Salad bar

Blini (Russian pancakes)

