



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Nursery Stars of the Week:

**Maven** – awarded for working hard and making great progress.



**Raheel** – awarded for good concentration and hard work.



### A note from the Headmaster

It has been a delight to see the children returning for the new half-term. Whilst a holiday can be fun in its own way, the real measure of a school is how excited children are to return and start re-engaging with their friendships once again. Although we are only a few days in, I have had the pleasure of seeing Year 3's Viking longboats, watching the video of the hatching chicks in Nursery, and hearing in the Senior assembly about what has inspired our pupils. It is so nice to see such a range of things occurring within our school community, and knowing that the children are thriving as a result.



Next weekend sees our whole school Open Morning, and thank you in advance to the parents and children supporting the event. It is an important chance for the school to continue to develop, so we can maximise the opportunities for all our community. Hydesville is increasingly full or nearly full in a number of year groups – and keeping to our commitment for small class sizes is vital rather than accepting all enquiries. This is especially true in Nursery, Reception and Year 7 – where external enquiries are greatest at this time of year – so please do not delay to secure your places should your child be due to enter these points for September. Christine Phillips will be able to confirm arrangements regarding entry for this year or beyond.

Good luck to the Year 3 and Year 4 pupils on the Frank Chapman Centre trip next week: we look forward to hearing of your tales of adventures, excitement, and hopefully ensuring all your clothes go back in to your own bags!

Best wishes for the month of March...

### No yolking about in Early Years

Nursery and Reception children are very excited by a collection of baby chicks that have hatched this week!



The hatching project will give pupils first-hand experience of watching animals develop over time and will help them to gain a better understanding of how to look after living things. We are excited to study the changes that animals go through as well as observe how the chicks grow over the coming weeks.



## Performer of the Week:

**Tamika (Y2)** – awarded for being such a helpful older student on stage at the Valentines Concert. We were so impressed with her being such an excellent and thoughtful role model as well as then doing her own performance!



## Reception Star of the Week:

**Rishi** – awarded for making an excellent start in Reception.

## A royal afternoon for Nursery

Nursery children became princes and princesses yesterday to celebrate British Values.



Pretty dresses, costumes, crowns and tiaras were worn and parents and other family members joined us for a mini concert and afternoon tea. The event promoted values and equality at Hydesville. We teach children the importance of British Values through the Golden Rules by encouraging children to be kind, helpful and respectful of others.

Thank you to everyone who joined us to share in our royal afternoon, we hope you enjoyed the event!

## All School Open Morning – March 9th

We're opening our doors to prospective families on Saturday, 9th March for our All School Open Morning. Thank you to parents for supporting this event by giving permission for your children to join us for the morning. Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors and their support at our open events is invaluable. We would also like to invite parents to come along to the event to find out more about our Nursery, Prep or Senior School. Year 5 and 6 parents are particularly welcome, as the event will give the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School. Please spread the word to your friends and family too.



  
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### Open Morning

Saturday, 9th March,  
10 am to 12 noon.

Hydesville Tower School is a leading independent Nursery, Prep and Senior School in Walsall for boys and girls aged 3 to 16.  
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## Quick round up from across the school

- Christmas may be a while off yet, but talented Senior pupils - Sartaj in Year 9 and Rory in Year 10 - are getting ready! The duo took part in a mini project to assemble and solder various capacitors, resistors and other components to make a very early flashing Christmas tree ready for the festivities of 2019. Fingers crossed the batteries will last until December!



- The Year 5 and 6 swimming team took part in the Walsall Schools' Swimming Gala this week. There were some tremendous performances by our pupils. The highlight of the day came from the girls' medley relay team who came first in their race. Well done to all pupils who took part; we are now looking forward to the School swimming gala next month.



**Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1b, 3L, 4B**

**Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: Form 5**

## **Awards and Achievements**



Congratulations to Gia in Reception for achieving a Level 7 Proficiency Award from British Gymnastics.

Our children have been doing lots of swimming during the half term! Well done to Aleena in Year 1 for swimming 10m, Anesu in Year 1 for 25m, Ibrahim in Year 3 for 200m and 400m and Amrit in Year 2 for 25m.



Congratulations to Reuben in Reception and Kairon in Year 2, for raising an amazing £1,120 for Acorn's Childrens' Hospital by taking part in the Santa dash.

We're very proud of Karina, Shriya, Mustafa and Viren for representing Hydesville at a Maths Competition at King Edward's School last month. We are reliably informed that theirs was one of the best performances Hydesville has seen in a very long time. Well done!



Congratulations to the following Senior School pupils who have been selected by Mrs Jones as winners of the Safer Internet Day poster competition: Dilan (Y9), Arun (Y7), Sam (Y9), Romario (Y7) and Rory (Y9).

## Notices/reminders:

<b>Nursery sound of the week</b>	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: <a href="https://youtu.be/sq-q2jzM78c">https://youtu.be/sq-q2jzM78c</a>
<b>World Book Day</b>	A reminder that we are celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March. Letters have been sent home (and are available on the school website) with details of costumes.  <b>Nursery children</b> are asked to come to school dressed in an outfit themed around 'Animals'.
<b>Quiz Night</b>	A reminder that we are hosting our next parent and staff social event – Quiz Night – on March 14 <sup>th</sup> at 6.30 pm. Reserve your team (5 players) by emailing <a href="mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com">sarah.archer@hydesville.com</a>
<b>Careers Week</b>	Next week is Careers Week. We have a number of events taking place in School. Parents and pupils might want to access this website for more information on careers advice and guidance: <a href="https://nationalcareersweek.com/">https://nationalcareersweek.com/</a>
<b>Reception – trip to New Art Gallery</b>	Please can Reception parents send in payment for the trip to the New Art Gallery on Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March.

## Dates coming up week commencing 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019:

<b>Monday</b>	Careers Week begins: Seniors Residential to Frank Chapman Centre: Y3 & Y4 Geography Field trip, Birmingham City Centre: Y11 After School Clubs: 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) Archery Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Football Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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>	Trip to Badminton Championships: Y7 Parents' Evening: Prep After School Clubs: Hockey Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	World Book Day: All Meet the Real Apprentice careers event: Y7 & Y8 Trip to Apprentice event, Hawthorns: Y10 Themed lunch day: Australia After School Clubs: Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm) 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)
<b>Friday</b>	International Women's Day: Senior School One Job Challenge Careers Day: Senior School Science Week begins; Prep & Senior School Trip to New Art Gallery, Walsall: Reception After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
<b>Saturday</b>	All School Open-Morning (10am – 12 noon)

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

## Australian day.

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Hamburger with beetroot

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Canberra creamy seafood pasta

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Halloumi & vegetable kebabs

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Corn on the cob

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Crash hot potatoes

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Deli bar

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Salad bar

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Lamingtons

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