



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Asir – awarded for
continued progress.



Dhian – awarded for
being polite and
working hard.



A note from the Headmaster

As we reach the final few days of term, we can reflect on all the things that have been achieved by the pupils in the past four months. Seeing Hydesville's Adventures in Oz – the Prep School performance penned and directed by Miss Bowdige – was a great treat, with the array of dancing, singing and acting across all the year groups. I was mesmerised by the energy in their performances, the comic turns and timing of the lead characters, and the overall feeling of the children being thoroughly immersed in what they were doing. Well done to everyone concerned for a terrific show.



I had the pleasure to visit the Year 9 History classes presenting their view of aspects of Nazi Germany to the discerning judges in Year 6. This collaboration was so impressive, and something that we are increasingly doing to the benefit of all parties. The Senior pupils had put a lot of thought in to how to show the concepts and secure an interactive experience for the younger pupils. Our Year 6 pupils provided an excellent source of challenging, questioning judges, looking to develop their critical analysis and reasoning skills.

The end of term approaches, and two exciting trips abroad beckon. I wish everyone well in their travels for skiing at Les Menuires and for those going to Barcelona to visit one of our sister schools. Experiences such as these can be tremendous in shaping interests and character for the future. With this in mind, Mr Turner and I are finalising our three-year plan for residential trips, which will give parents the time to consider what they would wish their child to be a part of. We will release this early next term.

Wishing everyone in the Hydesville family a peaceful Easter time, and look forward to seeing you all again on Thursday 25th April.

Summer Term enrichment programme unveiled!

We are excited to announce the Summer term's enrichment programme for pupils. There are lots of new and exciting activities on offer. Details have been sent home, and pupils (and parents) can view the programmes via the School website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/>



Senior pupils of the Week:

Zara and Simmi (Y10) - awarded for fundraising efforts.



Performer of the Week:

Avaran (Y3) - awarded for helping and leading his group to create such a wonderful 'journey into space' composition.



Hydesville's Adventures in Oz

This week the Prep School have embarked on a magical journey to see the Wonderful Wizard of Oz.

In Hydesville's Adventures in Oz, Dorothy daydreams in Mrs Kenton's class and is transported to a magical land where dreams can come true. Hydesville is whipped up during a huge storm and lands on the Wicked Witch of the East killing her.

Her sister, the Wicked Witch of the West vows to destroy Dorothy but Dorothy is protected by the magical powers of the ruby slippers. Along the way Dorothy meets a scarecrow with no brain, and tin man with no heart and a

lion with no courage. The intrepid travellers follow the yellow brick road to get to the Wizard, but before he will help them they must destroy the wicked witch. Will they be successful?

This production was adapted from The Wizard of Oz by L. Frank Baum by Miss Bowdige to include every child in the Prep School. From scarecrows (Reception) to Pinball Wizards (Year 6), everyone has played their part.

A huge thank you must be extended to parents and carers for their support with the costumes and the buying of tickets. This money will be put towards the development of the Performing Arts department which will lead to bigger and even better shows for the children.

Next term's extra-curricular programme

Our Summer term extra-curricular programme has now been confirmed and details have been uploaded to the School website for parents and pupils to access:

<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/extra-curricular/>



Cross School teaching about Nazi Germany

As part of their study of Germany during the inter-war years, Year 9 pupils created an exhibition to teach pupils in Year 6 about life during the Nazi regime.

Classes 9A and 9B were in competition with each other to create their exhibitions, and Year 6 were to judge which one was best at meeting

the success criteria they had set themselves (informative, engaging, well presented and considerable effort applied).

The exhibitions included films made by students, role plays, on line quizzes and potato peel soup for visitors to try.

Year 6 were a fantastic audience, fully engaged in the activities and asking insightful questions about how the Nazis controlled Germany.

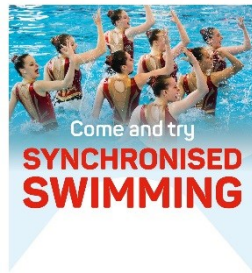
Well done to both Year 9 classes for creating two different but equally interesting and informative exhibitions and well done to 9B who were declared winners by Year 6!

New society launching soon!

Mr Honey looking at starting a BioMed Society in the Summer Term for pupils in Years 9 & 10.

This will be a chance for pupils interested in Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Science and possibly some other related disciplines to meet regularly and look at all that is required to successfully embark on this career.

Please e-mail your child's form tutor if your child is interested in joining.



A taste of synchronised swimming

Pupils in Years 3-9 have been trying out synchronised swimming. If your child enjoyed the session and would like to find out more, please email walsallsynchro@gmail.com or call Head Coach, Amy Baker, on 07545787150.



Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1B and 1E.

Congratulations to the following Senior Form Groups who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: Form 6 & Form 7.

Notices/reminders:

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| Nursery sound of the week | Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k8y4VsZIn_Y |
| Nursery & Reception Easter Holiday Fun Club | We are offering an Easter Holiday Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception. Contact the School Office or Mrs Smith in Nursery for more details or to book. |
| Nursery – Easter Hat competition | Please can Nursery children bring in their Easter Hats for the Easter Hat competition on Monday 8 th April as the Easter Bunny will be visiting us to judge the creations. This is also a non-uniform day. |

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 8th April:

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| Monday 8th April | Easter Egg Hunt in Walsall Arboretum: Nursery (non-uniform day for Nursery) First Aid training: Y5 & Y6 After School Clubs: Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Senior (3.45 – 4.45 pm) STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |
| Tuesday 9th April | Easter Bonnet Parade: Reception, Year 1 & Y2 (two performances – morning and afternoon) End of Term: All 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) |
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Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 22nd April:

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| Thursday 25th April | Start of Term: All Themed lunch day: Ireland After School Clubs: Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) 11Plus Booster session: Year 5 (4.00 – 5.00 pm) |
| Friday 26th April | After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |

Thursday 25th April's
'Around the World in 24
Dishes' menu is:

Ireland.

Irish stew

Boiled bacon

Vegetable shepherd's pie

Green cabbage

Baby carrots

Colcannon

Salad bar

Deli bar

Chocolate bread & butter pudding

