



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Sophia – awarded for becoming more confident.



Nusaybah – awarded for developing in self-confidence and growing in independence.



A note from the Headmaster

It has been great to see how connections between the Prep and Senior School have been growing in this last year. This week saw the Forensic Science day for Years 5-7, with pupils working collaboratively using clues to identify the criminal. I was worried that Mr Burnham had picked me for the mugshots due to my convict look but apparently his app made me look much worse! This was another initiative that demonstrated how we are truly one school with different sections. There are definite qualities that run through all our expectations, whether great manners, strong relationships between children and with staff, exciting learning initiatives and a well-rounded, inspiring education. My thanks to all the staff who helped make this work so well. Year 10 Parents' Evening was a good chance for this cohort to reflect on their current levels of strength and where gaps need to be filled. The teachers know the children well and can give them attention and support that makes a big difference in the final outcomes. We had our final assembly with the current Year 11 pupils in the Senior School before the GCSE exams begin. We wish them well, knowing that the hard work and preparation will pay off. These pupils have been reminded about the necessity to sign in and out whenever at school during study leave, so we can reassure parents of their whereabouts. At the other end of the age range, I visited Nursery in the week and was so impressed by the children and their engagement. To see them listening to each other as stories were told was entrancing. The atmosphere is so kind and supportive in each room and the children are so positive in their outlook. I am in awe of our staff in there, and know that parents feel likewise about these early steps.

Wishing you a happy weekend...



Nursery & Reception May Half Term Fun Club

We can now confirm the details of the May Half Term Nursery & Reception Holiday Club.

The Club will run from Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May, 9am until 4pm, and is open to non-Hydesville children too. Hurry to secure the Early Bird price of £20 per child, per day!

Contact Mrs Smith in Nursery for more information or to reserve your child's place.

May Half Term Holiday

Fun Club

HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL

Tuesday 28th to Friday 31st May

Club Hours:
9am to 4pm.

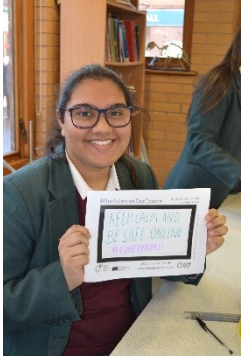
Open to all Hydesville Nursery & Reception pupils, as well as non-Hydesville children... please bring a friend (and a packed lunch)!

Book by Monday 20th May to secure an Early Bird price of £20 per day, per child. All bookings made after 20th May will be charged at £25 per child. Places are limited and allocated on a first come, first served basis.

Please complete booking form overleaf...

Senior pupils of the Week:

Jaina (Y10) - awarded for her organisation of the Autism Awareness Day and raising £160.



Jade (Y7) - awarded for the amazing scrap book she made from her trip to Barcelona.



Hydesville CSI crack the crime!

Pupils in Years 5 to 7 joined forces to form Hydesville CSI, a team of trained forensic scientists whose job it was to analyse a range of evidence from a mock crime and work out whodunit!

Across the day, pupils were taught a range of real-life forensic techniques and applied them to analyse crime scene evidence such as fingerprints, shoeprints, handwriting, hairs and fibres. They then collated their evidence and presented to a judge in a mock-courtroom to identify the perpetrator.

Classroom Escapes

Pupils in Years 5 to 9 enjoyed a classroom escape whilst learning about Maths last week. They worked in small groups to crack a series of codes, work out riddles and solve puzzles to gain access to different levels. The groups raced against the clock to reunite with information and unravel the mystery...

Congratulations to Year 9 who were crowned 'champions,' having completed the challenge in the fastest time (42 mins 15 seconds!).



Avaran's tabla jedi performance

We're very proud of Avaran in Year 3 for performing in the tabla Jedi group at Birmingham Conservatoire during the Easter holidays.

Not only did Aravan perform with one of the most well-known tabla performers in the UK, Dalbir Singh Rattan, but he was also the youngest of the group. Well done Avaran!



Year 4 become tomb raiders

Year 4's topic this term is 'Tomb Raiders'. Pupils have become historians and are looking at old artefacts to discover how the Ancient Egyptians lived.

Over the term, children will be producing art based on the designs found on Ancient Egyptian pieces, writing a diary, creating an imaginative adventure story, re-enacting dreams, writing letters and asking questions about right and wrong.

An exciting topic homework grid has been designed for the children to use their own specific strengths and interests as well as use their English and maths skills to create excellent pieces of work. We have been delighted with the quality of the work produced by all of our children. Narian created an Egyptian death mask and researched the origins of these masks before making one out of papier-mâché.



Forest Fun Day – 15th June

We're excited to announce the details of our next family social event.

On Saturday 15th June we will be heading to Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre for an afternoon of fun activities, including shelter building and orienteering!

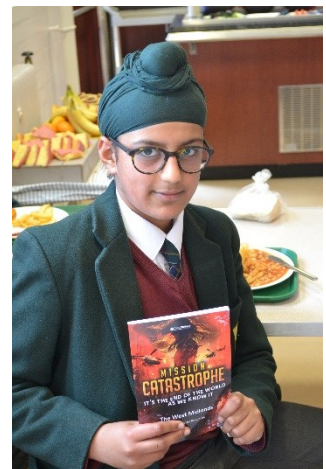
All ages (of children and adults) are welcome. Tickets are £5 per family and can be purchased from the School Office.

We hope to see lots of you there!

A quick round up from across the school



- Pupils in Year 10 were put through their paces when the Royal Marines came to school on Tuesday. The session also included careers information, a PT session and teambuilding.
- Inddy in Year 7 has become a published author! His short story has been published in 'Mission Catastrophe,' published by Young Writers.



Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved 100% attendance this week: 3W

Congratulations to the following Senior School Forms who achieved the highest (99%) attendance this week: Form 2

Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week

Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nx2Tf9TE1bc>

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 13th May:

Monday	Mental Health Awareness Week begins: All GCSE exams commence: Y11 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) Cricket: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Loudmouth Production, 'Bully 4 U': Y8 After School Clubs: Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Cricket: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Wednesday	After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	First Aid/CPR Training: Y8 Themed lunch day: Chinese Day After School Clubs: Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) 11Plus Booster session: Year 5 (3.45 – 5.00 pm)
Friday	Nursery Stay & Play: 1.30 – 3pm (for prospective Nursery families) After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)

Thursday 16th May's 'Around the World in 24 Dishes' menu is:

Chinese day.

Chinese Chicken Curry

BBQ Ribs

Vegetable Chow Mein

Spring Rolls

Egg Fried Rice

Mange Tout

Bok Choy

Deli bar

Salad bar

Banana Fritters

