



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Reyansh - Y1
Harjan - Y2
Simar - Y3
Tandip - Y4
Simone - Y5
Nitin - Y6

Sports person of the Week:

Amelia (Y5) - awarded for being the fastest sprinter for Upper Prep girls.



A note from the Headmaster

Mental Health Awareness Week reminds us all of the importance of looking after each other and maintaining good emotional health. Various activities have been taking place during the week including strolls in the Arboretum and the making of "Worry Worts". It is good that the issues regarding Mental Health are so prominent in the news, and support mechanisms are available via phone, online and in person. We always encourage our children to speak to someone if they have a worry, since starting the conversation allows people who care to help improvements to begin. I have mentioned previously the Cognita initiative of Global Be Well Day on Friday 27th September - a day when we will collapse the timetable and run a series of events that help the whole school community to look after their mental health. We have some exciting plans coming together already. If you feel you might be able to offer some activity that could be relevant to this day, please let me know: whether meditation, Zumba, creative arts or something totally different, we are keen to give pupils, staff and parents the chance to look after themselves for a day and build routines for their future wellbeing.

Miss Hamilton's World Environment Day launches on Wednesday 5th June, and I spoke with the Prep pupils today about the amount of food waste being generated by children. A letter from Kadii in Reception started us thinking about what we throw away from our plates, and how we would should be grateful for the nutritious food we have available to us. Next week, the Prep School is on a mission to lower our food wastage, so we do more to protect the planet's resources.

It makes me proud to belong to a school that puts emphasis on these important matters. Academics are an essential part of school life, but we are also shaping the future global citizens. Knowing that they will be well-equipped to look after their families emotionally and the world's limited resources is a great relief.

Best wishes for the weekend...

Anyone for Cricket?

We currently have a few places available on the after-school Cricket Club for Upper Prep pupils.

The club takes place on the school astroturf on a Monday, 3.45 pm to 4.30 pm and is run by an external coach. The cost is £3 per week and further details are available from the School Office.



Senior pupils of the Week:



Robert, Jade – Y7
Nikki, Balvin – Y8
Ria – Y9
Rachna, Zara, Veeran – Y10

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Jemima – awarded for always trying hard at everything she does.



Jared – awarded for working hard and making excellent progress



Zak's hockey success

Following on from Zakir in Year's 5 hockey successes last term, we are delighted to report that his achievements playing for Wednesbury Hockey Club continue!

On Sunday 5th May Zakir played in goal in the Midland Finals in Nottingham. He played in all six of the tournament's games, conceding only 5 goals against the top 15 teams in the Midlands. He even saved a penalty in the shoot out to get Wednesbury to the semi-finals.

His team finished 4th overall, which is up from 12th position last year. Well done Zak!



Bully 4 U!

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 8 took part in an interactive workshop led by Loudmouth Theatre in Education company, addressing the issues of Bullying.

The session used drama and discussion as a safe and engaging way to help pupils gain a broad understanding of many different forms

of bullying including cyber, sexist/sexual and homophobic bullying, identifying when bullying is happening and exploring strategies to combat and prevent them.

The morning also developed pupils' empathy and respect for others and knowledge of where to go to for help, and also included guidance on how to stay safe online.



Emil twinkles in music concert

Did you know, we have a variety of music tutors who deliver individual music lessons to pupils across the School? Many families have taken this opportunity, and we're delighted that nearly one third of our pupils now have instrumental lessons here at Hydesville.

We currently have pupils learning to play the violin, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, cornet, horn, guitar (acoustic, electric and bass), drum kit, piano, keyboard and singing.

Emil in Year 2 has guitar lessons with Mr Lycett. He has been doing so well that Mr Lycett asked him to perform in a pubic concert in Aldridge a

couple of weeks ago. Emil took to the stage with confidence and performed 'Twinkle Twinkle Little Star,' much to the delight the 60 strong audience of students, family and friends! As one of the youngest performers in the concert Emil's achievements are even more amazing, and we're all very proud of him! Please contact the School Office to find out more about music lessons for your child.

Mental Health Awareness Week



As Mr Honey said earlier, we have been recognising Mental Health Awareness Week across the school with a range of activities.

The theme for this year's campaign (which is hosted by the Mental Health Foundation) is body image – how we think and feel about our bodies, which is a very pertinent issue for the young people in our school.

In Mr Leslie's class in Year 3, pupils made suggestions about how to promote a healthy body and mind, such as a healthy diet and regular exercise. Seniors made the most of the sunshine earlier in the week and went on walks in the Arboretum, and some classes were even held outside. We also held lunchtime meditation and 'chill-out' sessions where pupils were encouraged to spend time doing things they enjoy, and the senior girls made some pretty impressive worry warts!

New Choral Group for Prep School

We're excited to announce details of a new choral group for Prep School pupils on a Wednesday lunchtime, launching after Half Term.

Does your child have a voice? Are they a natural performer and do they love to sing? If so, please encourage them to come along...Miss Bowdige and Mrs Watson need them!



Prep School Awards and Achievements



Well done to Viren in Y3 and Yuvraj in Y1 for successes in karate. Viren has achieved 9th Kyu and Yuvraj was awarded 4th Kyu.



Congratulations to Karanveer in Y3 for winning a silver medal in the Staffordshire Chess Challenge Megafinals. Shriya in Y4 also took part in the Chess Challenge. She came top in the Under 9's and Under 10 girls and won 4 out of six games. Well done both!



Swimming awards

Well done to Adam in Y3 for his Stanley 4 Award, Viren in Y3 for his Stanley 6 and to Sana in Y2 for her Rainbow Distance (10m) award.



Mustafa in Y4 received a football medal for playing in the Walsall Junior Youth Football League.

Well done to Dev, Simone, Mahima (all Y5) and Nitin in Y6 for certificates of participation for entering an essay competition.



Talent for Writing - congratulations to the following pupils whose work has been selected to be published in the Young Writers Anthology: Dhaya, Aahil, Zakariya, Karum, Veer, Aryaan, Viren, Susannah, Ibrahim, Ruby, Dev, Gavish, Adam, Karanveer and Mustafa.



Times Tables Challenge – Mrs Kenton is delighted to announce the following results from the recent times-table challenge:

Bronze. Awarded to: Adam (Y3), Hibbah (Y2), Omveer (Y2), Maryam (Y2), Safa (Y5), Sian (Y4), Mehtaab (Y3), Ismail (Y3).



Silver. Awarded to: Ishaan (Y3), Narian (Y4), Ibraheem (Y5), Parmroop (Y5), Shona (Y5), Simran (Y5), Safin (Y3), Ibrahim (Y3), Tandip (Y4).



Gold. Awarded to: Rayah (Y5), Viren (Y4), Karanveer (Y3), Shivam (Y4), Ryan (Y6).

We also have a new leader in our Hall of Fame....congratulations to Mahima in Y5 who completed the challenge in 57 seconds!



Forensic Science – well done to those pupils in Year 5 & 6 who took part in the Forensic Science Day last week.



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

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who achieved the highest (99%) attendance this week: Form 1, 6, 7

Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6U354eD-hgQ
Nursery	It's the Teddy Bear's Picnic at 2.15pm on Fri 24 th May. During hot weather, please can parents apply sunscreen and send in sun hats.
Nursery & Reception Fun Club – May Half Term	A reminder about our Nursery & Reception Holiday Club in May Half Term. The Early Bird price expires on Monday 20 th so please hurry to book your child's place.
Year 11 Leavers' Hoodies	Letters have been sent home to Year 11 pupils about the opportunity to purchase a leavers' hoodie. They are £20.00 and payment must be made by cheque (made payable to Hydesville Tower School) by <u>Friday 24th May</u>

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 20th May:

Monday	Assessment Week: Y1 – Y5 and Y7 – Y10 Hydesville Challenge, Residential to Beaudesert: Y6 (returns Friday 24 th) 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	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	Trip to Birches Valley: Y5 Tennis tournament, Shelfield School: Y3 & Y4 Themed lunch 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)
Friday	Teddy Bear's picnic: Nursery (2.15 pm start) Last day of Half Term: All After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)