



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Asees - Y1
Jay - Y2
Aryaan - Y3
Ismail - Y3
Sian - Y4
Amelia - Y5

Reception Star of the Week:

Saahil – awarded for super effort!



A note from the Headmaster

I had a startling realisation yesterday: in terms of time, I am one of the least influential people on my own sons. Looking at a typical week, I might exchange words with them for five minutes over breakfast, share fifteen minutes at dinner time, and then catch up to ten other minutes driving them to the gym or helping with homework. It shouldn't surprise me, given my role at school, but it is evident that the people who secure the most time influence with my children are their fellow pupils and teachers.

Two thoughts emerge from this: ensure that the holiday ahead provides proper time together and sustain that through the working weeks that follow; and how vital it is to have the right setting for a child. Time with our children should always be precious and kept as special, and there are many who have gone through those initial months making the child the centre of their existence. Realistically, as they grow older and more capable, and the pressures of busy lives return to adults, this time can diminish. And yet, their needs for us remain as strong as ever – even if they don't seek parents in the same way. We should never underestimate the importance that can be had on them as young people, and keep making time for them. I know they will often seek out the solace of the television, laptop or tablet, but the adults still can provide enormously for their development. Thus, I hope you can all give yourselves the time clear of your own pressures to share quality time with the family.

Equally important is to have great influences around your children. I never lose sight of the benefit of having caring staff throughout this school, whose attitude and approach are always about putting the child at the centre. Similarly, there are so many great children whose beliefs and kindness make them ideal peers. It is said that we are the average of the five people we spend most time with, in which case your children are in a fantastic position.

Best wishes for the Whitsun bank holiday week...



Forest Fun Day – come along!

Tickets are still available for our Family Forest Fun Day on Saturday 15th June at Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre.

Join us for an afternoon of family fun, 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.

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Zidan B – awarded for all round progression.



Zidan R – awarded for developing his phonic awareness.



MAT pupils visit Haybridge High School

Our Year 7 and 8 More Able and Talented (MAT) pupils had the opportunity to attend a



masterclass at a leading school that promotes this provision. Hydesville pupils met with their peers from Haybridge High School in Hagley, Worcestershire, to challenge points of view and develop their critical thinking skills. All the pupils interacted well with each other and enjoyed the day. We are looking forward to hosting a similar activity for Haybridge High School so that we can show off some of our talent too!



World Environment Day

The effects of climate change affect us all so we will be celebrating World Environment Day on June 5th with a week of activities (starting on Monday 3rd June) to educate pupils about issues affecting the environment and the impact of human activity upon the natural world.

Miss Kaur-Hamilton, Teacher of Religious Studies in Senior School, is leading on the initiative, which will also be supported by all the Cognita Schools in the Group. We are looking forward to linking up with pupils at another Cognita School in a skype call to discuss how we can protect the environment.

We have a week of activities planned, including a non-uniform day on the Wednesday for Prep & Senior School pupils (£1 donation to charity, and children are encouraged to wear an item of blue or green) and litter picking to help clean up our local environment. Many lessons will be dedicated to the subject of climate change, and we will all enjoy a vegetarian themed lunch day.

WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY
5th June 2019



**SEEKING CLASSES
TO SAVE THE WORLD**



Cognita schools around the world can join together to raise awareness of climate change

| Cognita Calling | Global Beach Clean & Art Competition | Go meat-free for a day | Create your own activity |
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| Connect your classroom via Skype or video | Make something from your found materials | Reduce the environmental impact of your school lunch | Share what you'll be doing to raise awareness in your school! |
| 1st June | Beach Clean throughout May & Art Competition begins on 2nd June | 5th June | 5th June |

Join the World Environment Day community on MyCognita to get involved

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Dads v teachers football

Our next charity Dads v Teachers football match is on Friday 28th June. Kick-off is at 6.15 pm at the astroturf pitch at the University of Wolverhampton and everyone is welcome to come along and cheer on the teams! The staff (Mr Honey, Mr Walker, Mr Dhadda, Mr Long, Mr Staffiere, Mr Burnham and Mr Leslie) are limbering up as I type, as this year's Prep School Dads team is promising tough opposition!

As well as having lots of fun, we will be raising money for Acorns Childrens' Hospice. There will be a raffle during the event, so any raffle prizes will be gratefully received. Please drop them into the School office.

We are also in need of a referee for the match....if anyone is willing and able please contact sarah.archer@hydesville.com



**Dads v Teachers
charity football match**

Friday, 28th June, 6.15pm kick off at
the University of Wolverhampton

Jack and his adventures in Year 1



It's all been about Jack and the Beanstalk for Year 1 just recently! The pupils performed a wonderful assembly, re-telling the fairy tale to the rest of Prep School and parents. Then on Monday, 13th May, much to the childrens' surprise they found a towering beanstalk had grown in their classroom. They noticed that an enormous coat and a muddy boot had been left on the carpet, alongside a giant envelope. It was a letter from Hugo Huge the Giant. Anesu was appointed the news reporter and she reported to rest of the class about the evidence found in the classroom and what she had found at the top of the beanstalk.

Year 3's charity cake sale

We're very proud of Kimren, Mayna and the Year 3 girls who came up with the idea of holding a cakes and sweets sale to raise money for Birmingham Childrens' Hospital and Walsall Manor Hospital. The kind hearted group held their event last Friday and it was a huge success. We are delighted to announce the girls raised almost £130! Thank you to everyone for supporting this fantastic cause, and well done to the girls for organising such a fantastic event!



Nursery availability – September 2019

Places in our hugely successful Nursery for this academic year are now full. We have limited places now available for a September 2019 start for children who will be turning 3 between September and December 2019. Please contact us to find out more and please spread the word to friends and family who might be looking for a Nursery place for their child for this September.

Contact Admissions Manager, Christine Phillips,
christine.phillips@hydesville.com to find out more.

NURSERY PLACES AVAILABLE*

* For children turning 3 between September and December 2019.

Contact us to find out more:
info@hydesville.com
01922 624374
www.hydesville.com



All School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to Amrit in Y2 for her tennis award, Laila in Y2 for her Goldfish swimming award, Jamie in Year 5 for swimming 200m and to Jasmine in Reception for receiving a martial arts award (orange grade). Congratulations to Emil in Y2 for his achievements in gymnastics and to Ismaeel in Y2 for his football award.



Congratulations to Simone in Year 5 for winning a 'commended' award for poetry in the Northfield Festival of Music and Speech.

Well done to Hibbah in Y2 for achieving Level 1 in Arabic from Walsall Arabic Centre.



Congratulations to Amir in Y10 for receiving a 1-mile swimming certificate.

And finally, well done to all Year 11 pupils for completing their GCSEs exams taken so far, and to all Prep pupils in Years 1-5 and Senior pupils in Years 7-10 for completing Assessment Week.

Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved 100% attendance this week: RD, RJ, 3L, 5B, 6K

Congratulations to the following Senior School Forms who Also achieved the 100% attendance this week: Form 2, 5

11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Hartshorne Group
Volvo Trucks. Driving Progress



APPRENTICE OPEN EVENING
HARTSHORNE WALSALL - 29TH MAY 2019



Do you want a job with prospects, training, further opportunities and competitive pay that reflect the effort that you put in? Then there is only one choice - Hartshorne.

We would like to hear from enthusiastic, driven, motivated individuals with a "can do" attitude, a strong desire to succeed with a genuine interest in the HGV commercial industry. Our apprentice programme gives you the opportunity to join the select group of highly qualified technicians working on some of the most advanced trucks on the road.

Secure your future today !
 To register and to reserve your place please contact: **Jen Stephenson** on 07870 574684 or email info@hartshorne.co.uk
29th May: 16.00pm - 19.00pm

Where:
 Hartshorne Group
 Bentley Mill Close, Walsall
 WS2 0BN
16.00pm until 19.00pm - for an informal chat / depot walk around / presentation.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES ?

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=OyrYDit1o |
| Year 2 trip to Sea Life Centre – June 26th | A reminder that monies are now due for this trip. Please can any outstanding payments be made via the School Office. |
| Gifted & Talented Senior School trip to St George's – June 28th | A reminder for any outstanding payments for this trip to the School Office, please. |
| Year 5 – 11Plus Immersion Day replies | Please return letters regarding the 11Plus Immersion Days by <u>Monday 3rd June.</u> |

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 3rd June:

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| Monday | Term resumes: All World Environment Week begins: Prep & Senior School 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) Art: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |
| Wednesday | World Environment Day: Prep & Senior and School (non-uniform day, £1 donation). After School Clubs: |
| Thursday | Hydesville Challenge, Trip to Cosford: Y6 Themed lunch day: Vegetarian (World Environment 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 | After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |

Thursday 6th June's
'Around the World in 24
Dishes' menu is:

Vegetarian Day.

Tomato & Basil Pasta

Macaroni Cheese

Vegetable Burgers

Vegetable Pasties

Garden Peas

Steamed Carrots

Salad Bar

Deli Bar

Rhubarb Crumble

