



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in

Head's commendations:



Yusuf – Y1
Laila – Y2
Viren – Y3
Veer – Y4
Farhan – Y5
Sukhmani – Y6

A note from the Headmaster

It has been a pleasure to welcome everyone back for the new term, and so lovely to speak to so many children about their experiences over the Easter holiday. I was regaled with tales of visits to London, playing tabla at the Birmingham Conservatoire, holidays in India and tennis competitions. And lots and lots of robots being built: as I was showing some guests around the school, I was nearly knocked over by the amazing constructions, including the one that is almost adult-sized! It is great to see the children's creativity – a much under-rated quality in life.

Our guests this week have included a group setting Escape Room challenges for the pupils, testing their problem-solving, teamwork and logical thinking; a busy Early Years Open Event; the Parent Engagement Group; and Independent Safeguarding Auditors. The latter are an important benefit of being a Cognita school, where the desire to be the best schools at looking after children is fully apparent. As a school, our approaches to safeguarding children were fully scrutinised and – as was found with the ISI Regulatory checks in November – we can be immensely proud of the procedures and processes we have in place. Keeping children safe will always be our first priority, and the auditors found staff and pupils exemplified this attitude.

I was very grateful to the parents who attended Thursday's PEG meeting. They generated some excellent ideas for the school moving forward and proved once again that the strong relationship between home and Hydesville is alive and well. I will be writing in due course to all parents with a summary of the suggestions and how we may be able to adopt the thoughts given.

Charitable actions are a wonderful way of demonstrating our attitude to others less fortunate than ourselves. I was impressed by the Year 5 pupils who approached me with a suggestion about events they would run for the benefit of Acorns Hospice and within a matter of days, they had inspired other pupils to think of how they could do something for others. This is the joy of being in a school where children present such great examples that they are the role models for others to aspire to. We can be very proud of them all.

Enjoy your bank holiday weekend...

Year 5's Victorian visit

As an introduction to their topic on Victorian Britain, Year 5 went to Haden Hill House, to experience what life was like during this period. The pupils were split into three groups and had to live like a rich person, servant or an urchin from the local orphanage, who was working at the house for the day. They experienced typical activities each group would carry out as they went about their day. They also explored the house and compared Victorian items to their modern day equivalents. Pupils even took on the role of a typical Victorian by attempting not to smile when having their photographs taken!



Nursery Stars of the Week:

Taashaun –

awarded for trying hard and being kind to his friends.



Harkiran – awarded for making excellent progress.



Shaan's tennis success

We always love hearing about our pupils' achievements outside of School, so we were delighted to find out about Shaan in Year 2's successes in tennis.

Shaan has played tennis since he was 3 years-old and following a series of assessments from his coaching team, he has now secured a place on 'The Futures Tennis Programme.'

The programme is part of Sandwell Tennis Club, which is affiliated to the Lawn Tennis Association, and means Shaan will now be part of the performance junior and mini tennis squads.

He will now have the opportunity to enhance and develop his skills further as well as train and eventually play matches for the local, county, regional and national leagues.

His coaches are very impressed with his dedication to tennis at such a young age, as are we all at Hydesville. Well done Shaan!



adventures.

Miss Bowdidge took nine pupils from Years 5-9 to Les Menuires in France for a week-long ski trip, whilst a group of Senior School pupils from Years 7-10 sampled Spanish culture during a busy four-day trip to Barcelona.

All pupils had a great time, making memories and friends and embracing different cultures and experiences. Find out more on the school website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/latest-news/>

Overseas Easter adventures

It's been an action packed Easter holiday for two groups of Hydesville pupils who embarked on overseas



A busy Easter for our Hydesville musicians



Easter has also been busy for our Hydesville musicians, with five pupils to add to our Wall of Fame! Ravin in Year 8 was awarded a distinction in guitar, Nitin & Rheuben in Year 6 both achieved their grade 2 piano with Nitin gaining a merit. Jamie in Year 5 was awarded grade 1 piano and Mahima in Year 5 gained her grade 3 violin with distinction after only rehearsing the pieces since January. Well done all!

Senior pupil of the Week:

Nikki (Y8) - awarded for fundraising efforts.



Sports person of the Week:

Amira (Y7) - awarded for being the quickest senior girl this week in the 200m and obtaining a Bronze Athletics Award



Aldridge Parish Church opens its doors to Year 4

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 4 attended the open door event at Aldridge Parish Church where the volunteers taught them about events that happen in a church and they sang fun songs together. Pupils also took part in a scavenger hunt designed to help them learn about the beautiful church

Building, before they began their arts and crafts sessions. The children were very lucky and had the chance to make flags and banners, use clay, create a stained glass windows, paint with water colours and build a church model.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers' – National Healthcare Weekend

Pupils are invited to attend the forthcoming National Healthcare Weekend in Birmingham on 20th – 21st July to find out more about becoming doctors, dentists and vets:

Day 1: Insight into Medicine, Dentistry or Veterinary

14 unique talks for each specialty looking at experiences from A Levels, throughout university and leading to life as a fully qualified professional.

Day 2: Medicine only UCAS Lectures

A full day of lectures covering work experience, personal statements, interview techniques etc led by our team of doctors.

Registration starts at £25. Find out more here:

<https://medicmentor.co.uk/national-healthcare-weekend/>



Jamie's charity disco

Jazzy Jamie (AKA Jamie in Year 5) took over the school hall today for a Prep School lunchtime to remember.

For a 50p charity donation, children enjoyed dancing, games and Jazzy Jamie on the decks!

The event will be repeated next Friday, so

children wishing to attend should bring 50p in with them. All proceeds will go to Acorns Children's Hospice.

Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to Simran in Year 1 for achieving an orange belt in kick boxing (pic, left) and to Dev in Year 5 for his purple and white belt in karate (pic, right).



Reception Star of the Week:

Jasmine – awarded for excellent effort in all subjects and for her kindness towards her peers.



Swimming awards – well done to the following pupils for achievements in swimming:
Laila (Y2) – Stanley 7
Yusuf (Y1) – 15m
Adam (Y3) – 50m
Avneet (Y2) – 100m



St John’s Ambulance First Aid

Well done to the following pupils who recently attended, and passed, their St John’s Ambulance First Aid course:
Year 5 – Chaaya, Dev, Mustafa, Ibrahim, Simar, Rayah, Shona, Ruby, Zakir, Jayden, Mahima, Parmroop, Sana, Simone, Jamie, Simran, Farhan, Anaiya, Amelia.
Year 6 – Ameen, Nitin, Fleur, Ryan, Adeel, Jessica, Amrit, Linda, Safiya, Sukhmani, Rhuben, Pavan.



Talent for Writing

We are very proud of the following pupils who have all had their writing selected for publication:

Tamika, Ismaeel, Jay, Shaan, Sana, Laila, Fola, Oliver, Nandika, Hibbah, Omveer, Rianah, Armaan, Iyla, Reyansh, Brogan, Ameliyah, Yuvraj, Aleena, Avaani, Asees, Anesu, Aleena, Anushka, Karam, Kairon, Amar, Samuel, Emil, Simran, Simba, Zak, Tayo, Maryam, Rehan, Lara, Avneet, Joshua, Yusuf, Jayden, Joshua



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=mYGGk0MH_xQ |
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| Nursery funding forms | A reminder that Nursery funding forms need to be returned as soon as possible. |
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Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 6th May:

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| Monday | School closed: Bank Holiday |
| Tuesday | Forensic Science Day: Y5 – Y7 After School Clubs: Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Cricket: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm) |
| Wednesday | Heights & Weights: R, Y4 & Y5 Work experience with the Royal Navy: Y10 Parents' Evening Y10 After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) |
| Thursday | Cricket tournament: (selected) Y5 & Y6 girls Themed lunch day: World War 2 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 | Hydesville Challenge, Trip to Dovedale: Y6 After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |
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Thursday 9th May's 'Around the World in 24 Dishes' menu is:

WW2 Day.

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| Corned beef & potato stew |
| Homity Pie |
| Steamed carrots |
| Green cabbage |
| Boiled potatoes |
| Jacket potatoes |
| Salad bar |
| Deli bar |
| Bread & butter pudding |

