



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Simran - Y1
Sana - Y2
Gavish - Y3
Karina - Y4
Ismail - Y5
Ameen - Y6

A note from the Headmaster

There is always a pleasure in seeing our children rise to be the best they can be. Examples of this have come thick and fast this week. Aaryan spoke to the whole Senior School about his work raising money for a school in Syria, with a climb of Snowdonia happening this weekend. Armaan described to the whole Prep School about how he was inspired to enter an elocution competition, through a desire to emulate the success of his older sisters. Parmal spoke to Mr Long unprompted, to thank him for the vegetarian options that made a real difference to her enjoyment of school food. And other great examples happened, day after day, as our children demonstrated that they are developing in terms of their appreciation of others and how they can make a difference in the world. Having been surrounded by children for the last 26 years of my professional career, I can tell you honestly that the pupils in Hydesville Tower School are outstanding – and are going to keep getting better! We are deep in the midst of reporting season currently, and parents can expect a variety of forms of information about how their son or daughter has been progressing during the year. Maximising the development of every child is central to our principles, and I am seeing in the scores and comments that the children are responding strongly to the support given. Whilst some may have trickier paths to negotiate, the one constant is the time and attention that staff will spend on helping them through the difficulties. As a collective team, there is an amazing will to “win”.

Talking of teams, a busy week approaches with a variety of Sports Days and then on Friday, Dads v Teachers Football – The Revenge! I was delighted to hear that the Dads have been training in advance of this, and it would be lovely to have as many parents, children and staff along to cheer the players on for a very worthy cause.

Have a wonderful weekend...



The pupils ordered their drinks and tapas dishes in Spanish and enjoyed trying some authentic Spanish food. Their dessert of “churros con chocolate” and the “alitas de pollo” were a big hit with pupil! ¡Estaban deliciosas!

Lessons in tapas for Year 7

Year 7 enjoyed an afternoon putting what they have learnt in Spanish lessons into action at Migas restaurant in Sutton Coldfield.



Nursery Stars of the Week:

LeBron – awarded for having a proactive approach to all activities.



Roshan – awarded for settling in well and gaining independence.



Reception Star of the Week:

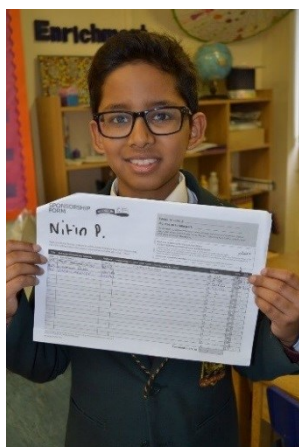
Tianna-Rose – awarded for excellent behaviour, growing in confidence and her commitment to learning.



Nursery & Reception Hunt for Treasure

Nursery and Reception children came to school dressed as pirates last Friday. They enjoyed a fun packed morning, completing a selection of activities before parents and relatives joined them to take part in the sponsored Hunt for Treasure Event at Walsall Arboretum, supporting the mental health charity, Mind. The children pretended to climb aboard their pirate ship to complete a lap of the Arboretum lake looking for treasure pictures to complete their treasure hunt map. After their safe arrival over the finish line it was time to venture across to the Visitors Centre for refreshments, which included their very own pirate biscuits, before being presented with their certificate and treasure – some golden coins!

Mind is a fantastic charity for us to support as many of us have or know someone who is living with a mental health problem, and rely on the support of Mind. Thank you to everyone for helping supporting this amazing cause.



Nitin's Race for Life

We're very proud of Year 6 pupil, Nitin, who is running 5k this Sunday (23rd June) in Sutton Coldfield and standing up to cancer. If you would like to sponsor Nitin and support the amazing Cancer Research charity, please log on to:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/page/nitin-aryas-race-for-life-1>

Year 5 enjoy Blists Hill trip

On Tuesday, pupils in Year 5 visited Blists Hill Victorian Town in Ironbridge. Whilst there, the children participated in a candle dipping workshop and toured the town, finding out what life would have been like during the Victorian times.

The pupils also visited the fair and learnt about the living conditions for people during this period of history. Of course, no trip back in time would be complete without a visit to a traditional bakery and sweet shop. A fabulous time was had by all!



Get on your bike, Year 6!

Well done to the Year 6 pupils who have been awarded a 'bikeability' certificate from the Department for Transport this week after successfully completing a cycle safety course.

The children learned lots, including how to check if their bikes are safe to ride, hand signals, how to u-turn, controlling the brakes and emergency brakes, how to pass parked cars and how to cycle safely on the road. Good work, Year 6!



Ladies who jump

Following on from the Early Years' sponsored 'Hunt for Treasure' to raise funds for the mental health charity, Mind, Mrs Smith and Mrs Willis ('ladies who jump') will be taking part in a skydive challenge on Saturday 3rd August in Shropshire to raise money for the same charity. At some point in our life we may

be affected by someone who suffers from poor mental health and together we can raise awareness and improve the lives of others who have mental health problems or learning difficulties.

If you would like to support Mrs Smith and Mrs Willis with their skydive challenge, please follow this link and donate to their 'Just Giving Page'.

Thank you for supporting this amazing charity

<https://www.justgiving.com/teams/ladieswhojump2019>

Quick round up from across the school

- Senior pupils have been taking part in an inter-house debating competition during Wednesday lunchtimes. This week's debate was whether children under 16 should watch a maximum of five hours of television a week. It was a lively debate!



- As part of the environmental project, Senior pupils are following the life cycle and metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly and looking at it from the aspect of Religious Studies with Miss Hamilton, Science with Miss Eynon and Art with Mrs Shaw. Each teacher has five caterpillars that they will feed and watch over the next few weeks....more photos will come soon...



All School Awards and Achievements

Well done to Dev-Rishi (photo, left) in Reception for achieving his yellow belt and to Gavish (photo, right) in Y3 for receiving his green belt in taekwondo.



Congratulations to Parmroop and Simran in Year 5 for receiving their pen licence. Children are awarded a pen licence for consistently joined up handwriting and beautifully presented work.

Mrs Brown has awarded the following Year 2 children with their gold pencil awards: Tamika, Hibbah, Martin, Nandika, Laila, Maryam and Joshua.

Children receive this award for correct letter formations, joining up letters and beautiful, neat work.



Well done to Brogan in Year 1 for completing a Victorian challenge on her recent holiday to Padstow.

Congratulations to Jasmine in Reception for swimming 5m.



We are very proud of siblings, Armaan (Y1), Simone (Year 5) and Marcylena (Y7) for their array of certificates, trophies and awards for their achievements at the Leamington Spa Elocution Festival.



Senior Pupils of the Week:

Ria (Y10) - for coming 2nd in athletics competition.

Harman (Y7) - for complexity of language and sophisticated ideas

Amira (Y7) - for general maturity.

Raajdev (Y7) - for being responsible with his epi pen.

Ria (Y9) - for increasing in confidence.

Isabella (Y7) - for helping with Votes for Schools.

Ekim (Y9) - for settling well into the form.



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

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved 100% attendance this week: Form 7

'Spotlight on Careers'

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Why pay to learn when you can be paid to learn?



Save the date, Year 10 pupils –pupils will complete a week's work experience within the October half term break.

Notices/reminders:

Lower Prep Sports Day – Monday 24th June	<p>All pupils must arrive to school as usual and not taken directly to the venue. Pupils will be leaving school at 9.10am prompt.</p> <p>Please don't be late to school, otherwise children may miss the bus and sports day. The event starts at 9.30am and finishes at 11am at the University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus. Parents are welcome to attend.</p>
Upper Prep Sports Day – Thursday 28th June	<p>All pupils must arrive to school as usual and not taken directly to the venue. Pupils will be leaving school at 9.10am prompt.</p> <p>Please don't be late to school, otherwise children may miss the bus and sports day. The event starts at 9.30am and finishes at 12 noon at Wyndley Leisure Centre, Sutton Coldfield. Parents are welcome to attend.</p>
Senior School Sports Day – Thursday 28th June	<p>Pupils will be taken to Wyndley Leisure Centre by coach. The event will finish at 3pm. Parents may collect pupils from the venue, however you must be there to collect your child by 3.00pm at the latest, otherwise children will return to school on the coach and will be dismissed at 3.45pm as usual. The event starts at 12.30pm and finishes at 3pm at Wyndley Leisure Centre, Sutton Coldfield. Parents are welcome to attend.</p>
Dads v Teachers football match	<p>A reminder that our annual Dads v Teachers football match is taking place at the University of Wolverhampton on Friday 28th June (6.15pm kick off). Please come along to cheer on the teams. We would also be grateful for raffle prizes. Please drop them into the School Office.</p>
After School sports clubs	<p>Next week will be the last week for after School sports clubs.</p>
Summer art exhibition	<p>Our Summer Art exhibition takes place on Monday 24th June at 4pm (until 6pm). Please come along to view some of the amazing artwork produced by children across the school. Refreshments will also be available.</p>
Nursery & Reception children	<p>A reminder for Nursery and Reception children to bring in their sponsor money for the Treasure Hunt for Mind charity.</p>

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 24th June:

Monday	<p>Bushcraft Residential: Y5 (returns Wednesday 26th)</p> <p>Summer Art Exhibition: 4pm – 6pm (all welcome)</p> <p>Sports Day: Lower Prep (9am – 11.30am, University of Wolverhampton)</p> <p>KS3 Review Meetings (4-6pm)</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p> <p>STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p> <p>Cricket: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
Tuesday	<p>Metacognition Morning: Prep & Senior School</p> <p>KS3 Review Meetings (4-6pm)</p> <p>Parent Consultations: Nursery (3.40pm onwards)</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p> <p>Cricket: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
Wednesday	<p>National Sports Week: Seniors</p> <p>Identity Workshops: Y7 & Y8</p> <p>Trip to Sealife Centre: Y2</p> <p>KS3 Review Meetings (4-6pm)</p>
Thursday	<p>Trip to Botanical Gardens: Y1</p> <p>Sports Day: Upper Prep (9am – 12 noon, Wyndley Leisure Centre)</p> <p>Sports Day: Seniors (12.30 – 3pm, Wyndley Leisure Centre)</p> <p>Themed lunch day: American Independence Day</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm)</p> <p>MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p> <p>11Plus Booster session: Year 5 (3.45 – 5.00 pm)</p>
Friday	<p>Gifted & Talented Football Trip, St George's: Seniors (depart at 8.15am, return at 4.30pm)</p> <p>Dads v Teachers football match: 6.15pm kick off at the University of Wolverhampton, all welcome.</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p>
Saturday	<p>DofE qualifying expedition: Y10 (returns Sunday 30th)</p>