



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Stars of the Week:

Taran – awarded for working hard.



Abdul – awarded for settling in well and always coming to school with a smile.



A note from the Headmaster

'Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned' – not the usual cheery greeting for the last newsletter of the term and year, but after yesterday's Sports Day, it feels rather apposite. I am unsure what the staff have done to upset the Prep School mothers, but they were keen to enact some revenge in the tug-of-war, defeating our mighty warriors with seeming ease! Someone had mentioned a Mums v Staff Netball match, in a similar vein to tonight's football but if this was a measure of their competitiveness, I am left fearful of the outcome. Well done parents for yesterday, and hopefully revenge will come tonight.

The three Sports Days have been great occasions and certainly give us the feeling of the year drawing to a close. We have a busy week ahead with our Prize Giving ceremonies, and more exciting educational visits across the whole school. When the holiday arrives, we will all deserve to breathe deeply, slowly and relax. We are committed to all pupils flourishing within the school. We also want to give opportunities to really stretch and challenge the high flyers, so they exceed all expectations. Mrs Chand's Problem-Solving group have been presenting their Challenge Fair today, which really demonstrated their ingenuity, intellect and flair for the tricky. I met with the Year 7 and 8 MAT pupils to explore their understanding of Brexit and the potential consequences: honestly, their knowledge and insight was inspiring, and they became excited at the prospect of a visit to the Houses of Parliament next term – will Prime Minister Johnson (or Hunt) cope with the Hydesville intelligentsia demanding answers?

It has been a lovely, if hectic term. I look forward to reflecting on it further in my Prize Giving speeches and in the Review magazine coming out at the end of the term. No doubt, I will see many of you to speak with in the fortnight to come. Stay cool in the heat of the weekend...



Prep School's Challenge Fair

Inspired by Mrs Chand's Problem Solving Club, our able pupils worked collaboratively to design, plan and co-ordinate a Challenge Fair for pupils in the Prep School. Pupils from each class had the opportunity to visit the fair to solve problems and develop their thinking skills.



Treat from String Quartet

Last Friday Prep School were treated to a wonderful concert to learn about the string family and participate and listen to captivating stories set to music.

The Quartet from 'Toscana Strings' told the story of The Tortoise and the Hare adapted from Aesop's fable with

music by Rex Willis and Ferdinand the bull by Munro Leaf with music adapted from Bizet's Carmen. It was an incredibly special morning for our children and we all enjoyed it.

Metacognition morning for Seniors

Seniors took part in a morning of 'metacognition' to encourage them to become more effective learners.

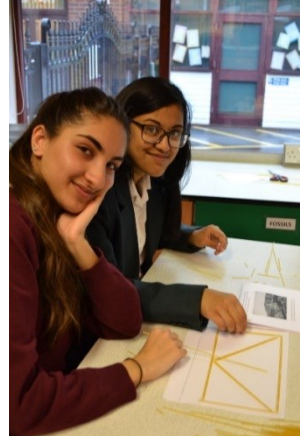
Metacognition involves the development of understanding in the learner of their own way of thinking through problems, and appreciating better how to regulate their learning.

Pupils worked in form group teams, and were set the task of spaghetti version of a real, identified bridge. With guidance from form tutors, pupils worked together to research, plan and monitor the progress of the task towards completion. They also evaluated their strategies and reflected on what they had learnt.

At the end, each bridge was tested to see the heaviest mass it could successfully hold. Congratulations to Form 7 whose bridge was chosen as the winner!

Read the full story and see photos from the day on the School website here:

<https://www.hydesville.com/metacognition-morning-for-seniors/>



Aaryan climbs Mount Snowden

We're very proud of Year 7 pupil, Aaryan, who climbed Mount Snowden last weekend to raise money to build a primary school for girls in Kashmir.

Aaryan joined a group of fellow volunteers from the One Hope Foundation charity and together they took on the highest mountain in Wales, all 1,085 metres!

Aaryan enjoyed his trek to the summit, even though he said it was hard work. The group has already raised £7,000

from the climb. Well done Aaryan!

Year 9 teach Prep about E-Safety

During this term, Year 9 have been completing a project based on E-Safety. The aim of this project was to create an exhibition for the Prep School pupils to attend which informed them about different strands of E-Safety, ranging from cyberbullying via gaming online to their online

digital footprint and the impact this may have in the future. This provided Prep pupils with the opportunity to consider the information, complete provided activities and opened an opportunity for pupils to explore and question these areas. Within the exhibition there was a brilliant, engaging, buzz of an atmosphere and Prep pupils came away with lots of advice about how to stay safe online. Great work, Year 9!





On your marks....

Three of our annual sports days have taken place this week and we saw some amazing performances from all our pupils! Upper Prep and Seniors went to Wyndley Leisure Centre and competed in a number of track and field events.



Well done to Hatherton who were the winning House in the Upper Prep event and Bradford who were victorious in the Seniors event. Congratulations to Amrit and Khaya in Year 6 who were the highest scoring boy and girl for Prep. Kyan in Year 10 was crowned 'Victor Ludorum' for Seniors, with Priya in Year 9 winning the 'Victrix Ludorum' title for Seniors.



Meanwhile, pupils in Years 1 and 2 went to the University of Wolverhampton for a morning of throwing, jumping and running. The children came away with lots of achievement stickers and had a great time.

Quick round up from across the School

- Congratulations to the Year 10 pupils who have been nominated as prefects for the next academic year: Jaina, Abdullah, Rory, Rohan, Sam, Amarah, Ria and Veeran.



- Year 2 had a great trip to the Sealife Centre on Wednesday. They saw and touched lots of interesting fish, learned about sustainable fishing, and conducted an experiment into static electricity and how fish use their senses to understand the world around them.

Senior Pupils of the Week:

Monisha (Y9) - for being made house captain.

Veeran (Y10) - for being made prefect.

Kyan (Y10) - for coming top of Mr Dhadda's group in end of year maths exams and getting a promotion to Mr Walker's group.

Kavan (Y10) - for actively participating in votes for schools.

Aaryan (Y7) - for his public speaking confidence and his charitable work.

Rohan (Y10) - for sustained punctuality.

Guvraj (Y10) - for achievements in hockey.



Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved 100% attendance this week: **1B, 1E and 5B**

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved 100% attendance this week: **Form 6**

Notices/reminders:

Dads v Teachers football match	A reminder that our annual Dads v Teachers football match is taking place at the University of Wolverhampton on Friday 28 th 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.
Prize-giving ceremonies	<p>This year's prize-giving ceremonies take place next week:</p> <p>Tuesday Tuesday 2nd July Reception ceremony 9 – 10 am Nursery ceremony 1.30 – 2.30 pm.</p> <p>Wednesday 3rd July – Walsall Town Hall Senior School ceremony 6.30 – 8.30pm</p> <p>Thursday 4th July – Walsall Town Hall Prep School ceremony 1.30 – 3.30 pm</p> <p>Tickets have been sent home with pupils. Please bring your ticket with you to the event.</p>
Nursery & Reception pupils	Please can Nursery and Reception children please bring their sponsor money in for EYFS Hunt for Treasure event for MIND charity.
Prep School families – save the date	Please save the date – Meet the Teacher evening: Wednesday 11 th September at 3:45 pm.
Wimbledon Week	All pupils can bring tennis racquets and balls in with them next week, to play at break and lunchtime.

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 1st July:

Monday	Settling in Morning: Nursery New Starters Moving Up Day: Prep & Seniors Y7 Induction Day: September 19 Starters EYFS & Prep reports distributed After School Clubs: Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Cricket: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Art Club: Prep (led by Rachna in Y10, 3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Prize-giving: Reception (9 am, School Hall) Prize-giving: Nursery (1.30 pm School Hall) Parents' Evening: Prep (3.45 pm onwards) After School Clubs: Cricket: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Art Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Wednesday	Singing Festival at Forest Arts Centre: Y1 & Y2 Prize-giving: Seniors (6.30 pm, Walsall Town Hall)
Thursday	Prize-giving: Prep (1.30 pm, Walsall Town Hall) Trip to French Cinema: Y9 & Y10
Friday	Trip to SciFest at the University of Wolverhampton: Y5 & Y6 Roman Banquet Day: Y3 Rock Up PE Reward Trip: Y7 – Y9 Maths Extra-Curricular day at the University of Wolverhampton: Y10 After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) Duke of Edinburgh: Y9 - 11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 8th July:

Monday	Y6 End of Year Assembly House Reward Trip to Star City: Seniors After School Clubs: Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Cricket: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Trip to Trentham Gardens: Y6 & Y6 Work Experience Workshop at Walsall College: Y9 Senior School Open Event (for prospective families): tours at 9.20 am and 1.50 pm After School Clubs: Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Cricket: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Wednesday	Sports Day: Nursery & Reception (2 – 3 pm) End of Year trip: Y3 & Y4 Drayton Manor/Bear Grylls Reward Trip: Seniors
Thursday	End of term, 12 noon: All