



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Aleena - Y1  
Adil - Y2  
Gursim - Y3  
Shriya - Y4  
Jamie - Y5  
Safiya & Linda - Y6

### A note from the Headmaster

Welcome back to the start of the final half-term of the year. It has been lovely to see the children back and enjoying themselves once again with their friends. I am looking forward to a busy but very exciting few weeks ahead.

Our World Environment Day passed with quite a splash, with Art competitions, persuasive writing, litter picking and vegetarian day to name a few. The ripples of our actions may have an impact for days and weeks to come, but were also felt around the world. So many other schools within Cognita were involved, so the potential benefits were seen in the UK, Spain, Chile, Thailand and Singapore. Well done to all those who were involved, and to Miss Kaur-Hamilton for starting the initiative.

A visit from our Director of Education (Chair of Governors) this week promoted a valuable opportunity for reflection and challenge. Danuta Tomasz brings with her a wealth of experience as a former Head herself and acting in her role for a number of the UK Cognita schools. She was able to describe the school as being in strong health in so many ways, and values it as a place to visit and meet the incredible children and caring staff. As is to be expected, she also challenged us to keep getting better: very much our mantra in all things.

The summer term often brings more chances to experience the "Great Outdoors". Some Year 10 pupils will be experiencing this on the weekend with their Duke of Edinburgh's Award (best of luck to them). For those of us too old (or too young) to participate in this, we can offer next weekend's Family Forest Fun! It will be great to see as many families as possible, and will involve exciting ways to bring out the Bear Grylls in all of us.

Have a lovely weekend...



### Progress and Achievement folders

This week every pupil in the Senior School has been given a Progress and Achievement folder. These folders will support pupils with their character development during their time at Hydesville and they will be used to keep copies of personal achievements and successes. We want to encourage all pupils to embrace the extracurricular activities and roles of responsibility available to them at Hydesville and these folders will hold a record of these achievements from both inside and outside of school. Before the start of the next academic year, we ask that pupils begin to bring records of any achievements from inside or outside of school to store in their folders. Please feel free to provide photocopies of any certificates. The folders will be stored securely in form rooms and will be monitored regularly by Form Tutors.



## Reception Star of the Week:

**Dev-Rishi** – awarded for improving his fine motor skills.



## Sports pupils of the Week:

**Shriya, Dhaya, Veer and Viren (Y4)** - awarded for representing Walsall in the Black Country School Games yesterday.



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**TICKETS ARE ALSO STILL AVAILABLE (FROM THE SCHOOL OFFICE) FOR THE HYDESVILLE FAMILY FUN DAY ON 15<sup>th</sup> JUNE - £5 per family.**

## Nursery's Teddy Bear's picnic

Children in Nursery had a lovely last day of half term when they went on a teddy bear's picnic in the Arboretum.

Parents and other family members also joined in the fun. Children dressed up and everyone enjoyed spending the afternoon together and playing games in the sunshine!



## Quick round up from across the School

- We celebrated World Environment Day with a range of activities across the School and throughout the week. Highlights included: Senior and Reception pupils litter picking in the Arboretum, Year 8 pond dipping, a vegetarian lunch and some fantastic entries by our Senior

School pupils for the Cognita Schools' art competition.

- Well done to the Year 4 tennis team who represented Hydesville at the Black Country School Games yesterday. The team did really well, coming second in their pool and making it through to the semi-finals. Displaying some good tennis, our team came 4<sup>th</sup> overall out of 12 schools and this was the first time we have made it to the semi-finals. Well done team!





## Raffle prizes needed – please!

Details about the Dads v Teachers charity football match on June 28<sup>th</sup> have now been sent home. We hope to see lots of you there to cheer on the teams.

We would also like to ask for donations of raffle prizes for the event. If you are able to offer anything at all, please drop them into the school office. Thank you for your support!

## Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to Susannah in Year 3 for her Learn to Swim 6 swimming badge and certificate.



Well done to Armaan in Year 1 for scoring three goals in a football match against his father at Disneyland Paris.



Congratulations to Sian in Year 4 for her success in the recent LAMDA exams, in speaking and prose.

Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved the highest (94%) attendance this week: 3L

Congratulations to the following Senior School Forms who also achieved the highest (96%) attendance this week: Form 5, 7

## 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Are you thinking about an Engineering Apprenticeship? Then please see the poster opposite with information about some forthcoming Engineering Open Days. If you have any questions, or would like to book to attend, please contact [samantha.feeley@ptp-training.co.uk](mailto:samantha.feeley@ptp-training.co.uk) or [Tracey.Secker@ptp-training.co.uk](mailto:Tracey.Secker@ptp-training.co.uk)



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- ◊ Saturday 20th July 10.00—12.00

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## Notices/reminders:

<b>Family Forest Fun Day</b>	Places are still available for our Family Forest Fun Day on Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup> June. More information is available from <a href="mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com">sarah.archer@hydesville.com</a> . Tickets are £5 per family and can be purchased from the School Office. All ages are welcome so please come along!
<b>Senior School football trip to St George's</b>	Payments for this trip are now due. Please pay via the School Office.
<b>Senior School reward trip to Drayton Manor</b>	Letters about this trip have been sent out this week. Please indicate your interest ASAP as places are allocated on a first come, first served basis. Payment is due into the School Office.
<b>Prize-giving replies</b>	Invites to the Nursery, Reception and Prep School prize-giving ceremonies have been sent out this week. Please return reply slips regarding tickets by Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June. Invites to the Senior School prize-giving event will be sent home early next week.

**Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 10<sup>th</sup> June:**

<b>Monday</b>	<p>GL Assessments: Y1 – Y6 (concludes Friday 14<sup>th</sup>)</p> <p>Visit from the sexual health nurse: Y9 &amp; Y10</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Problem Solving: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p> <p>Musical Theatre: Senior (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p> <p>STEM Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p> <p>Cricket: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<p>HPV Vaccinations: Y8 girls</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> <p>Art: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)</p>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<p>Golf tournament, Shelfield Academy (selected Y4 pupils)</p> <p>N2 Phonic Workshop (2.15pm)</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p>
<b>Thursday</b>	<p>Walsall Schools' Athletics Championship, Alexander Stadium (selected Senior pupils)</p> <p>Hydesville Challenge, Trip to Aberdyfi: Y6</p> <p>Themed lunch day: Healthy Eating Day (to support British Nutrition Foundation's Healthy Eating Week)</p> <p>After School Clubs:</p> <p>Multi-Skills: Y1 &amp; Y2 (3.30 – 4.30 pm)</p> <p>MAT Elocution: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)</p>
<b>Friday</b>	<p>Hunt for treasure (supporting MIND charity): Nursery &amp; Reception</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>
<b>Saturday</b>	<p>Family Forest Fun Day, Beaudesert Outdoor Activity Centre: 12 – 4 pm (all Hydesville families welcome)</p>