



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

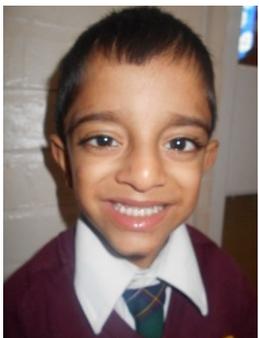
Head's commendations:



Katie – Y1
Iyla – Y2
Omveer – Y3
Avaran – Y4
Shriya – Y5
Parmroop – Y6

Reception Star of the Week:

Raheel – awarded for
super effort in all
lessons.



A note from the Headmaster

I cannot help but start this week's newsletter with a reference back to last Friday's Global Be Well Day. It was such a monumental event – or rather, series of events – and I was left immensely proud of our level of ambition and success in what was achieved. Already, a Karaoke Club has grown out of the activities and was a huge hit on Monday as many Senior pupils gathered to carry on the pleasure from the previous week. We will be releasing some further materials for parents to watch and read in the weeks and months ahead, so you can use these ideas to support the whole family's emotional health.

A couple of weeks have passed since the Labour Party's conference resulted in emerging plans regarding the future of independent schools. Understandably, the whole sector is watching these developments closely at this time of political turmoil. We are in close contact with and are supporting the excellent leadership the ISC is showing currently. Certainly we remain incredibly proud of what our school achieves, the diversity of the school community and its role within the wider Walsall community. Hydesville Tower School helps provide genuine parental choice to local families. Above all, we remain utterly committed to providing an excellent and enriching educational experience for your child, just as was seen last Friday. Whilst the rhetoric of the Labour activists may seem strong, I suspect that the qualities of schools such as our own will mean that we can outlast headline-grabbing statements.

Thank you to all who will be present to support tomorrow's Open Morning. It is a lovely reflection of all concerned that they are so keen to offer their time and enthusiasm to such an important event.

Hoping for a lovely weekend for
you all...



Walk to School Month

Starting today - and until Friday
18th October – we are taking part
in 'Walk to School Month'. This is

a great opportunity to get active and reduce traffic around our site, so we are encouraging everyone to walk to school. We know that some of you travel a long way, so even walking part of your journey is a great start.

On our A* Stars noticeboard in Prep School, pupils will see a tree without any leaves. When they are walking to school, please can they collect a leaf and take it to Mrs Taylor who will add it to our tree. We want to fill our tree with lots of leaves to show how many of us are walking to school.

We would also like you to **take a selfie** on the way to school. When you are walking, look out for anything interesting and take a selfie. Maybe you spot a bird? Maybe you start to see conkers on a tree? Please send you selfie to Mrs Taylor or share it on the school Facebook and Twitter pages. We look forward to receiving them.

Walk to
School Month

Nursery Star of the Week:

Jasmine – awarded for always trying hard at everything she does.



Performer of the Week:

Alishba (Y3) – awarded for performing the whole first line of 'In The Hall of the Mountain King,' which is really difficult!



Global Be Well Day
COGNITA

Global Be Well Day

Following Global Be Well Day last Friday and Mr Honey's newsletter introduction, we'd like to share the following resources with you. These videos and links will offer lots of ideas to support the whole family's emotional health.

This half-term we will focus on Healthy Lifestyle. Please see these videos by Dr Rangan Chatterjee: Healthy lifestyle tips video: <https://vimeo.com/357323577> and Healthy lifestyle day video: <https://vimeo.com/357323101>

There is also this suggestion about movement and fitness when doing more sedentary activities: <https://drchatterjee.com/5min-kitchen-workout/>

The following is a food chart to help people "eat a rainbow":

<https://drchatterjee.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Rainbow-Chart.pdf>

There will now also a dedicated page on the school website (which you can access here: <https://www.hydesville.com/global-be-well-day/>)

You can also readily access these resources on this webpage.

We thank you all for your ongoing support!



Hydesville on the small screen!

We were visited by a camera crew from ITV Central last Friday who filmed our Global Be Well Day celebrations for a news story to draw attention to the vital role of mental wellbeing in education.

Lots of activities were filmed and staff, pupils and even parents were interviewed (thank you Mrs Uddin!).

The package is scheduled to be broadcast on Tuesday 8th October, as part of the ITV Central Evening News (from 6pm) so do please tune in!

Year 7's licence in science

Well done to Year 7 who all now officially have a license to use a Bunsen burner.

As part of their science lessons the pupils undertook training to learn how to safely set up and use the equipment. Miss Eynon reported they've all passed with glowing colours!



Change of date - Prep School Fashion Show

Given Mrs Whithouse's significant involvement in Creative Challenge Week and the Prep School Fashion Show we'd like to inform you that we have changed the dates of these events. They will now take place during the **Summer term**. More details will be released nearer the time...



Tapas for tea for Year 7

Pupils in Year 7, their parents and other family members, joined staff from the MFL department on Tuesday for an evening of tapas at Migas restaurant in Sutton Coldfield. The event was a great opportunity for pupils and their families to get to know each other in a relaxed and fun setting. It also gave pupils the chance to try out what they

have learnt in Spanish lessons so far this term, as they bravely order their meals in Spanish (with a little help from the Spanish speaking restaurant staff and our teachers!). It was a lovely evening enjoyed by all!

Raising funds for Macmillan Cancer Support

The whole School has been backing the fantastic Macmillan Cancer Support charity this week in a range of fundraising events.

Parents joined us for coffee and cake this morning in the School dining room. Thank you to everyone for your coming along and for the wonderful cake donations!



Seniors also held their own Macmillan Coffee Morning today, and we'd also like to say a huge well done and thank you to Jasmeen in Year 8 for organising a charity raffle and donating a beautiful hamper. Jasmeen, along with her friends, Aini, Asiya, Anand and Marcylena, gave up their break and lunchtimes this week to sell raffle tickets to raise funds for the amazing cause. Well done to Harman in Year 8 for being the lucky winner of the gorgeous hamper!



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to Amrit in Year 3 for achieving a preparatory grade in her IDTA Ballet examination.





Congratulations to Ruby in Year 6 for reaching the Warwickshire Cricket Finals and to Tamika in Year 3 who steamed ahead to scoop 2nd place in the Walsall Swimming Gala on 29th September in front crawl, back crawl and breast stroke.

Well done to Jasmine in Year 1 & Dylan in Reception for achieving a red striped belt in kickboxing.

Congratulations to Avaani (6th Kyu), Yuvraj (8th Kyu) and Samuel (11th Kyu) in Year 2 for levelling up on their Kyu's in karate.



Gia in Year 1 achieved her Gymnastics Level 7 Award in Proficiency – Super!

Meanwhile, Jayden in Reception took part in a Mighty Kickers football tournament.

Martin in Year 3 survived a night with dinosaurs at the Natural History Museum whilst Rian in Reception completed a Superhero's charity walk for St Giles Hospice. Great work guys!

And this year's Pupil Voice representatives are...

- Y1 - Haris & Katie
- Y2 - Brogan
- Y3 - Shaan & Emil
- Y4 - Gavish & Viren
- Y5 - Veer
- Y6 - Om & Parmroop



Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1B, 2S, 4C, 4B.

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved 100% attendance this week: Form 4



Senior Pupils of the Week

Form 1 – Jai for positivity and making excellent contributions to votes for school’s discussions.

Form 2 - Hargun for being helpful and kind during form time and for being consistently positive.

Form 3 - Gavin for being a role model to younger pupils.

Form 4 - Abdullah for taking the lead with Votes for Schools.

Form 5 - Joshua for settling in so well, being confident, mature, polite and making good and positive friendships. All round wonderfulness!

Form 6 - Maya for settling in well and helping others in Year 7.

Form 7 - Nilesh for settling into Year 7 really well.

Notices/reminders:

<p>Nursery sound of the week</p>	<p>Here is this week’s phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q0akp_j1nbc</p>
<p>Nursery reminder</p>	<p>Please can Nursery children remember wellies and waterproofs for Forest Mondays.</p>
<p>New Reception webpage</p>	<p>There is a new page dedicated to our Reception classes on the school website: https://www.hydesville.com/prep-school/reception/</p> <p>Here, parents will find a wealth of information, including useful documents and details on the curriculum and extra-curricular activities for Reception children.</p>
<p>This week’s letters home</p>	<p>Each week we will share with you a list of the letters we have sent out. They are all available to view on the school website here: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/</p> <p>This week’s letters are:</p> <p>Nursery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bake-Off competition <p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Mental Health Day – Hello Yellow Day <p>Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Residential to Beaudesert • Y10 & Y11 GCSE Art Sculpture Workshop

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 7th October:

Monday	Cross-Country: Y5-Y11 (12 noon onwards, Walsall Arboretum) After School Clubs: Art: Y5 & Y6 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Football: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Chess: Upper Prep & Seniors (4.00 - 5.00 pm)
Tuesday	English & Maths Support Evening: Y7-Y11 (5.00-6.00 pm) After School Clubs: Drama: Upper Prep (3.45 - 4.45 pm) GCSE Art club: Y10 & Y11 (3.45 - 5.00 pm) Football Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Wednesday	Drama Trip to see “Blood Brothers”: Y10-Y11 Presentation on Careers in Law: Y11 Scholastic Book Fair: Prep & Seniors (until Wednesday 16 th) After School Clubs: Hockey Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	World Mental Health Day: All Trip to Walsall Leather Museum: Y1 U11’s Girls’ Football Tournament Hydesville vs Highclare Themed lunch day: Noodle Bar After School Clubs: Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30-4.30 pm) 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 -4.30 pm)
Friday	Nursery Bake Off Competition (2.30 pm) ‘Be Ready’ work experience presentation: Y11 After School Clubs: DofE: Y10 (3.45-5.00 pm) Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)

Thursday 10th October’s ‘Around the World in 24 Dishes’ menu is....

Noodle Bar.

Chicken Chow Mein

Spicy crispy pork

Mushrooms in black bean

Sweet & sour vegetables

Mange tout & baby corn

Deli bar

Salad Bar

Jacket potatoes

Banana Fritters

