



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Tianna-Rose – Y1  
Samuel – Y2  
Shaan – Y3  
Aunie-Mae – Y4  
Dhaya – Y5  
Chaaya – Y6

### Reception Star of the Week:

**Maven** – awarded for excellent focus and effort in all lessons



### A note from the Headmaster

Last week's Open Morning was a tremendous success, with large numbers of families looking around the school. I am very grateful to all the children, who represented themselves and school so well. They are immensely impressive, and sometimes it can be easy to forget this when surrounded by them every day. However, people outside the Hydesville family can see the high standards of behaviour and etiquette, the enthusiasm and positivity, and recognise that the expectations here promote excellence.

We are looking forward to our first residential trip for our new Year 7 cohort, who will have the chance to test themselves in the "great outdoors" next week. Visits such as these build many qualities in children: resourcefulness, cooperation, empathy, drive and determination are words often used to describe the benefits. Resilience is an essential development area as well, with children learning to cope with challenge and disappointment, overcoming the difficulties and emerging successful. This is very much in keeping with all the work done on mental wellbeing in recent weeks. It was great to see so many of our children on Central News on Tuesday showing our Global Be Well Day event, and Rachna and Rory were fantastic ambassadors when interviewed live.

The new library extension has been completed, and we will be looking forward to the developing use of this wonderful space in the weeks and months to come. Reading should be at the heart of any school, since it develops so many of the key qualities needed for life. Hence our excitement at the library being ready for use. Our site is looking increasingly good, and news from Cognita of a significant IT refresh ahead of schedule will also lead to even more development in the next month.

I honestly can't imagine being happier anywhere else...

Have a great weekend ☺



### Would you like a special edition Blue Peter badge?

Would your child like a limited edition Blue Peter badge that has been designed by music superstar Ed Sheeran?

To receive one, pupils must be aged between 5 and 16 and play a musical instrument.

More details are on this link below, but in short pupils simply need a picture of themselves playing their instrument (or singing):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/joinin/bp-music-badge>

## On your marks...

The mud and rain didn't stop our pupils putting in some sterling performances at Monday's annual cross country inter-house tournament at Walsall Arboretum. A big well done to everyone who took part!

The results are now in...and are as follows:

### Year 5 & 6 Boys

1<sup>st</sup> - Viren  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ibraheem  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Jayden



### Year 7 & 8 Boys:

1<sup>st</sup> - Tzion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ryan  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Nilesh



### Year 9 & 10 Boys:

1<sup>st</sup> - Kai  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ranveer  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Ishe



### Year 5 & 6 Girls

1<sup>st</sup> - Dhaya  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Ruby  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Safa



### Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 Girls:

1<sup>st</sup> - Priya T  
2<sup>nd</sup> - Nikki  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Jade



Prep winning House: Hatherton  
Senior winning House: Bradford  
Overall winning House: Hatherton

## Never fear *Illy* is here...



We are excited to announce we have a new coffee supplier. Parents can now purchase a cup of gourmet illy coffee from the school dining room from 8am every day. Priced at only 75p a cup, takeaway options are also available.



## Performer of the Week:

**Harry (Y4)** – awarded for making excellent progress and performing a whole piece on the toot this week!



## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Kavi** - awarded for trying hard and doing well at everything that he does.



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**Senior School Information Evening**  
Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October. Talks at 4pm & 6pm.

## Y7 2020 Scholarship Programme launches next week

We will be launching our Scholarship programme for Year 7 entry in September 2020 at the Senior Information Evening on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Do come along if you have a child in Year 6 are interested in finding out more about our Senior School.

Talks are at 4pm and 6pm. Please arrive at the start of your preferred time.

## Walk to School Month

To celebrate 'Walk to School Month' we are inviting pupils and parents to join us for our 'Let's Walk Together Event'. We will be meeting at the Toby Carvery at 8:10am on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October, and together we will walk to school.

We hope you can join us!



## Quick round up from across the School



- Well done to Jasmeen, Aini, Asiya, Anand and Marcylena in Senior School for raising a whopping £155.00 for Macmillan Cancer Support, by holding a charity raffle. Amazing girls, well done!

- We are delighted to announce art success in the Independent Schools Art competition for the Midlands region. We had first place wins, for artwork produced by two Year 6 pupils from last year. Last year's KS2 art group also came first for their 2D group piece and Isabella in Year 8 came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the KS3 painting category. The winning artwork now goes forward to the national finals. Good luck all!



- Our Christmas Fair takes place on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 5-7pm. Would you like to host a stand? If so, please send your expression of interest (please include details of what you would like to sell) to [sarah.archer@hydesville.com](mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com) by 5pm on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October. There will be a small charge of £20 a stall.

## Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to Aleena in Year 2 for achieving two rosettes in Ballet including a National IDTA Ballet rosette. Super!



Congratulations to Ismaeel in Year 3 for reaching the semi-finals in his recent football match. Way to go!

Thank you to all the pupils who gave up their Saturday morning to support us at our Open Morning.

A huge thank you to the parents who also gave up their time to offer an insight to being a parent at HTS - Mrs Dulay, Mrs Al-Yafee, Mr Webster, Ms Lowndes & Mrs Maginley. Everyone's help and support is very much appreciated.



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

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

## Notices/reminders:

<b>Nursery sound of the week</b>	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gi8OBh111U">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0gi8OBh111U</a>
<b>Nursery reminder</b>	Please can Nursery children bring wellies and waterproofs to School.
<b>Brazil 2021</b>	The deadline for initial deposits for this trip is Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> October, so please could any interested parents hand their deposits into the School Office, for the attention of Mr Honey. The payment needs to be made via a cheque for £100 made payable to 'Hydesville Tower School.'
<b>This week's letters home</b>	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: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/">https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/</a>  <b>Nursery:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Teddy Bear Project</li> </ul> <b>Prep:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Young Voices T-shirts</li> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> <li>• Trip to Rep Theatre to see Peter Pan</li> </ul> <b>Senior:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scholastic Book Fair</li> </ul> <b>All School letters:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stalls at Xmas Fair</li> </ul>
<b>Senior School Revision booklet</b>	The School website is now updated with the latest version of our revision booklet for pupils in Y7-11. This resource will help you to support your son/daughter when revising for any end of unit assessments or mock examinations. You can download the booklet here: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/">https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/</a>

## Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers' – 6th form open evenings coming up:

**Aldridge** – 8<sup>th</sup> November, 6.30 - 8pm

**Q3 Great Barr** – 14<sup>th</sup> November, 6 - 8pm

**Walsall College** – 26<sup>th</sup> November, 4 - 8pm

**Bishop Vesey** – 6<sup>th</sup> November, 4 - 7pm

**Sandwell Academy** – 12<sup>th</sup> November, 7pm – you need to register online to attend

<http://www.sandwellacademy.com/page/VI-Form-2020>

**King Edward VI High School for Girls** - 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 5.30 - 6.30pm

**King Edward VI Handsworth School for Girls** - 24<sup>th</sup> October, 6 - 8pm

**Handsworth Grammar for Boys** – 7<sup>th</sup> November, 4.30 - 6.30pm

**BOA** – 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> October, 6 - 8.30pm

**Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> October:**

<b>Monday</b>	Residential to Beaudesert: Y7 (returning on Weds 16 <sup>th</sup> ) GCSE Art Sculpture Workshop: Y10 & Y11 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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	Trip to National Space Centre: Y3 & Y4 After School Clubs: Drama: Upper Prep (3.45 - 4.45 pm) Football Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Wednesday</b>	Senior School Information Evening for prospective Hydesville families. (talks at 4.00 pm and 6.00 pm) After School Clubs: Hockey Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Themed lunch day: Italian After School Clubs: Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30-4.30 pm) 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm) Senior SPARK Club: Senior MAT Pupils only (3.50 - 4.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (3.45 -4.30 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	Nursery Stay & Play (1.30 pm – 3.00 pm) Wear it Pink Day: Seniors Last day of Half Term After School Clubs: DofE: Y10 (3.45-5.00 pm) Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October's 'Around the World in 24 Dishes' menu is...**

## Italian day.

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Meatballs in tomato sauce

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Spaghetti carbonara

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Tomato & basil bruschetta

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Wild mushroom risotto

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Italian roasted vegetables

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Garlic & parmesan potatoes

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Salad bar

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Deli Bar

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Ice Cream

