



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Haris – Y1
Yuvraj – Y2
Harjan – Y3
Gursim – Y4
Tanvir – Y5
Rayah – Y6

A note from the Headmaster

My mum – who reads every newsletter – has observed my frequent links to the weather in my openings. Not today, despite the dreadful...

It can be a confusing world for children growing up in these times. Two England footballers getting in to a dispute that resulted in one being dropped from an important match. The best European rugby team being revealed to have “cheated” their way to success. Labour politicians urging people to vote for Boris, and Conservative politicians leaving their party to stand as independents. Donald Trump not remembering a phone call he made: well some things are easier to understand. It is little wonder that some of the younger generations have lost faith in what is going on around them, and despair of the choices being made. In the midst of this, we – Hydesville and our families – need to maintain clarity for the children, to try and help them make sense of it all. In that regard, it is pleasing to know the simple but important expectation of members of our community: respect. There is evidence of this in the way that the adults are towards the children and vice versa. It is further emphasised by the way that the children behave, with a consistent attitude of doing the right thing by each other, day after day. These core values are essential to how the school runs, and whilst children can always make mistakes, it is how they learn from these and improve that characterises this wonderful community. The events of Anti-Bullying Week and today's Children in Need have been a fitting way to reflect on the importance of considering the circumstances of other people. Difference exists in all walks of life, yet the tolerance, understanding and empathy shown by our pupils can be heart-warming. If only Raheem and Joe had spent some circle time with the Prep School tutors this week!

I'll be back on safe ground with weather references next week. Until then, have a lovely weekend...



Supporting our Senior School pupils

One of the ways we support our pupils in the Senior School is by offering mentoring strategies for those who particularly need it.

Year 11 pupils are guided by Form Tutors, who help them with revision, academic studies and wellbeing.

We have also launched a new initiative where Year 11 pupils support those in the younger years with any pastoral concerns they might have.

Under the guidance of Head of Girls' Pastoral, Miss Waite, pupils help each other to form

positive friendships and offer a supportive ear when it is needed!



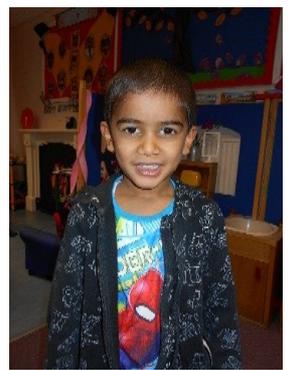
Nursery Star of the Week:

Nusaybah – awarded for consistently working hard and always being polite and well mannered.



Reception Star of the Week:

Dhiyan – awarded for growing in confidence and working hard!



#Hydesvillefamily discounts available at Pickfords

Last week we announced our Best of Walsall business partnership programme, which offers member discounts to Hydesville families. Each week, we will focus on one of the exclusive discounts on offer.

Based in Sutton Coldfield, Pickfords is a small and friendly team of legal specialists with 40 years combined experience in residential property, commercial property, family law and business law. They provide a full range of legal services for businesses and individuals.

Pickfords are offering Hydesville families a 10% discount off their legal fees across all services. This includes Family Law, Residential Conveyancing, Commercial Property and Business Services. To redeem this offer, simply state you are a Hydesville family and Pickford’s Solicitors will confirm this with us.

Find out more about Pickfords at: <https://www.pickfordsolicitors.com/>

Christmas is coming.....

Please join us at our annual Christmas Fair on Friday 13th December, 5-7pm.

The entry price is £2 per family (of up to four people), which includes an event programme, and can be paid on the day on the door.

There will be lots of exciting activities and stalls, including festive refreshments, carol singing and opportunities to win prizes from a range of different Christmas themed stalls.

All profits will be donated to Acorns Childrens’ Hospice, which is a charity close to the Hydesville family’s heart.

There will also be an opportunity for children to make a special visit to meet Santa and his elves. The price is £5 per child and will include an age appropriate present. We hope you can join us and look forward to seeing you there!



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL 5 - 7pm, Friday 13th December 2019
A leading independent school in Walsall for boys and girls aged 3 to 16.

CHRISTMAS TECH CAMP

Hydesville Tower School
9am - 3pm
18th - 20th December 2019
Ages 5-12
from £35 per day

Register your child online
www.nextthing.education

Questions? Info@nextthing.education or Call us on 01442 873150

Christmas Tech Camp

Tech savvy pupils may wish to sign up to a Christmas Holiday Tech Camp, being hosted at Hydesville on Wednesday 18th to Friday 20th December, 9am – 3pm.

The festive themed club will offer pupils aged 5-12 a fantastic opportunity to take part in a range of activities, including using coding skills to create digital lights, making movies and learning about 3D printing. Fun, yet educational, the camp will keep children busy while parents are at work or doing some last minute Christmas shopping.

Priced from £35 a day, more information is available at www.nextthing.education or by emailing info@nextthing.education or calling 01442 873150.



Supporting Children in Need 2019

We've had a great day celebrating Children in Need across the whole school. There's been lots going on – a non-uniform day, sweet and cakes sales, face painting and colouring competitions. Reception children even made a huge Pudsey Bear face out of leaves and the

Seniors paid money to 'pie' Jai and Ishe!

Thank you to everyone for supporting this fantastic cause...we shall announce the amount raised soon.

Check out our Facebook page to see the photos from the day:

<https://www.facebook.com/hydesvilletowerschool/>

Nut allergies – please read!

We'd like to remind you that Hydesville is a nut-free school. This is an important principle, given the real risks associated with nut allergies. Subsequently, all of the cooking on site avoids the risk of nuts being used within recipes and we do not offer snacks which have nuts within.

Please can we ask that parents understand and respect this in terms of food that a child brings in to school. The implications on a child's health of being inadvertently exposed to nuts – whether eaten, skin contact or breathing of the vapours – is too great for any school to ignore, so we really appreciate your support with this.



Hydesville say no to bullies

It has been Anti-Bullying Week, which has been supported across the whole school.

At Hydesville we recognise that all bullying, whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying.



During form time this week, Senior School have discussed bullying and the impact it can have. Meanwhile, on Tuesday, children and staff celebrated their uniqueness by sporting odd socks and rolling out the message of individuality without the fear of another's thoughts or opinions.

Reception pupils also spent time discussing what it means to be a good friend, and then made and gave friendship bracelets to one another.



Year 1's Teddy Bears' picnic

Year 1 enjoyed a Teddy Bears' picnic this week. The children began by writing a party invitation to invite their bears to the picnic. They learnt how to write a list of the food they would like at the picnic and then made their own jam sandwiches and wrote instructions on how to make them.

Finally, (and the best bit!), they enjoyed eating their sandwiches (as well as bear crisps and bear sweets) with their teddies. It was a fun afternoon for everyone!

Please see the school website for more photos:

<https://www.hydesville.com/year-1s-teddy-bears-picnic/>



Prep School Awards and Achievements



Swimming success! Well done to Tayo in Year 3 for achieving his Stanley 5 swimming award.

At the end of September, Avaani and Yuvraj in Year 2 received their 6th and 8th Kyu. Two months later, they've both been graded again and smashed their 5th (Avaani) & 7th Kyu (Yuvraj) in Karate.

Not forgetting Waris in Year 1 who also achieved his 11th Kyu. Well done all!



Ruby in Year 6 excelled last weekend and brought home not one award, but a whopping three awards, in gymnastics. What a superb commitment shown in gymnastics over the past several years. A great achievement!

Karanveer in Year 4 strikes again...another chess guru on our hand! He secured an overall 4th place in the Oxfordshire Chess tournament last weekend.

Karanveer qualified in the London tournament prior to competing in the Oxfordshire Chess Tournament. Great work!



Well done to Susannah in Year 4 for achieving her pen license – she has brilliant pencil control and great letter formation!

And finally, well done to Jayden in Reception for creating a Spiderman masterpiece. Not only did his helicopter look amazing, but it had functioning rotor blades too. Mr Burnham (our STEM coordinator) was astonished!



Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 1E, 3BT, 4C and 4B

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week: Form 5

Senior Pupils of the Week

Form 1 - Treydonne has been nominated by the rest of the form for his consistently positive attitude and demeanour.

Form 2 - Ishika for being kind and polite within form.

Form 3 - Gurshaun for settling in well.

Form 4 - Danyal for being organised and working hard in lessons.

Form 5 - Sartaj for supporting his Form Teachers.

Form 6 - Sonia for preparing well for her mock examinations.

Form 7 - Ekim for improved attitude this half term.



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=65b3vEfskZ4</p>
<p>Nursery reminder</p>	<p>Nursery children can come to school in fancy dress on Friday 22nd November to celebrate World Nursery Rhyme week. Children will be having a Mad Hatter's Tea Party in afternoon.</p>
<p>Adverse weather</p>	<p>As the weather gets increasingly wintery, we will inform parents of any impact to the running of the school via email or text.</p> <p>There will also be an update on the school website, and messages will go out via the School's social media accounts – Facebook, Twitter, Instagram. Please ensure the School Office has your current mobile and email addresses.</p>
<p>Parking in Charlotte Street</p>	<p>Can we please remind families of the residents only parking scheme (operating between 8.00 am-8.00pm, Monday to Saturday) in Charlotte Street. We offer a number of alternative parking and transfer options for parents. Please see the School website for more information: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/</p>
<p>Year 10 trip to the Skills Show</p>	<p>A reminder that Year 10 reply slips for the Skills Show at the NEC are now due.</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"> • World Nursery Rhyme Week • Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto • Nursery Art Club • Nursery library donations <p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reading with your child • Year 4 intervention programme • Christmas Fair & Santa's Grotto • Elocution Club – MAT pupils only <p>Senior:</p> <p>Christmas Fair</p>

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

A reminder that applications for 6th Form at **Queen Mary's High School** must be completed online. Here is the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeR5Z-VDS-B5MXSGT0mNkxDPfUjTCTUZSeeaNmiU-SIIXHkaw/viewform>

Their Sixth Form Information evening will be held on **20th November 2019** and the application deadline is **10th January 2020**.

The Sixth Form Open Evening for **Queen Mary's Grammar School** will be held on **28th November 2019** and the application deadline is **6th February 2020**. Here is a link to their application form: https://qmgs.walsall.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/10/2020_sixth_form_application_form.pdf

All applications must be completed at least two weeks in advance of the deadline and handed to Miss Jenkins in order for her complete school reference.

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 18th November:

Monday	Global Enterprise Week: Prep & Seniors World Nursery Rhyme Week: Nursery After School Clubs: Football Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm) Chess Club: Upper Prep & Seniors (4.00 - 5.00 pm) Drama Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Road Safety Week: Prep & Seniors After School Clubs: Drama Club: 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) MAT Problem Solving Club: Y5 & Y6 (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Wednesday	KS4 table tennis tournament at Wood Green Academy After School Clubs: Hockey Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	Trip to Skills Show, B'ham NEC: Y10 Themed lunch day: Nordic November After School Clubs: 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm) Musical Theatre Club: Upper Prep (3.45 -4.30 pm)
Friday	Year 5 & 6 sports hall athletics at Sheffield Academy (12.30 - 2.30 pm) Mad Hatter's Tea Party: Nursery (2.15 pm, event open to children only) After School Clubs: DofE: Y10 (3.45-5.00 pm) Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)