



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

### Head's commendations:



Kadii - Y1  
Ruby - Y2  
Alishba - Y3  
Aryaan - Y4  
Zak - Y5  
Dev - Y6

### A note from the Headmaster

A recent radio interview and newspaper article left me reflecting on the state of the nation in terms of optimism v pessimism. In the interview, a number of 16-18 year old students in Bristol were asked about what was on their mind. Maybe it was the way the question was framed, but the responses tended to be of negativity about local or global issues, and the feeling that their lives were not going to be as good as their parents' generation.

In some cases, the issues raised were understandably important: global environmental climate change; crime and deprivation; and trust in political parties in the midst of the election. In yesterday's Senior assembly, we considered these viewpoints, and the way in which a pessimistic outlook could lower a person's attitude, health and career prospects. Hence it is important that we give our children an understanding of how they can effect change and make a positive impact on their own outlook by taking specific actions.

Through our Pupil Voice discussions, we are seeing the launch of a Food Bank appeal, for which more details will come out soon. We are planning for our charitable work for the year ahead, bringing about change for good in people in need. Above all, it is about empowering our pupils with the confidence to realise that they can impact on a range of things in their life, and bring a happier, more optimistic outlook to their existence. The smiling faces I see at the gates (both entering as well as leaving!) is a sign that the children have this positivity within them, and we should be careful not to allow the world's bad news stories to bring them down.



### Early Years' Open Event

We're opening our doors to prospective families who are interested in a Nursery or Reception place for their child. Please come along if you would like to know more, or please spread the word to friends and family who might be interested in joining the Hydesville family.

Hydesville is becoming increasingly popular with families wanting to join us and as such places in Nursery for this academic year are extremely limited. We only have a few places left in Reception for September 2020 too. To avoid disappointment, we urge you to begin an application as soon as possible.

Please join us on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November to find out more. Tours are at 10am, 11am, 1pm and 2pm. Alternatively, please call Admissions Manager, Christine Phillips, on 01922 624374 or email [Christine.phillips@hydesville.com](mailto:Christine.phillips@hydesville.com) to arrange a private visit.



**Early Years'  
Open Event  
Thurs Nov 28th**

TOURS AT 10AM, 11AM  
1PM & 2PM  
[WWW.HYDESVILLE.COM](http://WWW.HYDESVILLE.COM)

## Nursery Star of the Week:

**Manoah** – awarded for working hard and carrying out tasks independently.



## Reception Star of the Week:

**Solakhni** – awarded for a positive attitude and trying hard in all areas of learning.



## Welcome back Mrs Whitehouse

It was fabulous to welcome back Mrs. Whitehouse this week, welcomed both by staff and pupils alike.

Her presence has been greatly missed in and around school, so we thought it was fitting she deserved a celebratory piece of cake and fizz upon her return.



## #Hydesvillefamily discounts available at Simply Gym

Are you wanting to shed a few pounds before the inevitable festive calorie overload? Or maybe getting fit will be on your 2020 New Year's resolution list?! Either way, we can help,

thanks to a Hydesville Family member discount at Simply Gym in Walsall, now available to Hydesville families.

Based on Bentley Mill Way in Walsall, Simply Gym is committed to offering high quality gym and fitness facilities at a fraction of the usual cost of health club membership. Their state of the art gym provides customers with a great place to work out in, whether you are there just to burn off some calories or are training for something more specific, they have the equipment and classes to suit every need. Simply Gym are offering Hydesville families an exclusive membership offer of just £16.99 a month, with no joining fee and without committing to any contract. To redeem this offer, please quote HST19 (you just put this in the promo code box at the start of the joining process on their website and it will present the offer).

Find out more about Simply Gym at: <http://www.simplygym.co.uk/>

## Christmas Fair donations please

It's our Christmas Fair on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> December and in order to make the event a success, we would be delighted if the Hydesville Family could donate some prizes for a variety of stalls. We need:

- Prizes for the tombola and raffle – these can include **chocolate and toiletries** or any other items that you feel are appropriate. We respectfully ask for no alcohol products please.
- Donations for the Black Country Food Bank, an initiative being led by Senior School Duke of Edinburgh's Award pupils and Prep School's Pupil Voice group – please donate canned or dried food products and toiletries.



**5 - 7pm, Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2019**  
A leading independent school in Walsall for boys and girls aged 3 to 16.

**Please send all donations to the school office (or via your child's Prep School teacher) by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December or bring your Food Bank donations to the Christmas Fair.**

# Performer of the Week:

**Ayesha (Y7)** – awarded for making excellent progress on the guitar, being the only person in her class to perform a melody all the way through!



# Crafternoon

Every year, one in four of us will experience a mental health problem. Mind believes that no one should have to face a mental health problem alone, and the festive season can be

especially hard. However, by taking part in a Mind Crafternoon session, you'll be making someone's Christmas. Crafternoon means getting together with friends and/or family to hold an afternoon of festive crafting to raise awareness for Mind. Whether you're a beginner crafter or an expert, want to make something Christmassy or not, anyone can take part.

Christmas Crafternoon takes place on **Saturday 30th November**, but any time over the weekend will do! We did lots of crafting on our Global Be Well Day, and it would be wonderful to see some Christmas crafting to continue the valuable work done in September – with a festive spin!

We would love to see your Christmas Crafternoons, which you can share with us on our Twitter page, using the hashtag #HydesvilleCrafternoon or email Mrs Kingston ([aimee.kingston@cognita.com](mailto:aimee.kingston@cognita.com)) – every entry will receive 10 house points. If you're stuck on what to make, we have some resources on our website: <https://www.hydesville.com/parents/global-be-well-day/> from baubles and crackers, to hand stitched cards!

Mrs Kingston will have resources in her classroom on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November if anybody would like to collect some for the weekend – happy crafting!

# Prep School Awards and Achievements



More swimming success! Well done to Viren in Year 4 for achieving his Stanley 7 Award and to Reyansh in Year 2 for his 10m swimming certificate.



Well done to Avaran (Y4), Tamika (Y3) and Zakir (Y6) who represented Wednesbury Hockey Club in the Burton HC Festival. The children played in three matches in the Under 10's group, winning one but sadly losing two games. Zakir also played in goal for the Under 12s, playing 3 games, winning two and losing one. All pupils played really well, and were a credit to Hydesville.

Martial arts achievements - well done to Karam in Year 2, Karina and Jessica in Year 1 for doing so well in their martial arts extra-curricular lessons.





Our chess tzars strike again! Well done to Karanveer in Year 4 and Shriya in Year 5 for superb performances in the Staffs Junior Chess Championship. Both pupils played exceptionally well and were crowned winners in their respective groups. Congratulations!



### Young Writers

Miss Crump was delighted to receive news that several of our pupils have been selected by Young Writers to have their work published in a book. Well done to the following KS2 pupils: Cynthia, Gavish, Gursim, Adam, Ruby, Chaaya, Karanveer, Safin, Shriya, Qais, Tanvir, Karina, Dhaya, Veer, Mustafa, Shivam, Karum, Viren, Aahil and Narian.



### Pudsey says congratulations to....

Thank you to everyone who helped support Children in Need last Friday in School. We held lots of exciting activities throughout the week. A special thank you goes to the following kind hearted pupils who arranged and held a cake and sweet sale for Prep pupils during Friday lunchtime. The cakes were such a success, they sold out in ten minutes flat! Well done to: Jamie, Chaaya, Rayah, Ruby, Simran, Anaiya, Shona and Simar.



### Children in Need Colouring Competition

As well as a cake sale, Prep School children took part in a Pudsey Bear themed colouring competition. There were some great entries. The following KS1 pupils were awarded for brilliant effort: Amar, Haris, Waris, Karina, Jasmine K, Jessica, Tayo, Rhuben, Saahil, Jasmine P, Subhan, Roman, Veer, Gia, Katie, Daniel, Rishi, Tianna-Rose, Kadii.





## Senior Pupils of the Week



**Form 1 - Jai** for getting dressed up as Pudsey and being pelted with cream pies for Children in Need!

**Form 2 - Ishe** for getting dressed up as Pudsey and being pelted with cream pies for Children in Need!

**Form 3 - Ibbly** for positively supporting Y6 pupils for assessment and taster days.

**Form 4 - Kavan** for his sensible contributions to form discussions on matters of politics.

**Form 5 - Devan** for being motivated and proactive in his revision.

**Form 6 - Reena** for being positive in her approach to work and her improved punctuality.

**Form 7 - Simran** for settling into school life excellently and for her good effort around school.

### Notices/reminders:

<p><b>Nursery sound of the week</b></p>	<p>Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2DdC5Q6D64">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=P2DdC5Q6D64</a></p>
<p><b>Prep School Times Table Challenge</b></p>	<p>Mrs Kenton would like to let parents and pupils know that the next Times Tables Challenge will take place during the week beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> December.</p>
<p><b>Adverse weather</b></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><b>Bikeability for Seniors</b></p>	<p>If there is enough interest, we would be delighted to offer a Bikeability course for Senior School pupils in order to make our school more environmentally friendly. If you are interested in this for your son/daughter, can you please contact the school office by <b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>.</p>
<p><b>Aerosols</b></p>	<p>Whilst we are aware your child may want to bring deodorant into school following a PE/Games lesson, please could we ask that your child is mindful of Asthma sufferers in confined spaces and fire alarm sensitivity. Roll on deodorant should therefore be used instead of an aerosol. Also, perfumes should not be brought into school.</p>

<p><b>Pastoral Review Meetings</b></p>	<p>As per the school calendar, <b>Y7 &amp; Y8 Pastoral Review Meetings</b> will take place next week, the <b>week commencing Monday 25<sup>th</sup> of November</b>. These meetings are an opportunity for parents and pupils to meet with the Form Tutors to review pupils' Progress and Achievement folders and to discuss any pastoral concerns. Your son/daughter's <b>Form Tutors</b> will be in touch with you to arrange a meeting time for one of the evenings next week.</p>
<p><b>This week's letters home</b></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: <a href="https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/">https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/</a></p> <p>This week's letters are:</p> <p>Nursery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Rhyme Nativity ticket request</li> <li>• Christmas Fair donations</li> </ul> <p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nursery Rhyme Nativity ticket request</li> <li>• Y1 trip to the Snowdome</li> <li>• Foodbank donations</li> <li>• Carol festival consent</li> <li>• Y1-2 Everyone Loves a Baby Nativity ticket request</li> <li>• Christmas Fair donations</li> </ul> <p>Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Y9 Parents' Evening</li> <li>• Y10 Table Tennis Tournament consent</li> <li>• Christmas Fair activity consent</li> <li>• Christmas Fair donations</li> <li>• Computer Science trip to Bletchley Park</li> </ul>

## Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'



### Two-day NHS work experience programme - applications now OPEN for 2020!

Following the recent success of Healthworks work experience programme, applications are now open for next year's programmes. **Four** programmes will run from February to April 2020, in Sandwell and Dudley.

This very exciting opportunity is for young people **aged 14-18**, who have a genuine interest in working in the NHS.

Places are limited and the deadline for applications is: **20<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

For more information, or to obtain an application form, please contact Katie Aspbury, Education Business Partnership on 0121 296 3000 or email [Katie.aspbury@sips.co.uk](mailto:Katie.aspbury@sips.co.uk)

**Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 25<sup>th</sup> November:**

<b>Monday</b>	All Week: Y7 & Y8 Pastoral Review Meetings (Please see above in notices/reminders) 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)
<b>Tuesday</b>	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)
<b>Wednesday</b>	After School Clubs: Hockey Club: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
<b>Thursday</b>	Early Years' Open Event for Nursery & Reception prospective parents Themed lunch day: Indoor BBQ After School Clubs: 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm)
<b>Friday</b>	After School Clubs: DofE: Y10 (3.45-5.00 pm) Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)