



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Amar -	Y1
Amaan -	Y2
Fola -	Y3
Karanveer -	Y4
Mustafa -	Y5
Simran -	Y6

Reception Star of the Week:

Zayn – awarded for taking responsibility for learning, positive attitude and using his manners.



A note from the Headmaster

This has been a week offering several reminders of “British institutions”.

On Monday, we invited Angela Wardlaw in to the Prep assembly. Many of you will have had some acquaintance with Angela over the years, since she has worked as the lollipop lady at the crossing for the past 27 years. Last Friday was her final day, and a well-earned retirement awaits her. The children had made a variety of cards to present to her, along with gifts from the school. She was humbled by the fuss that was made over her, and amazed at the achievements and successes mentioned at the assembly. Unfortunately, Angela’s retirement does not appear to be resulting in a new person to take over the role. We have approached the council, who have informed us that the nature of this crossing does not require a new lollipop lady. We are making appeals to this decision but in the meantime, please ensure great care in crossing at this point and follow the appropriate light signals.

Yesterday saw the hustings procedure in action, as five Senior School pupils stood before their peers to make their statements about why their political party deserved the audience’s vote. Understanding aspects of our democracy, and the nature of the political process is important for all, and especially with next week’s election in mind. The pupils were so impressive with their confidence and delivery, and in how they coped with the questions from the floor. We may have seen Hydesville’s first political party leader in action yesterday...

Finally, this afternoon has seen the start of Nativity season. The children have been increasingly excited about their plays, learning their lines and singing the songs with gusto. I know parents will enjoy the performances immensely, and will join me in thanking the teachers for all their work to bring such events to life. With the Carol Concert and Christmas Fair next week – and hopefully many parents and family joining us for this – it feels increasingly like the festive season is alive and well at Hydesville! Enjoy your weekend...

Books for nursery library needed, please

Over the upcoming weeks, the Nursery conservatory will be transformed into a new exciting library for children to explore and develop their love and understanding for books.

We would therefore be really grateful for donations of second hand books to go into the new library.

If anyone has any donations, please drop them into the School office (or give direct to staff in Nursery).

Thank you for supporting us with developing our childrens' enjoyment of books!



Nursery Star of the Week:

Adam – who strives to work hard at everything he does.



Performer of the Week:

Hashmeet (Y4) – awarded for making wonderful progress on the toot this week, even becoming a mini-teacher for the lesson!



same without your smiley face!

Happy Retirement, Lollipop Lady!

We had a very special visitor in Prep School assembly on Monday...Angela our wonderful lollipop lady.

We are very sad to announce that after 27 years of looking after the Hydesville family, Angela is retiring. We couldn't let her go without saying a big thank you from us all for keeping us safe when crossing the road to and from school.

We will all miss you, Angela, and wish you a very happy retirement. Broadway North won't be the

#HydesvilleCrafternoon



We were very excited to receive lots of lovely photos from pupils across the School taking part in their very own Crafternoon last weekend.

It was lovely to hear that the children enjoyed spending time with their families and we were very impressed with their finished craft creations.



Mrs Kingston is now busily dishing out the reward House points!



#Hydesvillefamily discounts available at Mercedes Benz of Walsall

Mercedes-Benz of Walsall has joined the #Hydesvillefamily business partnership programme and as such, is offering an exclusive member discounts to parents.

Hydesville families will receive a Customer Protection Package with every vehicle purchased, including:

- GardX interior and exterior protection package (RRP £525)
- Full set of mats or tank of fuel

Hydesville families will also receive 10% off all parts and servicing, plus fantastic savings on new and used

vehicles. Please see the website to find out more:

<https://www.lookers.co.uk/mercedes-benz/contact-us/mercedes-benz-of-walsall> Or

pop along to their showroom at: Dudley Street, Walsall, WS1 3NLYou can find out more

about the #Hydesvillefamily business partnership on our website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/hydesville-business-partnership-programme/>



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Quick round up from across the School:

- Pupils in Years 1 & 2 took part in the local ministry's Christmas carol festival alongside seven other schools from across Walsall. We sung two songs for the Mayor and Mayoress and vicars from all of the churches involved. We

received wonderful feedback for our songs, and staff and pupils were given a lovely bag of goodies in recognition for their hard work in taking part.

- Pupils in Year 1 have been celebrating 'Cognita Codes' this week, with a fun lesson on coding.

Swapping text books for ipads, the children were encouraged to create,

collaborate and critically think about solving a problem using codes and computing skills. The 'bebots' were a big hit, and pupils enjoyed using codes to help them move around the floor!



Borneo Expedition 2021

We are very excited to announce an amazing opportunity for pupils currently in Year 10 pupils to take part in **The Cognita Schools Group Expedition to Borneo in 2021.**

Taking part in an expedition is so much more than a school trip. This is a journey that will stay with your child forever. Eye-opening, challenging and truly life

changing; participants experience different cultures and environments whilst developing an array of life skills.

The trip will be led by Outlook Expeditions; the leading independent provider of youth expeditions and they will be holding an Information Evening on the 23rd January 2020 at 6.00pm to which all interested pupils and their families are invited.

The event will take place in the school hall, and will give you the opportunity to find out more and ask any questions. The evening is to help pupils and parents decide if joining the expedition is right for them. There is no obligation at all associated with attending the information evening.

OUTLOOK EXPEDITIONS

INFORMATION EVENING:
The Cognita Schools Group Expedition
Borneo 2021

WHERE:
Hydesville Tower School

WHEN:
Thursday 23rd January
6:00PM

WWW.OUTLOOKEXPEDITIONS.COM

The Hydesville Hive is open for business!

We are pleased to announce that our newly refurbished Library and Learning Resource Centre, dubbed the 'Hydesville Hive' is now open for business! The room has several 'zones' or learning spaces which are designed for small group independent study, guided reading or intervention sessions and is being used throughout the day by pupils from all year groups within the school.



All of the books in the Library have been given a level on the Accelerated Reader programme, allowing our pupils to have ownership over the books they choose to read, providing them with an appropriate level of support and challenge for whatever stage they are on their reading journey.

We will also soon be able to add a Careers section which will be particularly useful for our Senior pupils as they prepare for the next stage in their academic studies after leaving Hydesville Tower School.

Finally, in January, we are looking forward to introducing Brandon the Bee, our Hydesville Hive mascot, who will be making book recommendations each month and providing study tips. Stay tuned for updates in the New Year!

Prep School Awards and Achievements



Children have been busy in the pool this week! Congratulations to Solakhni in Reception for her 5m and Stanley 4 badge, Narian in Year 5 for his 200m goldfish award and Sam in Year 2 for achieving his Stanley 6 certificate. What great swimming!

Well done to Haris in Year 1 for achieving Grade 11 in karate, and to Jasmine in Year 1 for being awarded 'Student of the Week,' also in karate. It's lovely to see our pupils excelling in martial arts.



Congratulations to Anaiya in Year 6 for her trophy for excellent improvement in dance, ballet and tap. Miss Bowdige is very proud of you!

Everyone is very excited for Adam in Year 4 who has been awarded a special Blue Peter Music badge after writing to the TV show to tell them about his flute playing. Editors were so impressed with Adam's letter that they sent him a lovely letter and badge.



We were excited to announce the winners of the Prep School 'Be Bright Be Seen' competition.

We had some fabulous designs for new accessories that the children could wear to keep them safe when walking outside, Mrs Taylor has announced the following winners:

Dylan	-	Reception
Jasmine	-	Year 1
Maaya	-	Year 4
Chaaya	-	Year 6
Ruby	-	Year 6



Primary Maths Challenge

Well done Year 6 (and some Year 5 pupils) who took part in the Primary Maths Challenge. This is a national challenge, and our top pupils' results will now go forward to the next round. Fingers crossed we get through to the finals!

Congratulations to:

Bronze winners: Jayden, Anaiya and Karina.

Silver winners: Parmroop, Farhan, Om and Zakir.

Gold winner: Dev.



Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: 2S, 4B, 5K

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: Form 3

Notices/reminders:

Nursery sound of the week	Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mjyk4ULW7Ik
Nursery & Reception reminders	<p>The Nursery and Reception Nativity performances are on Mon 9th December at 2.30pm and Tue 10th December at 9.30am. Please ensure that children's costumes are brought into school.</p> <p>The EY Santa Fun Run to raise money for Acorns Children's Hospice is on Wednesday 11th at 1.15pm, starting by the Arboretum lake. Parents are invited to join us there, and everyone is welcome. Children can come to school dressed in Santa outfits.</p>
Data Collection & Supplementary data	A reminder to those that haven't yet returned the Data Collection sheets along with the supplementary data, please submit them to the School Office no later than 13 th December. It is important we hold up to date information for your child.
Flu Vaccinations	A reminder to those that haven't yet returned the Flu Vaccination form, they should be return to the School Office no later than 9 th December. Should you wish to decline this vaccine, the form should still be returned.
Adverse weather notices	As the weather gets increasingly wintery, we will inform parents of any impact to the running of the school via email or text. There will also be an update on the school website, and messages will go out via the School's social media accounts – Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please ensure the School Office has your current mobile and email addresses.
KS2 Children's University First Aid course	A reminder that Friday 13 th December 2019 is the final day for payments to be made by pupils in KS2 to secure their place on the Children's University First Aid Course starting in January 2020.
Y7 – Y9 swimming (Spring term)	When we return after Christmas, pupils in Year 7-9 will be going swimming in their PE lesson. House hats must be worn and can be purchased from the School Office. Plain navy blue swimming costumes/trunks are also needed.
After School sports club	There will be no sports clubs now until after February Half Term.
Prep School enrichment Spring term programme	Pupils can choose their Spring term enrichment options next week. They are: dodgeball, guitar club, strategy games, origami, Badminton England, cartoon drawing and arts & crafts.
Christmas Fair	We still need donations for the raffle, tombola, and donations for the Black Country Food Bank for next Friday's Christmas Fair. Thank you!

This week's letters home	<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"> • Christmas Jumper Day • Complimentary Days <p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day • Christmas Carol Service (R-Y11) • Art Club – Y5 & Y6 • <p>Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Christmas Jumper Day • Borneo expedition • Christmas Carol Service (R-Y11) • MAT pupils
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Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers' - 6th Form Open Evenings coming up:

Congratulations and good luck to those Year 11 pupils who have been invited for interviews at their chosen post 16 destination.

Also a reminder to Year 11 pupils – please DO NOT wait until the School/College's deadline to complete your application form.

Here are dates and details of local colleges or 6th Forms, and deadlines for applications:

College/ 6 th Form	Deadline for Application
Walsall College	Apply online now
Queen Mary's Girls	10 th January 2020, online
Queen Mary's Grammar	6 th Feb 2020
King Ed Girls	31 st Jan 2020
Barr Beacon	10 th January 2020
King Ed Handsworth Grammar Boys	10 th Jan 2020
King Ed Aston	31 st Jan 2020, online
Sandwell College	Online
Arthur Terry	19 th Dec 2019
Camp Hill Girls	17 th Jan 2020
BOA - Birmingham Ormiston Academy	31 st Jan 2020
Aldridge	11 th Jan 2020
Shire Oak Academy	13 th Dec 2019, online
Streetly Academy	ONLINE
Sandwell Academy	29 th Jan 2020 – attend the Admissions Evening to obtain an application form – this is compulsory
Bishop Vesey	19 th Dec 2019, online
Cadbury 6 th Form College	Online

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 9th December:

Monday	Nursery & Reception Nativity (2.30 pm) After School Clubs: Chess Club: Upper Prep & Seniors (4.00 - 5.00 pm) Drama Club: Seniors (3.45 - 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Nursery & Reception Nativity (9.30 am) After School Clubs: Drama Club: Upper Prep (3.45 - 4.45 pm) GCSE Art Club: Y10 & Y11 (3.45 - 5.00 pm)
Wednesday	EY Santa Fun Run (in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice): 1.15 pm (meet at the Arboretum lake) Trip to see Peter Pan: Upper Prep (return, 6pm)
Thursday	Carol rehearsal and concert (2.00 pm) Themed lunch day: Pasta Day After School Clubs: Musical Theatre Club: Upper Prep (3.45 - 4.30 pm)
Friday	Christmas Jumper Day: N - Y11 Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production (9.15 am) Flu Vaccinations: Prep Christmas Fair (5.00 - 7.00 pm)

Thursday 12th December
'Around the World in 24 Dishes' menu is....

Lunch



Thursday

Tomato & basil pasta

Tuna & sweetcorn pasta

Garlic bread

Roasted Vegetables

Salad bar

Deli bar

Chocolate marble cake
With chocolate sauce

