



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Jasmine - Y1
Anesu - Y2
Avneet - Y3
Viren - Y4
Aahil - Y5
Parmroop - Y6

A note from the Headmaster

When parents ask me what is the special "x factor" that Hydesville provides, I am torn between a range of aspects. However, one of the qualities that shines through week after week is performance. It is fair to say that the children blossom when they are in the spotlight. As a character trait that is essential to later life, self-confidence is a vital part of what we try and develop in our children. Many start off through the assemblies in Prep, and not much matches the anticipation of the weekly performances that each form puts on. Inevitably, some tutors get over-competitive and so their form present a song or a dance at the end to finish with aplomb! Overall though, it is great to see the nurturing of these qualities from a young age. For the older pupils, they sometimes need more coaxing but many have put themselves forwards and been inspirational in the process.

Linked to this quality were our very successful trips this week to Young Voices and Poetry Live. The former enabled many of our Prep singers to perform at the Genting Arena in a concert with 6,000 other primary school children. It was a tremendous event, and congratulations to the pupils and staff for putting together such an experience. Poetry Live was aimed at our GCSE English pupils, really developing in the children that sense of the importance of understanding the language and intent of the poet. Seeing poetry delivered live can be mesmerising, and with spoken work becoming a more modern route for presentation, it was very valuable for our children. Which of the Hydesville pupils might be heard delivering on a stage in the future? In the last few months we have heard two potential politicians, elocution prizewinners, and singers of considerable quality. And we heard them here first! Oration skills do not happen by chance: the right environment, encouragement and preparation are key, and staff are adept at providing these aspects. Rory once offered to do my job, so maybe I can put my feet up...

Best wishes for your weekend.

Parent & staff social...ideas needed!

We are excited to announce our Spring term parent and staff social will take place on Thursday, 12th March. We would like to hold this term's event off-site so we're looking for ideas.

Would any of our families like to offer a suitable location, maybe a restaurant or a similar venue?

Please send your ideas to our Marketing Manager, Sarah Archer, via email: sarah.archer@hydesville.com by Friday, January 31st 2020.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Taran – awarded for his positive approach to working hard in all areas of learning.

Reception Star of the Week:

Jared – awarded for always trying his best.



Performer of the Week:

Aini (Y8) – awarded for composing a well-structured medieval melody and performing it with a rhythmic awareness alongside a drone.



Upper Prep Choir in fine voice

Pupils in Upper Prep have enjoyed another trip to take part in the Young Voices Choir at Genting Arena this week. All of their hard work learning songs and dance moves over the Autumn term paid off when they performed with over 6,500 other children to a live audience alongside stars such as The Voice UK winner, Ruti, and Spandau Ballet's Tony Hadley. The pupils had an amazing experience taking part and were thoroughly worn out after the show.



"We really enjoyed the singing and dancing. There were a so many children there and we made some new friends. The lights looked colourful and all the patterns looked pretty. It was fun learning new songs. We liked going to bed late!" – Tamika, Shaan, Amrit and Avneet.



Let there be love...

We're very excited to announce our All-School Valentine's Concert will take place on Thursday 13th February, 4.15 - 6.00 pm.

This special event brings together pupils from across the school and it promises to be a wonderful showcase of music, dance and vocal performance.

Letters have now been sent out to performing children, and tickets are available from the office, priced at £2.50 each (which includes entry and refreshments). Please note that spaces are limited and unfortunately no tickets will be issued on the day.

We hope to see you there to help us share the #hydesvillefamily love!

First Aid training for Upper Prep



Pupils in Years 4, 5 and 6 have been taking part in a weekly first aid course, where they are learning and practising lots of valuable junior medic skills. The classes have been running on a Monday and pupils have covered lots of useful topics, including the recovery position and how and when to seek for help in an emergency using the 111 and 999 emergency telephone numbers correctly.

Parent Engagement Meeting – Wednesday 29th January

Our next Parent Engagement Group meeting will take place on Wednesday 29th January (4.45 pm). The focus of the meeting will be aspects of the new PSHE curriculum that we are delivering to all pupils in the Prep and Senior schools this year.

We will share details of the curriculum with you, and discuss how we will be delivering it in an age-appropriate and responsible way to our pupils. We hope this will prove a useful way of calming any anxieties that some parents may be feeling due to the media spotlight, and give us the chance to show that what is being delivered is balanced and based on sound principles.

The meeting is open to all parents in Years 1 – 11. Please confirm your attendance to sarah.archer@hydesville.com by Monday 27th January.

Senior Pupils of the Week

Form 1 - Jai for presenting so confidently in the Hydesville elections.

Form 2 - Rory for presenting persuasively in the mock elections and winning.

Form 3 - Gurshaun for settling in to Hydesville so positively.

Form 4 - Kerinda for receiving so many merits.

Form 5 - Sannah – for her good work ethic in subject classes, and especially physics speed work.

Form 6 - Ameen for great improvement in his organisation.

Form 7 - Nilesh for being self-motivated and a real pleasure to have in form.



Prep School Awards and Achievements

Well done to the Prep School children who took part in the Talent for Writing project with Young Writers. We are delighted that the following children will be having their work published in a book:



KS1

Rianah, Samuel, Armaan, Yusuf, Simran, Roman, Veer, Tayo, Haris, Reuben, Gia, Subhaan, Jasmine P, Rishi, Saahil, Waris, Kadii, Tianna-Rose, Jasmine K, Amar and Brogan.

KS2

Simar, Dev, Shona, Simone, Viren, Mustafa, Adam, Simran, Chaaya, Safa, Farhan, Zakir, Om, Aahil, Karum, Ibrahim, Susannah, Anaiya and Avaran.



Reception children were awarded the following this week:

Dylan - kickboxing green belt (photo, left). Jared – certificate for participation in the #HydesvilleCrafternoon and a football development award (photo, right).



Prep children have also been busy outside of school. Well done to the following pupils for their achievements:

Jay (Y3) – swimming 400m.

Brogan (Y2) – being brilliant at her cheer dance club.

Susannah (Y4) – winning Student of the Week at her Stageworks club.

Harry (Y4) – doing well and scoring goals for Silverdale Spartans FC.

Jasmine (Y1) – achieving a green belt in kick boxing.



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=R_NgOttOhtw</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/ This week's letters are: Nursery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trip to Walsall Art Gallery • Invitation to PEG Jan 2020 Prep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit to Potsy Pamsy Ceramic Studio – Reception • Invitation to PEG Jan 2020 • Y1 & Y2 Multi-Skills • Valentine's Concert (participating pupils only) Senior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Invitation to PEG Jan 2020 • Valentine's Concert (participating pupils only) </p>
<p>Nursery reminders</p>	<p>Please can parents return their details for the Tapestry online access.</p>
<p>Annual parent survey</p>	<p>Our annual parent survey is still open and we thank those of you who have taken the time to complete it. We'd also like to encourage those of you who haven't completed it to do so if you are able. The survey was sent to one parent per Hydesville family on Tuesday of this week.</p>
<p>Disneyland Paris 2020 information evening (28th January)</p>	<p>Parents should bring a copy of their child's passport and EHIC card with them, along with the student application that was emailed this week. Blank copies will be available if needed.</p>

Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: RD, 1E, 2S & 6B

Congratulations to the following Senior School Forms who achieved the highest attendance (99%) this week: Form 3, 4 & 6

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

For any of pupils keen on a career in television and the media, here are details of a superb opportunity that could lead to a four week paid placement in London with Fremantle AND 12 months industry mentoring:

Date: 1 February

Time: 10:30am – 4.00pm

Venue: B-Arts, 72 Hartshill Road, Stoke-on-Trent, ST4 7RB

Fremantle's *Access All Areas* aims to demystify the TV industry and bring in fresh and undiscovered entry-level talent.

About this Event

Join us for an interactive workshop and hear from industry experts. Includes tips on how to boost your CV.

All attendees have the chance to secure:

One of four, four-week paid placements in London – summer 2020

Travel and accommodation included. 12 months industry mentoring

Please book your place via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/access-all-areas-stoke-on-trent-tickets-84598716037>

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 27th January:

Monday	Children's University First Aid Course: Y4 - 6 After School Clubs: Art: Y5 & Y6 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Chess: Upper Prep & Seniors (4.00 - 5.00 pm) Art Club: Seniors, excluding KS4 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Drama: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	Disneyland Paris 2020 meeting: Y7-Y10 (5.30 – 6.30pm) After School Clubs: Drama: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm) MAT Problem Solving Club: Y5 & Y6 selected pupils only (3.45 – 4.30 pm) GCSE Art Club (3.45 – 5.00 pm)
Wednesday	Parent Engagement Meeting: Y1 – Y11 parents (4.45 – 6.00 pm)
Thursday	Maths Competition at KES: Y4 After School Clubs: 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (4.00 - 4.30 pm)
Friday	Trip to Sarehole Mill: Y4 Trip to Safeside: Y8 & Y9 (morning) After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)