



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



Rishi - Y1
Aleena - Y2
Martin - Y3
Gursim - Y4
Qais - Y5
Ruby - Y6

A note from the Headmaster

In between the storm of last weekend and the impending gloom and bad weather of the weekend ahead, we have had metaphorical periods of sunshine. This was most perfectly captured by the events of last night's Valentine's concert. This was the second year of its running, and it was a wonderful collection of music, spoken word, and performance with children of all ages participating. Mrs Chand enthused about the confidence on display and how the quality of production from each act was wonderful. Thank you to the children and the staff for bringing this half-term to such an inspiring conclusion.



I have been reading a lot of reports this week, with interim reports for Prep and full reports for Year 10. It is always nice to read comments that illustrate how well the teachers know each child – their strengths and areas of high potential, as well as the gaps that need to be filled – and with such support, our children are flourishing. The Year 10 reports illustrated that we have a year group nearing the top of the school with phenomenal possibilities. Whether academic or character development, they are putting themselves into a tremendous position. For the older Prep children whose reports I completed, I see engagement in their learning and a real sense of how their teachers are taking them on a journey which is inspiring, exciting and securing the foundations for a great future.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February having been able to enjoy some rest and recuperation over the half-term holiday.

With best wishes...

A lot of love at Valentine's Concert

Hydesville children shone once again last night as they took to the stage for our Valentine's Concert.

Rory and Chaaya hosted and introduced each act articulately and confidently and set the tone for the high quality evening.

The event kicked off with a bang as our Musical Theatre group burst onto the stage with a number from Hairspray. We then enjoyed solos and duets from pupils across the Prep and Senior School.

The evening also featured our two choirs – Senior Choir and Let's Sing - who entertained the audience with love ballads and songs of adventure. The event



was accompanied by a lovely afternoon – the icing on the top of a wonderful evening!

Thank you to all the children who performed, to members of the Hydesville family who came along to watch and to all the teachers who gave up their time to help make everything run so smoothly.



Nursery Star of the Week:

Evan – awarded for settling well into Nursery life and gaining confidence.



Reception Star of the Week:

Guneet – awarded for working hard in all areas.



Performer of the Week:

Ravin (Y9) – awarded for his confident and skillful performance of 'Smells Like Teen Spirit' at the Valentine's Concert.



Safer Internet Day 2020

Safer Internet Day (Tuesday, 11th Feb) was recognised across the School with a range of activities. Seniors had a special assembly where they looked at online identity and explored the #freetobe hashtag. Pupils voted on numerous topics and we discussed being yourself online and how we as a

community are able to make the internet a better place. Prep pupils also looked at internet safety in their lessons. Each class tackled the subject differently, but all with the same message of encouraging pupils to use the internet responsibly and respectfully.

With half term looming, your child may be accessing the internet and social media more so than usual. Following on from the work in school about internet safety, this may be the perfect time to talk to your child about what they do on the internet and how to ensure that they are using the internet safely. If you need further advice and support with this, please consider the advice by the

NSPCC: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/> Alternatively, see ThinkUKnow.co.uk: <https://tinyurl.com/sle48r8>



All smiles for Nursery

Nursery children were all smiles following a visit from Yusuf, a dental practitioner at WS4 Dental Care in Walsall, along with his friends, Mrs Toothpaste and Miss Toothbrush!

Our visitors talked to the children about dental hygiene and how we look after our teeth.

The children were given the opportunity to have any of their worries about visiting the dentist answered and they learnt lots of interesting facts about dental hygiene and how to keep our teeth clean and healthy whilst encouraging a good diet.



Children's University Half Term Challenge

Parents with children in Upper Prep will know that we are a member of the Children's University to encourage and celebrate participation in extra-curricular activities in and outside of school. This half term holiday we'd like to encourage pupils to try out this challenge to collect extra Children's University credits.

Each activity is worth one credit so please bring evidence of your activity back to school when we return on Monday 24th February.

Happy Half Term holiday everyone!

February Half Term Challenge 2020



<p>Get Out There! Visit one or more Learning Destinations and take part in an activity of your choice</p>	<p>Get Socially Active! Write a letter to your MP about 1 thing you like and 1 thing you want improved in your local area www.tinyurl.com/write2yourmp</p>	<p>Get recycling! Make a model of your dream house from things that you would normally throw away!</p>	<p>Get Cooking! Make pancakes to share with your friends and family. Get creative with your toppings!</p>
<p>Get Creative! Create an anti-littering poster to be hung in your school or local library</p>	<p>Get Crafty! Make a valentines card for someone you love using recycled materials</p>	<p>Shake it Up! How many words can you make with just the letters from the words FEBRUARY HALF TERM?</p>	



Collect extra Children's University credits during your half term break by completing this challenge. Each activity is worth 1 credit when you take evidence of your activity to your teacher or local CU. This could be a photograph, video, a work sheet, or writing about what you did! To get a stamp code for Children's University Online email contactus@childrensuniversity.co.uk



Year 10's Apprentice event

Pupils in Year 10 had the opportunity to find out more about apprenticeships and their options when they leave Hydesville at an event at West Bromwich Albion Football Club last Friday. At 'The Real Apprentice Careers Showcase' pupils spoke to lots of local apprentice providers, including the Armed Forces, local colleges and the NHS. They also had a one-to-one session with Dave Heeley, 'Blind Dave,' where they asked questions and learned about the challenges he has faced and how he has achieved so much. Our pupils found him a true inspiration!

A new member of the #hydesvillefamily business partnership scheme



We are excited to announce that Wolverhampton based skip hire company, Orange Skips, have become the newest member of the #Hydesvillefamily business partnership programme.

A family run company, Orange Skips pride themselves on excellent customer service and competitive rates.

They are offering all members of the #Hydesvillefamily £10 off any skip hired (simply quote Hydesville).

Find out more about Orange Skips at: <http://www.orangeskipsltd.co.uk/>

Don't forget, we have a number of local businesses offering exclusive member discounts to Hydesville parents and families. See more here:

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

Quick round up from across the School

- Yesterday, Year 1 went on a trip to the Snowdome in Tamworth. As well as imagining what it would be like to be an Inuit living in the North Pole; and what it felt like for Scott of the Antarctic on his expedition to the South Pole the children had lots of snowy fun with their friends!



- Reception children went to the Patsy Patsy Paint a Pot Studio at Hollybush Garden Centre. They took part in a session with a ceramicist to make their very own plaque with clay from the story called 'Fidgety Fish' by Ruth Galloway. They did an excellent job!

- Mrs Chand's Problem Solving club were left a little tangled when they were asked to build the tallest tower using spaghetti and marshmallows. The pupils were given opportunities to experience design thinking skills and use strategies from their previous learning to build together. Of course, some wanted to have a go on their own!



Senior Pupils of the Week

Form 1 – Manveer for supporting the solar buddy campaign.

Form 2 - Harman for taking part in extracurricular activities.

Form 3 – Gurshaun for helping a new pupil settle into Hydesville life.

Form 4 – Abdullah for taking a mature approach with his revision and for receiving no demerits.

Form 5 – Akaal for always being positive.

Form 6 - Simmi for a positive attitude towards revision.

Form 7 - Jay for his excellent work ethic and no demerits this school year.



Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers this week: Hashmeet in Year 4 for his Octopus 2 award and to Tanvir in Year 5 for her award for swimming 600m.



Well done to Jessica and Karina in Year 1 for having their work published as part of the Talent for Writing project.



Achievements in writing continue, with the following KS1 pupils being awarded a Young Writers award: Jasmine K, Roman, Jasmine P, Veer, Saahil, Kadii, Jessica, Amar, Reuben, Karina, Tayo, Tianna-Rose.

Our chess tsar, Shriya in Year 5, has done it again! She won GOLD in the Midlands' Chess Championships.

She also received a certificate from the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art (LAMDA) for achievements in speech and elocution. Congratulations Shriya!



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=HIKQVqtMZco</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"> • Coronavirus precautions Prep: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • KS2 Information event – Y2 • Upper Prep parents consultations • Lower Prep parents consultations • Coronavirus precautions • Open Morning 7th March Senior: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day Senior School • GCSE Art portfolio session – Y11 art pupils • Coronavirus precautions • Y11 Computer Science non-examined assessment • Open Morning 7th March • Firefly – Y7 & Y10 only </p>
<p>Walking Bus/Park & Stride survey responses – Prep School</p>	<p>A reminder to Prep parents to return the response slips regarding a Walking Bus and Park & Stride service. We would be really grateful for your feedback.</p>
<p>Reports</p>	<p>Reports for pupils from Reception to Year 10 have been sent home in bags today.</p>
<p>Open Morning pupil support</p>	<p>It's our next All School Open Morning on Saturday 7th March. Letters have gone out to pupils requesting support at the event today. Thank you for allowing your child to help us at this event.</p>
<p>Votes for Schools – this week's topic</p>	<p>Each week we will share with you details of the Votes for Schools subject that children have been focusing on in lessons. This week's theme is: Senior School – https://tinyurl.com/r27mjgh</p>

Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: 2S

Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved the highest attendance (97%) this week: Form 7

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'

Jaguar Land Rover is currently offering exclusive work experience opportunities for 14-18-year-olds located at seven different locations in the West Midlands. These are: near Solihull, Castle Bromwich, Halewood, Whitley, Gaydon and Wolverhampton.

Applications will close on 28th February and placements will commence between June and July 2020.

Find out more at: <https://www.springpod.co.uk/jaguar-land-rover-work-experience-2020/>

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 24th February:

Monday	Fairtrade Fortnight: Senior School Children's University First Aid Course: Y4 - 6 After School Clubs: Art: Y5 & Y6 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Art Club: Seniors, excluding KS4 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) Drama: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Tuesday	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	Parents' Evening: Prep School (4.00pm onwards) After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	Trip to Walsall Art Gallery: Nursery Dogs Trust Workshop: Prep School Reception Road Safety Walk: 1.00 pm Themed lunch: After School Clubs: 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm) Musical Theatre: Upper Prep (4.00 - 4.30 pm) Multi-Skills: Y1 & Y2 (3.30 – 4.30pm)
Friday	Trip to NEC, What Career Live: Y9 (9.30 – 11.30am) Work Experience launch: Y10 After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)