



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Nursery Star of the Week:

Sophia – awarded for working hard and always being conscientious.



Reception Star of the Week:

Rian – awarded for being a kind friend to all and for good effort in his lessons.



A note from the Headmaster

Home is where the heart is. A phrase or saying that many of us will have heard or used over the years. It certainly resonates with me today (Thursday), sat in the Head's Office of a different Cognita school to support with recruitment. The school is very nice – pleasant children, positive staff, small class sizes – but it doesn't *feel* like Hydesville. There is something genuinely special about our school, and it can be felt in the corridors, the classrooms and in the surroundings. The pride I feel about our school community is absolute, and whilst I may only be away for a day, I can't wait to be back tomorrow.

I have had the immense pleasure of undertaking some observations in our Nursery in the last fortnight, and the experience has been delightful. The children are fantastic! Some sessions have been in the outdoor classroom, others in the Nursery rooms, but there has always been this sense of excitement in the children as they learn. Conversations were listened to between them discussing the dentist's view of fruit, how nice it is to plant seeds to make mummy happy, and whether flour and water should be stirred more to become less sticky. And of course, a conversation or two about dinosaurs! The learning going on through these sessions has been phenomenal, and our children express themselves so well. They are increasingly articulate, thoughtful and collaborative – and all at the age of 3 or 4 years old. The Nursery staff can feel rightfully proud of what they are doing to support such development.

At the other end of the school, our dear Year 11 pupils have gained that resolute sense of determination, many of them positive that the half-term's revision had set themselves up well for the GCSEs ahead. A huge amount of support is being put in place for them but most importantly, they are seizing the initiative to make the difference. With only 34 school days left until the GCSEs commence, they are accelerating towards these exams with the necessary purpose for great success.

Stay warm and stay dry over the weekend. I believe summer is due to arrive at some stage...

Open Morning – 7th March

We're opening our doors to prospective families on Saturday, 7th March for our All School Open Morning. Thank you to parents for supporting this event by giving permission for your children to join us for the morning. Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors and their support at our open events is invaluable. We would also like to invite parents to come along to the event to find out more about our Nursery, Prep or Senior School. Year 5 & 6 parents are particularly welcome, as the event will give the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School. Please spread the word to your friends and family too.



Performer of the Week:

Gavish (Y4) – awarded for working hard and mastering fluent chord changes on the keyboard.



Don't judge a book by its cover...

This week we launched a book project with the whole of Year 10 to help them expand their reading horizons.

Very often, we choose a book based on its cover or only those by authors we already like, but Year 10 have taken on the challenge of selecting a wrapped up book, with only a brief clue about the genre.

Pupils have four weeks to read their book and will be reviewing it in a video for the rest of the school.

We are running this project in conjunction with the 'Read for Good' charity campaign and 'World Book Day' on Thursday 5th March.

Easter holiday camps

We will be hosting the following holiday camps during the Easter break:

- 30th March to 2nd April: Technology Club. 9am – 3pm, open to children aged 5 – 11. £40 a day.

- 3rd, 8th & 9th April: School of Coding. 9am – 4pm, open to children aged 6 – 14. £25 a day.

- 14th – 16th April: Mad Science. 8.30am – 4pm, open to children aged 5 – 12. £30 a day.

Further details will be sent out next week, and will be available on the letters home page of the school website, here:

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/>

We will also be running an Easter holiday Fun Club for children in Nursery & Reception. Details about this club will be sent out in March.

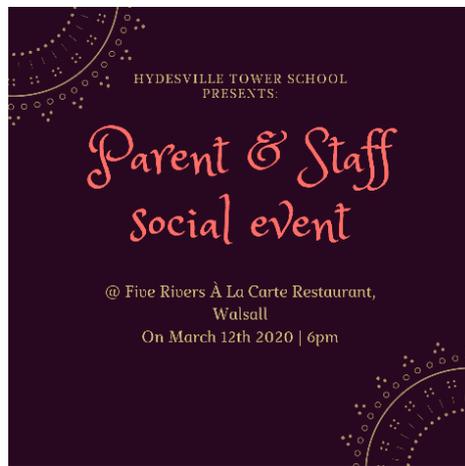
Fairtrade Fortnight 2020

Parents may be aware that Fairtrade Fortnight is taking place from February 24th– 8th March. To raise awareness of Fairtrade during this time, Senior School pupils will be taking part in a variety of activities in their form groups.

We thought we'd share these resources with parents, so to be able to discuss and share the subject with their children at home.

Please see the following page on the School website, for a variety of videos, a quiz, discussions and reading content that is being used in School:

<https://www.hydesville.com/senior-school/senior-school-curriculum/>



Parent & Staff Social – Thursday 12th March

We would like to invite all parents to our Spring Term parent & staff social event on **Thursday 12th March, at 6.00pm**, at Five Rivers A La Carte restaurant, 11 Vicarage Place, Walsall, WS1 3NA.

For £25 per head we will enjoy a four-course banquet meal.

The event promises to be a great way for parents to socialise with staff and one another and - for our new parents especially - it is an excellent way to get to know other parents in a relaxed and

fun atmosphere.

To confirm your place at the event, we require **a £10 per person cash deposit**. Please hand this into the school office by **Friday 6th March**. Please also indicate any allergies or dietary requirements. (Please ask at the School Office for the menu that is being served). A bar will be available for a range of alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks. Any tabs opened for beverages will be presented at the end of the event, along with the remaining balance for the meal, including service charge.

Please note that this is a parent/carer only evening - we kindly request no pupils to attend.

We look forward to seeing you all there!



Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland A Prep School Production

Rehearsals are well underway for the production, which will take place on Thursday 12th March and Friday 13th March.

Tickets are £5 each, will be issued on a first come, first served basis and will be released for sale on Monday 2nd March.

Quick round up from across the School

- Thank you to the Reception parents who joined pupils yesterday afternoon for a road safety walk.

The event was held in conjunction with Walsall Council's A*STARS programme to encourage the uptake of safe and sustainable travel for all school journeys.

It was lovely to see parents and children walk together; all remembering to stop, look, listen and think as they practised crossing roads safely.



- Jess and Denny (the cuddly toy dog) from the Dog's Trust visited Prep school on Thursday where pupils had an assembly where they found out about the work the Dog's Trust do, as well as how to be safe around dogs when out and about. This included reminding children how to approach dogs the way they want to stroke, as well as what to do if they are approached by a dog which isn't on a lead. Each year group then took part in a workshop

about responsible dog ownership.

Prep School Awards and Achievements



Congratulations to our fantastic swimmers this week: Gursim in Year 4 for her Shark 3 and 1500m certificate, Shivam in Year 5 for his 200 & 400m badge, Tayo in Year 3 for his Stanley 6 and 15m badge and to Simran in Year 2 for her Stage 3 award.

Young Writers

Hot on the heels of last half term's successes, the following pupils have received certificates for achievements in the Talent for Writing competition and have had their work published in a book: Reuben, Taio, Tianna-Rose, Karina, Jessica, Amar, Haris, Waris, Kadii, Roman, Rishi, Veer, Saahil, Gia, Subhan, Jasmine P, Jasmine K.



Our fantastic chess players in Prep School continue to make us proud. This week, Mr Honey received a letter to inform us that Karanveer in Year 4 has been selected to represent Staffordshire in the Under 9 team at the County Championships. Karanveer has impressed selectors so much that he has also been chosen to represent the Under 11 team.

This is such an amazing achievement, especially as Karanveer is only 9! Wow, well done!



Well done to our budding hockey players, Tianna-Rose in Year 1, Tamika in Year 3 and Avaran and Karanveer in Year 4 who represented Wednesbury Hockey Club in the Telford



Hockey Festival last weekend. The children braved the difficult weather conditions to put in some sterling performances in the Under 8 and Under 10 teams. Well done to Tamika who scored a goal and between them all, they won five matches across the tournament!

Tayo in Year 3 was excited to receive a letter from Tim Peake after writing to the British astronaut.



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=sq-q2jzM78c</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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • World Book Day • Coronavirus updates – 25th Feb 2020 • Coronavirus update – 28th Feb 2020 <p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland – all Prep School • Upper Prep Hockey Club • Coronavirus update – 25th Feb 2020 • Y1 & Y2 Multi-Skills Club • ISA Drama Competition • Coronavirus update – 28th Feb 2020 • <p>Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Y7 Parents Evening • Coronavirus update – 25th Feb 2020 • Coronavirus update – 28th Feb 2020
<p>Year 9 GCSE option choices</p>	<p>A reminder that final Y9 GCSE option choice forms are due to be returned to the school office by Friday 6th March. Miss Jenkins thanks pupils for the forms which she has already received and is looking forward to receiving the remaining final choices.</p>
<p>Open Morning reply slips</p>	<p>Please return consent forms for pupil helpers at next Saturday's Open Morning.</p>
<p>Nursery reminders</p>	<p>A reminder to N2 parents about the forthcoming Nursery-Reception transition events – Thursday 5th March at 9.30am and Wednesday 11th March at 2.00pm. Please confirm your attendance if you haven't already done so.</p>
<p>Senior Swimming Gala – change of date</p>	<p>Please note the change of date of the Senior School Swimming Gala. It will now take place on Wednesday, 18th March 9am - 1pm.</p>
<p>Senior School Spring Term extra-curricular programme</p>	<p>Details of the Senior School's Spring Term extra-curricular programme are available on the website: https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/extra-curricular/</p>

Children's University – Prep School	The Children's University course for the second group of pupils starts on Monday 2nd March at 12.30pm in the Year 2 Classroom. Please can children make their own way to the course and be punctual, please.
Votes for Schools – this week's topic	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: Prep School - https://tinyurl.com/syss35h
Hydesville Be Well	Looking after our pupils' mental wellbeing at Hydesville happens every day, and following Global Be Well Day 2019, there has been lots of activities across the School to help support our pupils and their families. You can read regular updates and highlights on this webpage: https://www.hydesville.com/parents/global-be-well-day/ You will also find a number of useful resources on this page, all of which can help you to support your child's (and indeed your entire family's) mental wellbeing.

Year 11 'Spotlight on Careers'



BIRMINGHAM CITY CENTRE: SUNDAY 8TH MARCH
CENTRAL LONDON: SUNDAY 15TH MARCH 2020
MANCHESTER CITY CENTRE: SUNDAY 29TH MARCH 2020
EDINBURGH: SATURDAY 25TH APRIL 2020

Time: 0900 – 1700
Fee £129.00
Age limits: 14 - 18

The Wisdom Tooth presents The Day of the Dentist – a fantastic one day workshop aimed at secondary school students and sixth-formers thinking about pursuing a career in dentistry.

We know that deciding upon your future career is often a daunting, confusing and stressful time. Here at The Wisdom Tooth we aim to help you make the most important decision of your academic career so far by providing you an insight into what to expect from undergraduate dentistry and dentistry as a career.

We also appreciate that work-experience opportunities are few and far between and gaining any meaningful form of hands-on experience can be difficult. As such this day aims to provide invaluable practical experience in some of the key disciplines of undergraduate dentistry. We will also cover the basics of dental anatomy, history-taking and clinical examination.

This is aimed to give you a better understanding of the dental undergraduate experience and in doing so give you an edge when applying for dental undergraduate programmes.

Time will also be given to demystify the dental undergraduate application process and provide you with the opportunity to ask questions to those who have first-hand experience of undergraduate and postgraduate dentistry. All tutors on the workshop are UK registered dentists with full CRB validation.

CONTENT COVERED IN THIS COURSE

Demystifying the dental undergraduate application process

How to take a dental history

How to perform a dental examination

Basics of dental anatomy

YOU WILL PERFORM

Dental Scaling

Impression taking

A dental filling of a 'chipped' front tooth

Stitching

FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO BOOK VISIT
www.thewisdomtooth.co.uk/dod

PLEASE NOTE: ALL PRACTICAL ELEMENTS WILL BE PERFORMED UPON DENTAL PROSTHETIC MODELS



The Wisdom Tooth
Teaching Courses for Dental Professionals

Congratulations to the following Prep School class who achieved the highest attendance (98%) this week: 2S & 5K

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

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 2nd March:

Monday	Careers Week: 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 – 4.45 pm)
Wednesday	Parents' Evening: Y7 (4.00 – 6.00 pm) After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)
Thursday	World Book Day: All School Nursery – Reception transition coffee morning: 9.30 am (for N2 parents and prospective Reception families) Year 2 to Year 3 transition event: 2.00 pm (for Y2 parents and prospective Y3 Sept 2020 families) 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 (3.30 – 4.30pm) Spark Club: Seniors (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Friday	Trip to Twycross Zoo: Y2 & Y3 Science Week: Senior School After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm) DofE: Y10 & Y11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)
Saturday	All School Open Morning, 10.00 am – 12 noon)