



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

WEEKLY

News in brief...

Head's commendations:



- Y1 - Waris
- Y2 - Rianah
- Y3 - Tamika
- Y4 - Cynthia
- Y5 - Viren
- Y6 - Jayden

Nursery Star of the Week:

Anaya – for developing in self-confidence and self-awareness.



A note from the Headmaster

It has been nice to have a bit of respite from the rain! Indeed, with some trees increasingly showing their blossom and the lighter mornings and evenings, there are some hints that spring might be arriving. This makes such a difference to the mood and feelings of people as they go about their business. You can feel a greater degree of levity in school as well, with children able to spend more time relaxing outside during breaktimes and able to run around and play.

The benefits of physical exercise have been thoroughly supported through the PE department, with children walking, swimming and running their way towards the equivalent distance of Walsall to Paris! I believe that Mr Lawrence had the bright idea of asking staff to make up the required distance on the exercise bike in the Office, so well done to all who participated (and to the Office staff for putting up with the noise). There has been a lovely focus on writing within the school this year, with a desire to generate in our children a passion for putting their ideas to paper. We have had handwriting competitions and published stories in a variety of books already. Mrs Booth and I also had the pleasure of listening to the Senior Spark Club on Thursday reading their own poems on the global environmental issues of the day. Teenagers writing poetry by choice? This is a generation with plenty to say and often with a thoughtful sense of protecting our world. Many of these poems will be entered into a forthcoming competition, so we watch with interest.

My thanks to all the children who came to last week's Open Morning. They were such wonderful representatives of the school. I am never surprised when a parent states after the tour how impressed they were by their guides, but it still feels me with immense pride. Our Hydesville pupils are amazing in all that they do.

Enjoy your weekend...

Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland

Ahoy me hearties...all aboard the Jolly Roger with Captain Hook and his motley crew!

This week, Prep School took to the stage for 'Hydesville's adventures in Neverland,' an adventure loosely based on J.M Barrie's 'Peter Pan,' written by Miss Bowdige.

Pirates, crocodiles, stars, shadows, clouds and lost boys made it onto the stage with stunning performances.



All children displayed confidence, resilience and determination and wowed us all with their fantastic singing, speaking and dancing!

Special thanks go to all parents for your support finding costumes and learning lines, teachers for all their extra efforts rehearsing with their classes and of course to

our amazing, talented children.





On your marks, get set, GO!

Sport brings us together in a variety of different ways, including getting us active, making us shout out at the telly, hug a total stranger or indeed start a school triathlon... which is just what we've all been up



to this week...

Mr Lawrence and Miss Fairbrother set a challenge of travelling from Hydseville to Paris (515km) through a range of activities, including a staff bike ride, a Senior School swimathon and daily sessions of running and walking.

Everyone took part and we are delighted to announce we did it: 515km covered, without even leaving Walsall! Well done everyone.

We're going to the Zoo, Zoo, Zoo, how about you?

Last Friday, pupils in Years 2 and 3 enjoyed a trip to Twycross Zoo where they immersed themselves in the animal world of indoor and outdoor habitats, interactive experiences and exciting encounters with over 500 animals from 125 different species.



Year 2 focused on looking at animals and their habitats whilst Year 3 explored the layers of the rain forest and the animals



who live there. Fun was definitely had by all...

Calling all future Paramedics...

More pupils in Upper Prep are having the opportunity to learn First Aid during Monday lunchtimes.

This week's was the second lesson for this half term's group and they are all getting to grips with learning and practising lots of valuable junior medic skills. Throughout the course, pupils will be covering 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.



Mad Science Easter Holiday Club

There has been a change to the date for the Mad Science Easter Holiday Club.

The Club is now taking place on Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th April, from 8.30am - 4pm. It is open to all children aged 5 - 12.

Please see their website for more details and to book:

<https://westmidlands.madscience.org/parents-register-c.aspx>

You can find out more about all Easer Holiday Clubs at Hydseville on the School website:

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



Second Hand Uniform Sale

We are holding our next Second Hand Uniform Sale on **Thursday 2nd April.**

We would therefore like to ask for donations of any good quality, clean uniform that your child has grown out of.

We are particularly keen to receive branded uniform items, including blazers, school coats, jumpers and boaters/caps. Please hand your unwanted items into the school office before the last day of this term, **Thursday 26th March.**

The sale will take place on Thursday 2nd April, 10 am – 12 noon. Please arrive at the school office during these hours.

Please note, we will be asking for a small donation of £5 per item taken, which will be given to our school charities for 2020 – Acorns Children's Hospice and The Midland Langar Seva Society.

Quick round up from across the School

- Mrs Chand and Miss Jenkins extend their thanks to all Prep and Senior pupils who gave up their Saturday morning last weekend to represent Hydesville and doing so well at presenting the school to prospective parents at our All-School Open Morning. Thank you to parents for their support too.



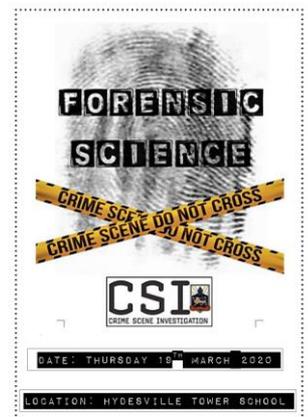
- In PSHE, Year 8 did a spot of teambuilding this week. Tasked in teams of four, they competed to build the tallest free standing tower out of ten sheets of paper and sticky tape. Well done to Indy, Jai, Noor and Jasmine who won!



- Thank you to those parents who joined us last night for the Spring Term parent and staff social event at Five Rivers restaurant. It was a fantastic evening, and so lovely to see parents from across the school get together to enjoy an evening of socialising. Thank you to Mr & Mrs Sunner for their fabulous hospitality too!

- We're excited to announce 'Hydesville CSI' will take place next Thursday (19th March) for pupils in Years 5 – 7.

Throughout the day, pupils will apply forensic techniques to gather evidence relating to a theft on the school grounds. They will then present their findings to a judge in a mock-courtroom to identify the perpetrator(s) and the winning team of analysts. It truly will be Science in action.



Prep School Awards and Achievements



Tamika and Tianna-Rose represented Wednesbury Hockey Club in the Staffordshire Club Under 8 Championships. They played five matches, winning every one, and hence were crowned Staffordshire Clubs Under 8 Mixed Winners 2020! The girls played brilliantly, their team didn't concede one goal and Tianna-Rose scored three goals across the tournament.



Well done to Samuel in Year 2 who was an official Wolves mascot against Norwich City on Sunday 23rd February.

Leading the team out alongside current Belgian international Leander Dendoncker, Samuel said it

was a little scary walking out onto the pitch in front of thousands of fans but we think he looked amazing!



Meanwhile in Year 3, Jay won Star of the Week playing for West Bromwich Albion FC in their Foundation Club and Ismaeel came 2nd place in a tournament for Wednesbury Sports Union. Keep up the good work boys!



Oliver in Year 3 has mastered his Level 3, Learn to Swim award, whilst Narian in Year 5 achieved his 400m badge.

Move over Michael Phelps, the Hydesville boys are coming for you!





Wrapping up our sporting achievements this week, Avaani in Year 2 is smashing her way through her grades in Karate. She has now gained her 4th Kyu – amazing, Avaani!

Following on from last week's success, we have more Young Writers who have received certificates for achievements in the Talent for Writing competition and have had their work published in a book. Well done to Jessica and Subhan in Year 1.

Not to mention Kadii - also in Year 1 - who entered the BBC Online 500 words competition. Fabulous work!



4C have been busy learning how to make smart decisions whilst using the internet through Google's Be Internet Legends. This empowers younger children to use the web safely and wisely, so they can be confident explorers of the online world.



They now know the importance of thinking before sharing, evaluating whether a piece of

information is private or not, and bearing in mind who will be able to see what is shared. It doesn't stop there, as they also know how to spot phishing scams and how to report them, be able to tell what is real and what is fake, and to think critically about information found online. Great work 4C!



Another shout out to our fabulous Chess players, Karanveer and Shriya in Prep School. The duo competed in Coventry on Saturday and Staffordshire on Sunday, winning several games between them. As a result, they both achieved a Bronze award and made us proud once again!

A big well done to:

Year 3 - Omveer, Kairon, Rehan, Shaan and Hussain
Year 4 - Anniyah, Gavish, Gursim, Viren, Susannah, Hashmeet, Avnie-Mae, Arjun, Simar and Adam

Year 5 - Narian, Aahil, Dhaya, Zak and Karina

Year 6 - Safa, Zakir, and Jamie on becoming....

Power Medics.



You've all trained so very hard every Monday lunchtime for the past six weeks! Miss Vas, our First Aid Coordinator, is very impressed!



Fola in Year 3 achieved his Gold Award for playing the piano, whilst Jasmine in Year 1 applied for her Limited Edition, Ed Sheeran, Blue Peter Badge. To achieve this, Jasmine wrote to Blue Peter attaching a photo of herself playing the Tabla. Fab!



Senior Pupils of the Week



Form 1 - Karamveer for being an excellent role model and tour guide.

Form 2 - Ishe for mature attitude and effort.

Form 3 - Ravin for his superb performance in the Valentine's Concert.

Form 4 - Ranveer for being proactive and taking on more responsibility and for always being kind and polite.

Form 5 - Sartaj for working so hard in English, impressing the interviewers

during Careers Week.

Form 6 - Jamal for supporting the Science department at Open Morning and for receiving positive feedback during Careers Week from the interviewers.

Form 7 - Jai for supporting at Open Morning, being a Reading Mentor and for an improvement in his responses to feedback in English.

Notices/reminders:

<p>Nursery sound of the week</p>	<p>Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home:</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?edufilter=NULL&v=Q8qklEXh7Dc</p>
<p>Nursery reminders</p>	<p>The British Values event is on Thursday 19th March at 2.30pm – children should come to school dressed as Princes and Princesses. Parents are welcome to come along.</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/</p> <p>This week's letters are:</p> <p>Nursery:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nursery Complimentary days • British Values event • Nursery trip to Southfields Farm

	<p>Prep:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Post Cobra Letter to Parents 13 March 20 • Trip to Places of Worship • Sports Relief including sponsorship form • An Adventure for Brandon the Bee • Easter Hat Parade, Lower Prep • Post Cobra Letter to Parents 13 March 20 <p>Senior:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Senior Swimming Gala • Post Cobra Letter to Parents 13 March 20
Sports Relief sponsorship forms/money	Please can all Prep School sponsorship forms and monies raised for Sports Relief be returned no later than Friday 20 th March.

Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 4B & 6B

Congratulations to the following Senior School Forms who achieved the highest (95%) attendance this week: Form 3 & 4

Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 16th March:

Monday	<p>Shakespeare Week: Prep & Senior School Swimming Gala: Y3 & Y4 (9.30 - 10.30 am) Children's University First Aid Course: Y4 - 6 After School Clubs: Drama: Seniors (3.45 - 4.30 pm)</p>
Tuesday	<p>NCS talk (part 2): Y11 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) Football Club (3.45 - 4.30 pm): Seniors</p>
Wednesday	<p>Swimming Gala: Y7 - Y10 (9.00 am - 1.00 pm) Netball Aspire Day: Y7 & Y8 After School Clubs: Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 - 4.30 pm)</p>
Thursday	<p>Swimming Gala: Y5 & Y6 (9.30 - 10.30 am) British Values Parental Engagement Event: Nursery (2.30 pm) Hydesville CSI Day: Prep School Academic Scholarship Day (current and external Y6 pupils to join Y7) Themed lunch: After School Clubs: Senior Spark Club ((3.45 - 4.30pm) 11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 - 6.30 pm)</p>
Friday	<p>Non Academic Scholarship Day (current and external Y6 pupils to join Y7) Work Experience Workshop: Y10 Easter Hat Parade: R, Y1 and Y2 (9.15am) Parent Consultations: Nursery 3.30 pm onwards After School Clubs: Karate: Prep School (3.50 - 4.50 pm) DofE: Y10 & Y11 (3.45 - 4.45 pm)</p>