



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# WEEKLY

## News in brief...

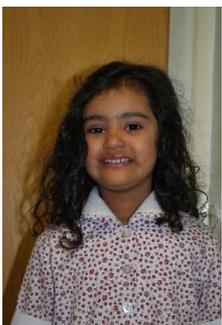
### Head's commendations:



Reuben - Y1  
Susannah - Y4  
Shriya - Y5  
Ismail - Y6

### Nursery Star of the Week:

**Asees** – awarded for working extremely hard in all areas of learning.



### A note from the Headmaster

It has been an important week in the life of the Prep School, with preparations for Hydesville in Neverland continuing apace and our Year 6 pupils receiving their allocations for secondary schools.

The work that goes on for productions is phenomenal, with Miss Bowdige and Mrs Rees respectively working on the creative and design elements to bring the piece to life. The children have been working hard with their teachers as well, learning their lines, songs and dances. We look forward to the outcomes next week, and “break a wooden leg” to all the cast!

We were delighted to hear that two-thirds of our pupils taking the 11+ have secured a grammar school place. It is an increasingly competitive and challenging area, so their relief and happiness at the outcome are understandable. This was also a great reflection on the teaching received over the past few years and especially the final push with our 11+ Centre of Excellence approach. We hope that all our Year 6 pupils can now put anxiety over choices to one side and continue to enjoy what remains of this academic year with all the excitement of the Hydesville Challenge to come. Tomorrow is an important day for the school with its Open Morning. Our sincere thanks to all the children who are supporting on the day. They are remarkable adverts for the school, and our visitors are always incredibly impressed by their character, manners and outlook. As the school’s reputation – in Early Years, Prep and Senior – continues to grow, we are in a stronger position to keep enhancing the school and its offer.

Wishing you all a relaxing weekend...

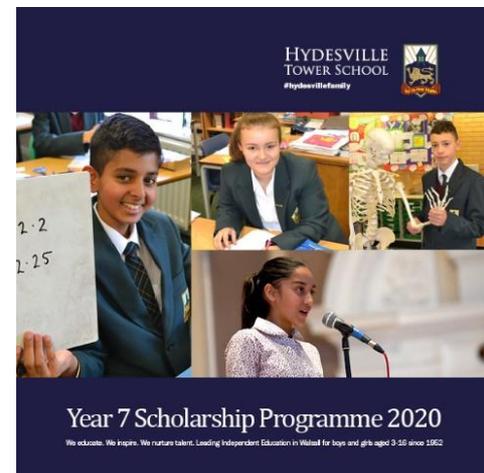
### Year 7 Scholarship Applications

A reminder that the closing date for applications for a Non-Academic Scholarship for Year 7 in September is Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

We are offering Non-Academic Scholarships in Music, Art, Performing Art and Sport. More details are available on the School website:

<https://www.hydesville.com/admissions-fees/scholarships-bursaries/>

Also a reminder to those Y6 families whose children have been invited to attend the Academic Scholarship Day on March 19<sup>th</sup>. Please return reply slips by next Friday.





## Nursery visit Walsall Art Gallery

Last week Nursery had a lovely afternoon discovering all that The New Art Gallery Walsall has to offer.

The children had the opportunity to view the renowned Garman Ryan Collection, model their very own animal from plasticine, and also create their own masterpiece to show off their creative skills.



The New Art Gallery Walsall is celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year so there are lots of activities planned for the whole year. Please see their website for more

information on children's workshops or for activities you might like to enjoy as a family: [www.thenewgallerywalsall.org.uk/families-kids/](http://www.thenewgallerywalsall.org.uk/families-kids/)



## Smile for the camera!

Reception and KS1 children had an exciting visit this week from WS4 Dental Practice in Walsall. The dentist spoke to the children about lots of important 'teeth related' facts, including the difference between milk and adult teeth,

the names of all the different teeth and how many teeth we have in our mouth. He also spoke to the children about the importance of brushing your teeth twice a day, for how long and why we have teeth. The children are all now experts in dental care!



## World Book Day Fun

It was lovely to see Prep and Senior School pupils come together to celebrate their passion for reading and dress up as their favourite characters for World Book Day yesterday.



In Prep School,

pupils spent the day learning about aliens. For example, Year 6 discussed 'War of the Worlds' and produced creative pieces of writing based on this, while Year 4 studied the film clip 'The Planets' and created colourful holiday brochures for the each planet.





Prep pupils also did us proud with an amazing array of creative costumes - from Alice in Wonderland to Fantastic Mr. Fox. Teachers even got into the spirit, with Year 4 and 5 teachers mischievously posing around school as Wally from 'Where's Wally'!



Meanwhile, pupils in the Senior School had the opportunity to take part in the 100 words mini-saga and we launched the 'Read for Good' campaign where pupils can be sponsored to read, raising money to provide books for children

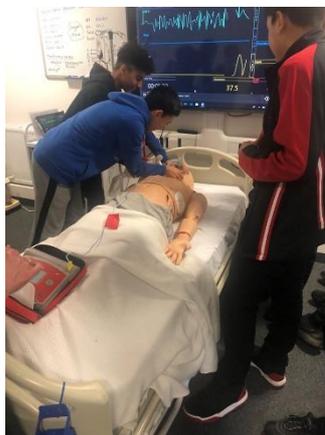
in hospital.

Year 8 caused great excitement at the start of the day when they interrupted Prep School's assembly to announce that an alien spacecraft had crash-landed in the Arboretum! This was accompanied by some video evidence and led into a day full of science-fiction activities....

It was fair to say, a great time was had by pupils and staff alike!

## National Careers Week 2020

It's been a busy week for pupils as they have been finding out about future careers and post-16 options as part of National Careers Week 2020.



Last Friday we launched Year 10's work experience programme, whilst Year 9 went to the 'What Career Live Fair' at Birmingham's NEC.



Some of our Year 10 pupils spent Tuesday at New Cross Hospital in Wolverhampton, exploring careers in the NHS. And throughout this week, all pupils in Years 7-10 have taken part in a workshop on 'Fast Tomato' which is an online career guidance programme to help young people broaden their horizons and consider a wide spectrum of career and education options.

We'd also like to thank lots of helpful, local employers who gave up their time today to help Year 10 pupils get ready for Sixth Form interviews, giving them advice and tips on how to best prepare themselves.



We hope this week's activities have been interesting and useful for all pupils and that they have learnt more about the options available to them when they leave Hydesville.

**Limited places available for September 2020**

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## Places filling fast at Hydesville!

With this Academic Year more than half way through, attention has been turning to September 2020 and we are currently receiving increased interest in our School from external families.

Please spread the word to friends, family or colleagues who may be interested in joining Hydesville that time is of the essence!

They are very welcome to come to our Open Morning at 10am tomorrow, or contact us to discuss their child's application.



## Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland

Prep School have continued to rehearse tirelessly this week in preparation for amazing our lucky parents during the upcoming showings on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March.

If you haven't yet purchased your tickets, they are available at £5.00pp from the School Office.

Refreshments will be available 15 minutes before each showing.

## Quick round up from across the School

- Over the half term break, pupils in Year 1 were asked to complete a topic on penguins. Pictured is Karina's project. She exceeded all expectations by making a 3d model depicting the seasons, which also included a working volcano! Today, Year 1 got to watch Karina's volcano erupt and Mr Burnham in Year 4 (and our STEM co-ordinator) was bowled over by Karina's efforts!



Well done to all of Year 1 for their hard work and effort.



- Rev Mark Kinder has been a friend and supporter of Hydesville for many years. Families will know him well from various school events, both here and at St Matthew's Church.

Today (Friday) we bid him a fond farewell after he announced he would be leaving Walsall for pastures new.

Goodbye and good luck, Rev Kinder, and we thank you for all the support you have given us over the years.

## Senior Pupils of the Week

**Form 1 – Jay**, for his excellent performance in his recent History test.

**Form 2 – Keaton**, for his mature attitude and effort.

**Form 3 – Amira**, for her superb performance in the Valentine's Concert.

**Form 4 – Gyaan**, for always trying his best in lessons and with his improving organisation.

**Form 5 – Karam**, for his improved work in all subjects and no demerits.

**Form 6 – Amrit**, for being so positive and giving a great example.

**Form 7 – Nilesh**, for outstanding work ethic and attitude.

## Notices/reminders:

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| <b>Nursery sound of the week</b> | Here is this week's phonic link for learning at home:<br><a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHe1GoxTyEI">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oHe1GoxTyEI</a>  |
| <b>This week's letters home</b>  | Each week we will share with you a list of the letters we have sent out.<br>They are all available to view on the school website here:<br><a href="https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/">https://www.hydesville.com/parents/letters-home/</a><br>This week's letters are:<br><br><b>Nursery:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Five Rivers parent social – 12th March 2020</li><li>• Five Rivers menu</li><li>• N &amp; R Easter Holiday Club</li><li>• Update on Coronavirus to Parents 04 March 2020</li></ul> <b>Prep:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland</li><li>• TECH CLUB EASTER flyer</li><li>• Easter Tech Camp letter</li><li>• School of Coding Easter Holiday Club</li><li>• Five Rivers parent social – 12th March 2020</li><li>• Five Rivers menu</li><li>• N &amp; R Easter Holiday Club</li><li>• Junior Singing Festival 2020 (selected pupils only)</li><li>• Update on Coronavirus to Parents 04 March 2020</li></ul> <b>Senior:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• TECH CLUB EASTER flyer</li><li>• Easter Tech Camp letter</li><li>• School of Coding Easter Holiday Club</li><li>• Five Rivers parent social – 12th March 2020</li><li>• Five Rivers menu</li><li>• Update on Coronavirus to Parents 04 March 2020</li></ul> |
| <b>Nursery reminders</b>         | A reminder to N2 parents about the Nursery - Reception transition event is on Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> March at 2.00pm. Please confirm your attendance if you haven't already done so.  |

**Congratulations to the following Prep School classes who achieved 100% attendance this week: 3BT, 4C, 6B**

**Congratulations to the following Senior School Form who also achieved 100% attendance this week: Form 6**

## Dates & After-School Clubs coming up week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> March:

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| <b>Monday</b>    | Children's University First Aid Course: Y4 - 6<br>After School Clubs:<br>Art: Y5 & Y6 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)<br>Art Club: Seniors, excluding KS4 (3.45 – 4.45 pm)<br>Drama: Seniors (3.45 – 4.30 pm)  |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | After School Clubs:<br>Drama: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.45 pm)<br>MAT Problem Solving Club: Y5 & Y6 selected pupils only (3.45 – 4.30 pm)<br>GCSE Art Club (3.45 – 4.45 pm)<br>Football Club (3.45 - 4.30 pm): Seniors   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Nursery – Reception Transition event for parents, 2.00 pm<br>After School Clubs:<br>Hockey: Upper Prep (3.45 – 4.30 pm)   |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Prep School Production, Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland, 4.00 - 5.00 pm<br>Parent & Staff Spring Term social event at Five Rivers, 6.00 pm<br>Themed lunch: Food from the Heart<br>After School Clubs:<br>11Plus Tuition sessions: Y4 & Y5 (5.30 – 6.30 pm)  |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Nursery Stay & Play Session (for prospective families) 1.30 - 3.00 pm<br>Prep School Production, Hydesville's Adventures in Neverland, 9.15 - 10.15 am<br>Sports Relief: Prep & Senior School<br>Deadline for Scholarship applications, current and external Y6 pupils to join Y7)<br>After School Clubs:<br>Karate: Prep School (3.50 – 4.50 pm)<br>DofE: Y10 & Y11 (3.45 – 4.45 pm) |

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>  
March's themed  
lunch menu is....**

## Food from the Heart

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| Shepherd's Pie       |
| Garden Vegetable Pie |
| Cheese & Potato Pie  |
| Garden peas          |
| Steamed carrots      |
| Jacket potatoes      |
| Salad bar            |
| Deli bar             |
| Polish Plum Cake     |

