



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLE FAMILY WEEKLY

SPRING TERM 8TH MARCH 2024

### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carer,

I would like to focus on our school's value of opportunity this week. It is astounding to see so many of our Pupils, from Nursery through to Senior School participate in all activities that are offered to them.

Pupils from every area of the school were able to experience something new and exciting, from the Fire Service visits, to school trips to Selly Manor, Black Country Museum and London Science Museum.

It has been joyous to see both Prep School pupils and staff members embrace World Book Day by dressing as their favourite book characters! I would like to express my gratitude to everyone for their efforts.

Senior school pupils participated in a variety of events during Careers Week, culminating in a special visit from Ex England football player, Kerys Harrop.

Our pupils grow more self-assured and curious about the world around them thanks to the opportunities provided by our wonderful team.

Happy International Woman's Day to all the incredible and inspirational girls and women of Hydesville Tower School, we celebrate you today and every day. Thank you for your drive, determination, and your unwavering commitment to making a difference in our school and beyond.

Finally, I would like to inform you that I will be absent for an inspection next week, but Miss Jenkins and Mrs Chand will be available in my absence.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samra

# AWARDS



Congratulations to the

*Star of the week*

## Nursery



For being pleasant and  
always willing to try new  
things



For wholeheartedly applying  
himself to all challenged and  
activities in Nursery

*Well done!*

## Reception



For being an excellent role model in  
the classroom and for always  
working hard in every lesson

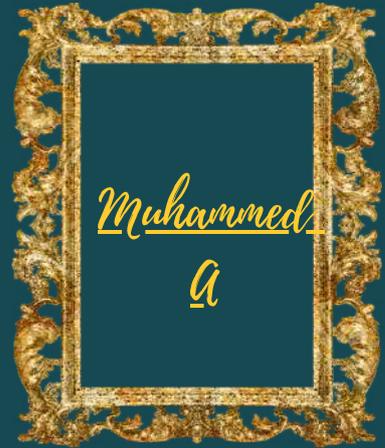


For excellent progress in writing and  
for greater participation during  
carpet sessions

# AWARDS

## Headteacher's Commendation

W/C: 26/02/2024



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# AWARDS



## *Headteacher's Commendation*

*W/C 04/03/2024*



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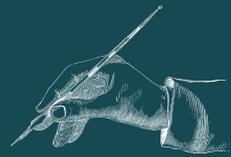
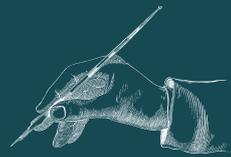
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# AWARDS



Congratulations to the following pupils who have received  
week ending 1st March

Zaydan R		
Ameera		 <p>Creative writing</p>
Avraaj		 <p>Creative writing</p>
Avaani K		 <p>Initial Grade Piano</p>

# AWARDS

## Foil & Epee Fencing Competition at King Edwards School

A well done to Alisha, Gurneet and Nadal in Year 4 and Roshan, Idrees with Kartar from Year 3 participated in the Foil and Epee fencing competition .

A special mention to Kartar who was awarded the bronze medal for his age and ability.



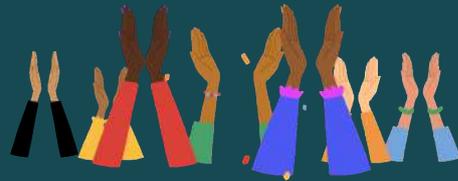
# HOUSE POINTS

Nihal A  
Faith H  
Jenna A  
Vihan  
Reuben  
Aveer  
Vihan



50

Ather A  
Hannah N  
Kiyana R  
Maheera I  
Jorah  
Aydin  
Waris  
Jeevan  
Dylan  
Zayn  
Rutendo  
Subhan  
Kadii  
Amaya  
Siddak  
Karmandeep  
Jasmine  
Taio  
Veer  
Anaya  
Ameera W  
Amar R  
Arjun B



100

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# HOUSE POINTS

Javeer-  
Kartar  
Avaani K



150

Aydin  
Waris  
Harnam  
Zikora



200

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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## *Nursery and Reception*

West Midlands Fire Service

On Tuesday morning Nursery and Reception children were absolutely enthralled when Walsall's 'Green Watch' firefighters visited school with their fire engine. All the children had the opportunity to engage in an interactive session where the firefighters discussed the importance of fire safety and their roles within the community.

By collaborating with our visitors, the children were able to make connections to enhance their experience making it memorable and true to life.



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Nursery

### Maths PEG

This week the children engaged in a maths workshop with parents and their peers.

The pupils started off by singing the 'Shape Song', which demonstrated and understanding of shapes and their properties.

The children then engaged in a 3 minute maths challenge of carousel style activities around the hall to develop an awareness and understanding of number recognition, counting, problem solving and the structure of numerical patterns. In addition to the practical learning, fine motor skills were also developed as the children used tweezers, chopsticks and cotton buds linking numeracy to other areas of the Early Years Curriculum.

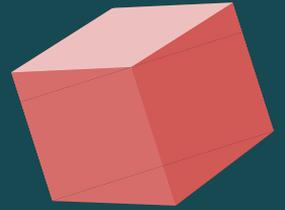
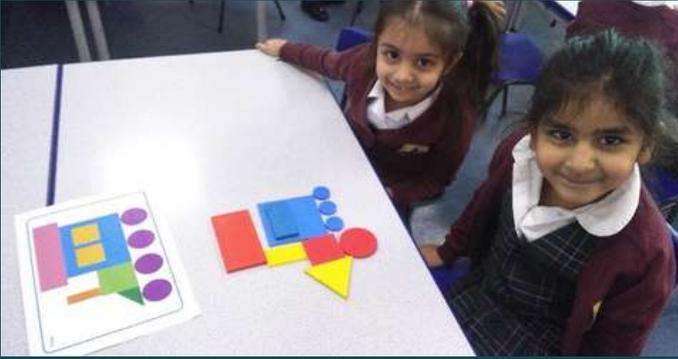
Lots of fun and learning contributing to 'Little Hydesville Einsteins' in the making!



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

This week in Reception the children have been exploring shapes and learning about the difference between 2D and 3D shapes. They investigated the way 3D shapes stack, slide, and roll; as well as, taking part in a shape survey around the school where they looked for 3D shapes in our everyday environment. They have also practiced constructing 3D shapes using a range of construction materials.

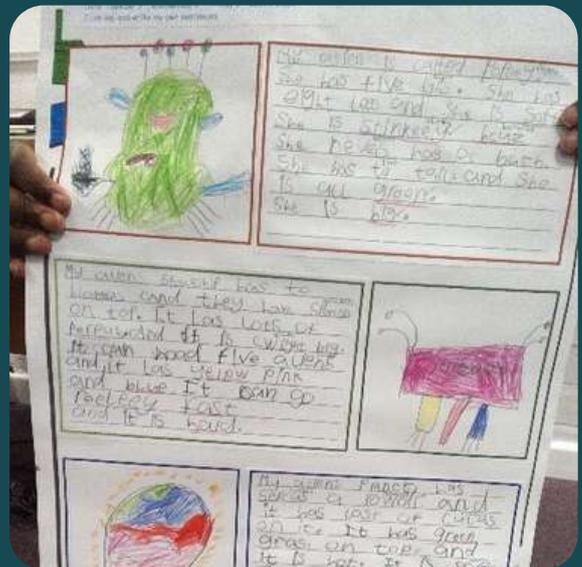
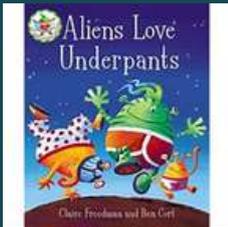


# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Prep

During Literacy lessons, the children have created their own posters, based on their current topic, 'Aliens'. They produced their own drawings of aliens, spaceships and planets, and also wrote descriptions about them, giving careful consideration to their use of vocabulary. They also wrote about Mrs Downen's missing bloomers which, unfortunately, the aliens took from her washing line last week.

Keep an eye out everyone!



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

### ICT in Reception

During ICT lessons this term Reception have been learning how to use the various features of an i-pad. Over the last three weeks they have been learning how to research using the internet and have also been introduced to the works of American Artist Jackson Pollock.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Prep*

## World Book Day



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

# World Book Day



Years 2-6 joined the World Book Day fun on Thursday 7th March. They partnered up with reading buddies from different year groups within their house for a shared reading adventure. The eco-committee championed sustainability with a book swap, giving pre-loved stories a new life. To celebrate the joy of reading, pupils came dressed as their favourite book characters, or donned comfy pyjamas for a literary slumber party atmosphere. While Years 2-6 celebrated on Thursday, Year 1 and Reception classes saved their bookish festivities for Friday 8th March. All pupils will also have the opportunity to enter a competition to design a bookmark for their houses. The winning designs from each house will be decided by the House Captains. We look forward to announcing the winners before the Easter break.

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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

# BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Reception had a great time on their trip to the Black Country Living Museum this week and learned about the toys which children played with in the past and the materials from which they were made. We also experienced a Victorian school lesson and really impressed the teacher with our addition and subtraction skills!

Our favourite part of the day, however, was watching a black and white animation in the cinema and having a ride on an old-fashioned bus.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

# BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

Year 1 had a fantastic day visiting the Black Country Living Museum. They explored shops and homes from the past and compared them to those of today, which is a great way to help the children understand the concepts of change over time, history, and societal development.

Over the course of the day, the children enjoyed other activities, such as: exploring the inside of a barge to see how people lived, as well as, watching a chain - maker demonstrate his craft.

They also took part in a workshop where they made their own bricks out of clay.

The children loved it!



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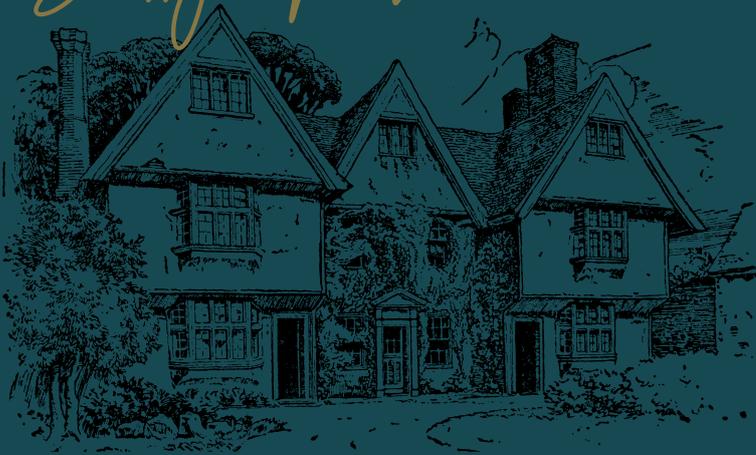
# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep*

Our Year 2 pupils had an exciting day diving into history when they visited Selly Manor, where they developed their understanding of life in 1666, exploring the home and possessions.

They also go to experience an interactive story, using costumes and props to retell the events of the Great Fire of London.

# *Selly Manor*



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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## Prep

### STEM Rubber Band Racers Grand Final

#### Year 5

This week at Hydesville saw the Rubber Band Racers Grand Final. Following several weeks of designing, building and evaluating during STEM lessons and home learning, our pupils finally had the chance to pit their racers against their peers. Pupils had used their creativity and problem-solving skills to design a wonderful range of racers, learning about elastic potential (stored) energy, friction and precise engineering in the process.

In a room full of excitement and nerves, the judges carefully measured the distance travelled by each racer in turn. We are delighted to announce the winners as follows:

KS1: 1st Arjun (4.48m) 2nd Sara (1.18m)

KS2: 1st Jayden (6.40m) 2nd Jaeveer (5.71m)

Having been highly impressed by the ingenuity and quality of all entries, we are eager to see what the future holds for our pupils in STEM!



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Senior*



# ART

Our school recently hosted a cultural art competition, and the response has been nothing short of spectacular. Students from years 7 to 9 showcased their artistic talents, offering a vibrant tapestry of cultural expressions. The entries ranged from traditional paintings and collages, to modern digital artworks, each reflecting the rich heritage and diversity within our school community.

Judging the competition proved to be a delightful challenge for Miss Hamilton and myself, given the fantastic standard of entries. The creativity and skill displayed by our students were truly awe-inspiring, making the task of selecting a winner a difficult yet rewarding one.

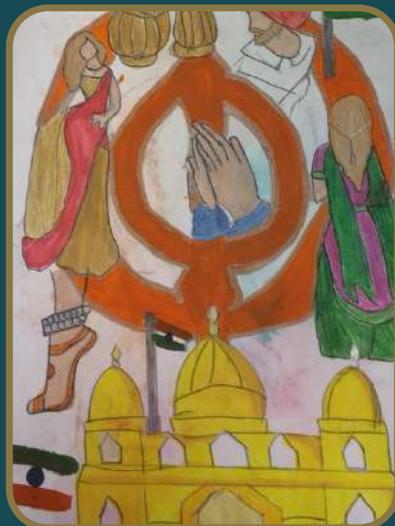
The anticipation now builds as we eagerly await the announcement of the competition's winners at the end-of-term assembly. Regardless of who takes home the prize, it's evident that the true victor is the celebration of cultural diversity that this competition has fostered. Through art, our students have not only showcased their talents but also reinforced the importance of embracing and appreciating the rich tapestry of cultures that make up our school community.

Well done to all!

*Some of our finalists...*



Jayani Y7



Sukhmandeep Y8



Maaya Y8



Jusreiss Y7

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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Senior*

### The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Years 9 and 10 have begun their journey through The Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme.

The award is a valuable asset when applying for places at sixth form, university and even for jobs. Completing the award shows that the students have independence and resilience to participate in activities that are out of their normal routine and comfort zone.

It was great to see two of our students at Walsall Arboretum Parkrun early on Saturday morning. Usman is volunteering each week to complete his service section of the award scheme. Saturday he was the one of the Tail Walkers, making sure everyone of the three hundred and thirty finishers did so safely. Shona is using the Parkrun for her Physical Activity section and enjoyed her first Parkrun, even if it was a little bit chilly! If anyone else wishes to use the Parkrun for any section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award scheme then see Mr Roderick, who is the regular Walsall Arboretum Photographer, for help with this.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

## The Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

Practicing their Orienteering skills at the Walsall Arboretum...



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

*Congrats!*



AMBITION



**KARINA P**

**Key Stage 3 Pupil of  
the week**



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*



*Congrats!*



**KAKA L**

**Key Stage 4 Pupil of  
the week**



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

*Congrats!*



**ZARA N**

**Senior Performer of  
the week**



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

*Congrats!*



**AYESHA K**

**Senior Artist of the  
week**



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

*Congrats!*



**LEO B**

**Senior Sportsperson  
of the week**



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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Senior*

## Careers Week

### Year 10

Careers week is finally here and our pupils will be provided the opportunity to begin thinking about their post-16 options. On Monday Mr Lawrence and supported pupils with their personal statements, ready for the sixth form applications next academic year.

They summarised the subjects they want to study at A level and why they are interested in them, what aspects of the school they are applying for appeal to them, any roles and responsibilities in school or out of school, personal qualities which show they would be suitable and other hobbies and interests relevant to their intended course.

We look forward to seeing you all at parent's evening on Wednesday 13th March.



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# WEEKLY ROUND UP

*Senior*

## CAREERS WEEK

Year 11 had a fantastic Careers week, where they experienced practice job interviews, gained insights into personal statement writing, and absorbed a wealth of knowledge and advice from our special guests: senior school parent Mrs Saini, on pharmaceuticals and visiting lawyer Adrian Shaw, and Sinead Teague from Pickford Solicitors.

Pupils were able to find out more about their post 16 and 18 options and listened to the industry professionals about a range of subjects, including higher education and employability. They also benefited from one-to-one advice with the Senior Leadership team which provides them with the support they need to take their next steps with confidence.

At Hydesville the careers program is perfectly integrated into the school curriculum to ensure that pupils are well prepared for the world of work. Work experience is launched at the beginning of year 10, in order to ensure completion before the summer term and preparation for the post 16 application process.

Special thanks to our guests Mrs Saini, Mr Shaw, and Ms Teague for spending such an important time with our pupils!



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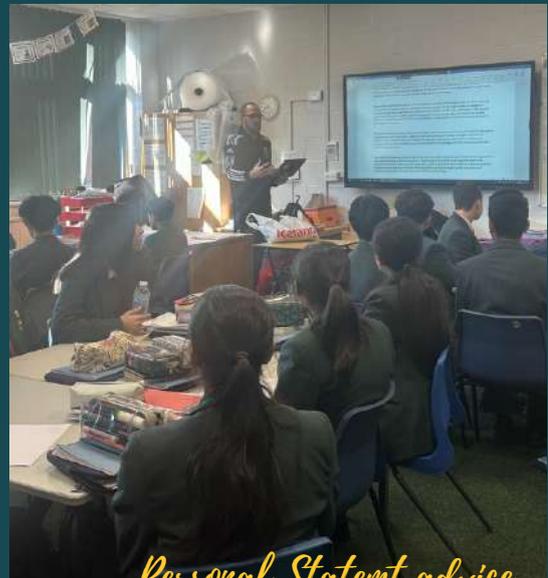
# CAREERS



*Guidance and inspirational talks from Mrs Saini and Mr Shaw...*



*one on one interviews with SLT*



*Personal Statement advice*

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# WEEKLYROUND UP

*Senior*

## CAREERS



Our senior girls spent an exciting afternoon with ex England and WSL footballer , Kerys Harrop. who came in to talk to the girls regarding women's football, careers and even experiencing a football training session with her.

In April 2023 the defender, broke the Women's Super League's all-time record for appearances by chalking up her 178th game in the competition. She spoke about her start in the sport, her ambitions both in and out of football, and encouraged the girls to aim high.

She has played for a range of teams including: England, Great Britain, Tottenham Hotspur. as well as Birmingham, where she was also the captain.

A big thank you to Kerys for her inspirational talk!



*Kerys Harrop*



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*Senior*

# CAREERS

*Kerys Harrop*



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Enrichment/ PSCH*

Senior school enrichment have created a good relationship with the upper prep.

Seniors started working with Miss crump on what makes a good reading mentor and how to help and guide pupils when listening to them read.

Prep pupils have commented on how much they enjoy Friday afternoons with the senior pupils and really look forward to reading to them and telling them all about their book they are reading.

Being a through school gives us these great opportunities .....



# WEEKLY ROUND UP

## *Enrichment/ PSHE*

Year 7 & 8

*Focussing on different careers and pathways to success*



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## *International Woman's Day*



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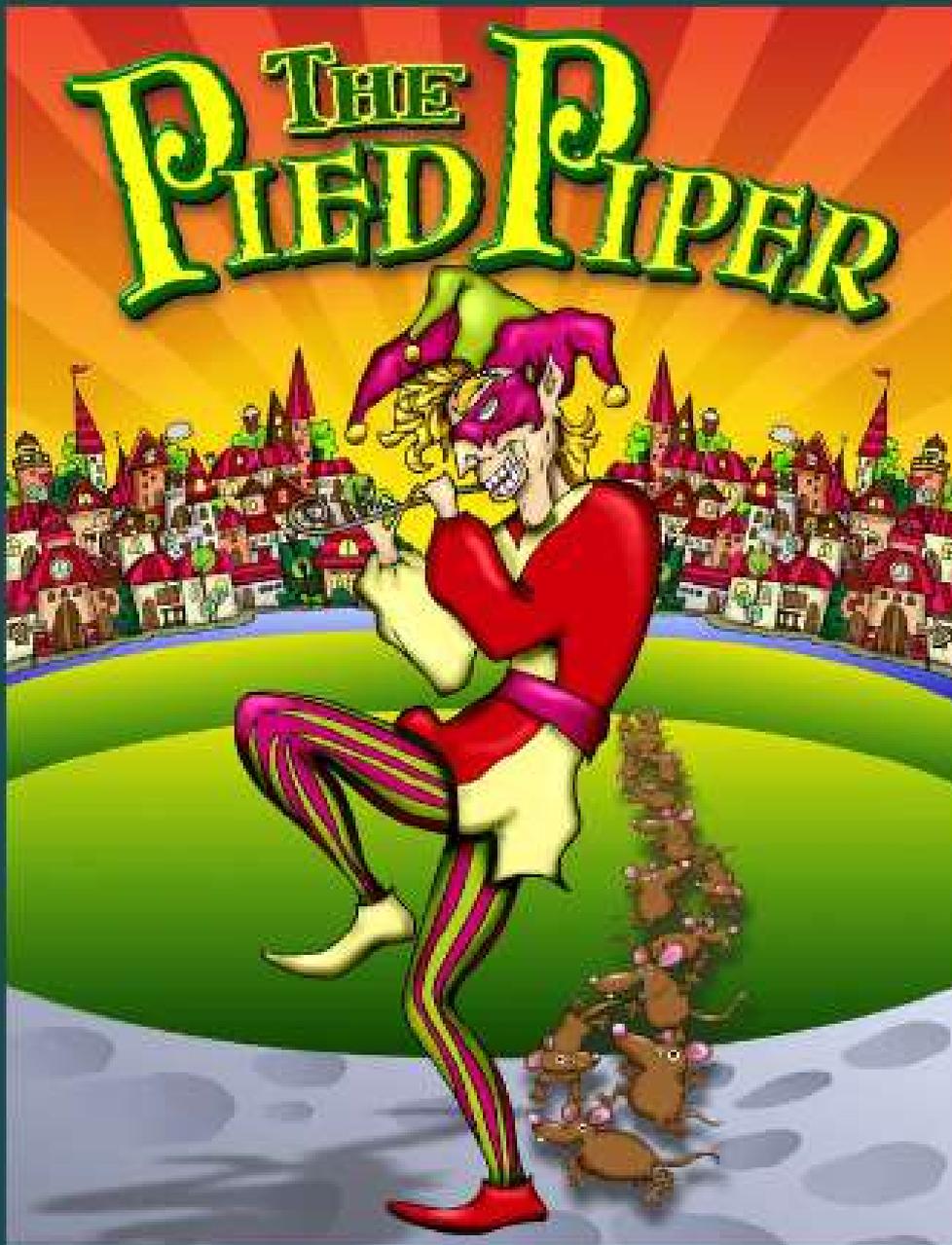
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**Hydesville Tower Prep School  
Presents**



**Wednesday 20th March 2:15pm start.**

**Refreshments**

**Thursday 21st March Refreshments**

**9:30 am start.**

**Tickets will be available via Cognita Connect**

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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Prep School

### Assembly Rota

Prep School Assemblies: Spring Term **2023 - 2024**

### Prep School Assembly Schedule

Below is the timetable for our **Friday\* assemblies** so you can see when your child is taking part. The assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9.00am and parents are welcome to join the coffee morning session the day their child is performing in the dining hall at 8.45am.

Date:	12/01/24	19/01/24	26/01/24	02/02/24	09/02/24	23/02/24	01/03/24	08/03/24	15/03/24	20/03/24	22/03/24
Class	Mrs Siamra New Year	Mrs Chand World Religion Day	Mr Burnham Trust	Mrs Entecott Children's Mental Health	Whole School Cultural Day (Whole School)	Mrs Watson Eco- Committee	Miss Crump Love of Reading	Deacon HW Easter Story	Ms Gibbons Red Nose Day	Y3 to Y6 Musical Theatre Show Wednesday & Thursday	Mrs Chand Awards & Certificates
Audience	Internal	Internal	Parents	Parents	Internal	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents

\*Some performances may take place on days other than Friday, see schedule for details.

# SPRING TERM KEY DATES

Sat	09-Mar	Open Morning		
Mon	11-Mar	Ramadan Begins.		
		Nursery Moderation Week		
Tues	12-Mar	Nursery Parents' Consultations		
Wed	13-Mar			Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	14-Mar	Nursery Trip - Solihull Play Town	Year 5 & Year 6 National Space Centre	Year 7 & Year 8 Badminton Trip NIA

Fri	15-Mar	RED NOSE DAY		
Mon	18-Mar	Nursery Assessment Week		
Tues	19-Mar		Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Easter Hat Parade	Year 9 Rock Climbing Trip During Games Lesson
Wed	20-Mar		Musical Production (PM)	
Thurs	21-Mar		Musical Production (AM)	
Fri	22-Mar	Nursery Easter Hat Comp & Egg Hunt		Year 7 To 11 Progress Report Issued to Parents. Year 11 Written Report Issued to Parents
Mon	25-Mar		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Tues	26-Mar		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Wed	27-Mar		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Thurs	28-Mar		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Fri	29-Mar		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Mon	01-Apr		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Tues	02-Apr		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Wed	03-Apr		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Thurs	04-Apr		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Fri	05-Apr		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Mon	08-Apr	Nursery Complimentary Days	Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Tues	09-Apr	Nursery Complimentary Days	Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Wed	10-Apr	Nursery Complimentary Days	Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Thurs	11-Apr	Nursery Complimentary Days	Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Fri	12-Apr	Staff Inset		
Mon	15-Apr	All pupils return to school		