



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



#HYDESVILLE FAMILY NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM 29TH NOVEMBER 2024

A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

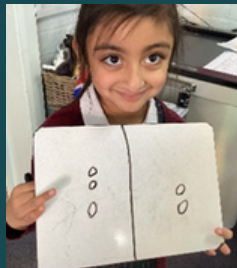
It's hard to believe we're just two weeks away from the end of term! The past fortnight has been filled with exciting activities and opportunities for the children, and it has been a joy to celebrate their achievements together. As we head into this festive season, we have plenty of events lined up, and I look forward to welcoming many of you to join us in the celebrations. Wishing you and your families a wonderful weekend!

Mrs Samra

Upcoming
Events!

4th December - Christmas Jumper day
5th December - Prep School Theatre Trip
5th December - KS3 A Christmas Carol
6th December - Nursery & Reception Nativity
- Year 7 and 8 English and Science Trip

RECEPTION



In Mathematics this week, Reception have been practising their number bonds to 5. We've explored this concept in various ways, using a range of resources and methods to deepen our understanding. Activities included working with Numicon, cubes, drawings, and even frogs (don't worry, not real ones!) to help make learning fun and interactive.

This half-term, Reception have been learning about the birds in the Arboretum and the importance of feeding them during the winter months.



Over the past couple of weeks, the children have fed the birds in the Arboretum during Forest School and even made their own bird feeders. Weather permitting, this week we will go bird spotting to identify the birds that stay in the UK throughout the winter.



This week in Literacy, we have been reading the story 'Giraffes Can't Dance' and learning about the animals that live in the African Savanna. The children have written lists of items they would pack for an expedition to Africa, labelled parts of a giraffe, and even practised drawing giraffes during Art Club.

PREP SCHOOL

Years 3 and 4 House Games Competition

This week, Years 3 and 4 participated in their termly House Games competition, showcasing fantastic teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship. Pupils competed enthusiastically in their house teams across a range of activities, including multi-skills challenges, basketball, and handball. Each match was brimming with energy and determination as students gave their all to earn points for their houses.

The event not only celebrated athletic abilities but also fostered collaboration, house pride, and a healthy sense of rivalry.

The final results were:

1st Place: Dilke – 15 points

2nd Place: Bradford – 14 points

3rd Place: Hatherton – 13 points

Well done to everyone who took part!

On Monday 25th November, Years 2, 5, and 6 actively participated in workshops as part of the NSPCC's 'Speak out, Stay Safe' initiative, aimed at educating students about their rights and how to stay safe. These workshops provided age-appropriate information and strategies to help children understand how to speak up if they feel unsafe or uncomfortable. All prep year groups have also watched an informative video that reinforced these important messages. Following the video, students worked on creating posters during their PSHE lessons to further explore the concepts of safety, respect, and how to seek help when needed. This initiative fosters a supportive environment where children are empowered to be confident in speaking out for their own well-being.



SENIOR SCHOOL

Well done!

A big well done to Year 11 for showing great perseverance during their mock exams. Your hard work and determination are truly commendable—keep it up!



Exciting News!

We are thrilled to share that Kieran has passed his Grade 5 Music Theory Exam. This fantastic achievement now paves the way for him to take his Grade 8 Piano Exam next year. Well done, Kieran!

ENGLISH NEWS !

We are delighted to have been recognised as a school for our work in diversifying the curriculum and participating in the Lit in Colour events this year in conjunction with Pearson Edexcel. In particular, Annaya and Priya have drawn attention to diverse texts and authors through assemblies and displays.

Pupils from Years 9, 10 and 11 took part in the annual English Speaking Union Public Speaking competition online on Wednesday 13th November. We were delighted with the effort which had gone into their speeches and questions, as well as the warmth they displayed towards pupils from the other school taking part. We didn't make it through to the next round this time, but the judges were thoroughly impressed with our pupils and we look forward to participating again next year! Well done to Annaya, Anaiya, El-Roi, Zak, Hrishikesh and Dexter!



CONGRATULATIONS



Star of the week



Aadam – for consistently demonstrating exemplary behavior and serving as a positive role model to his peers, always showing excellent manners in the setting.



Subhan - For always being willing to 'have a go' and growing in self-confidence and self-awareness.



Hoorain – for displaying maturity, independence, and the confidence to try new things.

Well done!



Ocean

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Walsall RFC against Stafford RFC - Player of the match for tackling, passing and scoring - Roshan D.



Congratulation to Jorah for achieving Player of the match



Congratulations to Saranya who participated in the AV Ninja Star Tumbling Competition and won: Bronze in the individual club competition and Silver in the teams competition.



Congratulations to Sneha achieving Goldfish 2 in swimming

"Year 6 pupils recently took part in the Young Writers Wonder Verse competition, demonstrating their creativity and talent through poetry. They were thrilled to discover that their submissions had been chosen for publication. Their imaginative ideas and distinctive voices have secured them a spot in this prestigious anthology, giving them the opportunity to share their work with a broader audience and be celebrated alongside other young writers nationwide."



CONGRATULATIONS



House points

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Andrei - Reception
Jaden - Reception
Lorenzo - Reception
Khushie - Reception

Veer Hatherton
Jeevan - Hatherton
Jorah Hatherton
Zikora - Hatherton
Yusuf - Dilke
Kavi - Dilke
Aydin - Dilke
Isla - Bradford
Dylan - Bradford



Sahib Year 1
Maya Year 2



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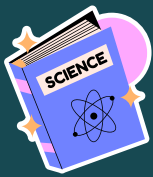
SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Congratulations!



Music Performer of the Week - Kieran B in Year 8 for passing grade 5 theory.

Amreen in Year 8 for being a great Role model in French.



Anthony W in Year 9 for outstanding work in Science.

Artist of the week: Hargun B Year 8, for producing a consistently high standard of work and always having a positive attitude.



Sports person of week: Sienna in Year 7 - led by example when captaining the girls netball team.

Kieran B, Jay CD, Lucy, Zara, Sufyaan for winning the presentation competition on Diversity.



El-Roi year 10 has made excellent progress in mathematics.



KEY DATES



HYDESVILLE
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Join us for our annual
**CHRISTMAS
FAIR**

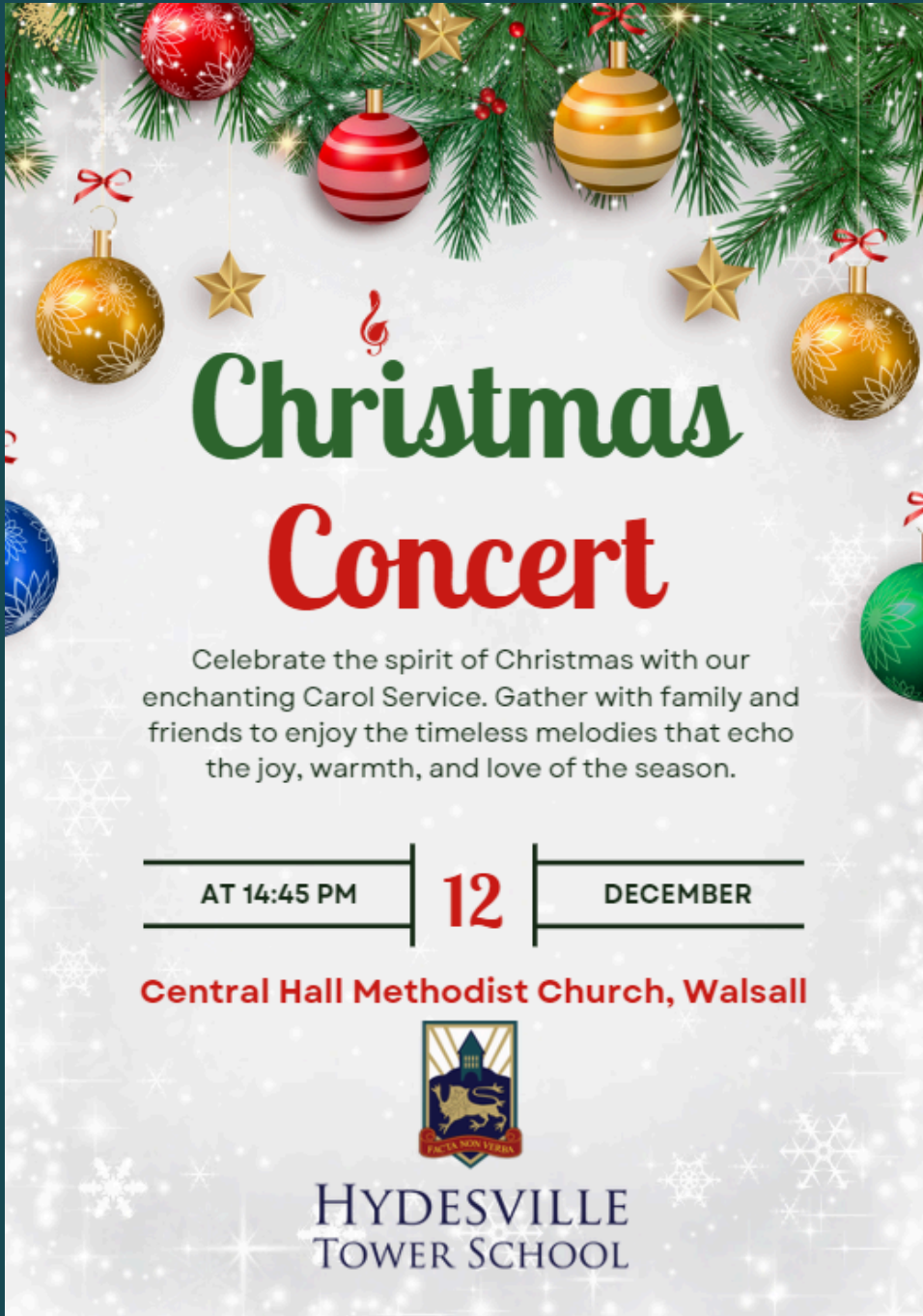
BOOKING FOR SANTA'S GROTTTO GOES
LIVE AT 5:00PM ON MONDAY 25TH
NOVEMBER

WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER
4:00PM

ALL INFORMATION ON COGNITA CONNECT



KEY DATES




**Christmas
Concert**

Celebrate the spirit of Christmas with our enchanting Carol Service. Gather with family and friends to enjoy the timeless melodies that echo the joy, warmth, and love of the season.

AT 14:45 PM | **12** | DECEMBER

Central Hall Methodist Church, Walsall



**HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL**

SPORTS OPPORTUNITY



ALDRIDGE NETBALL CLUB

TRAINING SESSIONS

WEDNESDAY

U7/8/U9 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

U11/12/13 - 6.30PM - 7.30PM

THURSDAY

U10/12 - 5.30PM - 6.30PM

U14/15 - 6.30PM - 7.30PM

ADULTS ALL ABILITIES AND GENDERS

WELCOME

7.30PM - 9.00PM

ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC COLLEGE,
ERDINGTON ROAD, ALDRIDGE, WS9 0NR

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Link for Barr Beacon Netball Club:

Barr Beacon Netball Club

y9s train on Mondays 6.30 - 8pm.

y8s on Tuesdays 5 - 6.30pm.

Both sessions at The Streetly Academy sports hall.

Coach email to contact:

ann.mangan1@btinternet.com

POLITE REMINDER

As the weather gets colder, we kindly remind all parents that pupils should be wearing Hydesville coats, hats, and scarves to keep warm.

Check out the photos below of our wonderful children modelling their Hydesville winter wear!



All pupils should be wearing the new PE kit from January



Uniform list can be found :
<https://www.hydesville.com/prep/uniform/>

KEY DATES

Date:	Teacher/Class/Year Group	Theme
04/10/2024	Miss Crump	Poetry Performance
11/10/2024	Mr Burnham (6A)	Black History
18/10/2024	Mrs Chand	Weekly Awards & Certificates
08/11/2024	Mrs Williams (5B)	Diwali
15/11/2024	Mrs Kenton (5A)	Anti-Bullying
22/11/2024	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
29/11/2024	Year 3 – Year 6 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
06/12/2024	Mrs Downen (RA)	Nativity
10/12/2024 (Tuesday)	Mrs Brown/Mrs Taylor (1A)/Mr Staffiere (2A)	Christmas Performance
13/12/2024	Mrs Chand	Weekly Awards & Certificates

DECEMBER				
Mon	02-Dec			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Tues	03-Dec			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wed	04-Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Jumper Day	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs	05-Dec		Reception - Year 6 Trip to Lichfield Garrick Theatre	KS3 A Christmas Carol Birmingham Rep Theatre 10.15am (TBC)
Fri	06-Dec	Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30am	Year 7 and Year 8 Wizardry Science and English Day Harry Potter Studios RC
Mon	09-Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Party	Year 7 Rock Up Broadway Plaza Games Lesson DF
Tues	10-Dec		KS1 Nativity 2pm	Year 9 Rock up Broadway Plaza
Wed	11-Dec		Christmas Fair 4pm (Directed Time This Day)	Christmas Fair 4pm
Thurs	12-Dec		Whole School Carol Service	Whole School Carol Service
Fri	13- Dec	Santa's Workshop 9.30am – Comp Taster Session		Year 7 – Year 11 Progress Report Card Issued
1.30pm FINISH FOR WHOLE SCHOOL				