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HYDESVILLE Tower School V

News in brief...

We do not have any pupil awards this week, but are looking forward to announcing a Nursery Star Pupil of the Week along with a Performer and Sportsperson of the Week next time!

# A note from the Headmaster



It's been wonderful to see our pupils back at school this week, relaxed, energised and ready to enjoy the new term. The new facilities have proved and immediate hit, especially for the Upper Prep and Senior boys and their football at lunchtime. The new playground for the Early Years and Lower Prep has transformed the space and the children have loved playing on it already. It feels like an area well and truly fit for our youngest children.

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The school continues to grow. As a result, we can attract continued investment from Cognita; this summer we benefitted from all the new surfaces and the extra minibuses. We have continued to expand the staffing slightly with an extra Prep teacher and a change in Mr Vickers' role. The independent sector is a very tough environment for schools and being the best in the area has always been my simple plan for Hydesville to thrive.

We are absolutely delighted with the glowing recommendations that we have received recently and our "Recommend a Friend" scheme has been a real hit since its launch. We have recently encountered a perception that our Nursery is "expensive" – hence we have started highlighting the daily rate of £43.95, which is very much in line with other nurseries locally. The added benefits of Hydesville's nursery over the others are the teaching aspect, which really moves the children ahead of others, and the optional fees for holiday time (plus the fact that holiday club fees are cheaper, too). So recommend us to a family member, friend or neighbour and enjoy the £500 contribution to your next holiday!

## **Eid celebrations**

We'd like to wish all our families who are celebrating Eid very best wishes for the celebrations ahead. Letters have been sent home regarding authorised absences for Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September.



Don't forget to keep updated with School news on Facebook ('like' our page: Hydesville Tower School)

You can follow us on Twitter too: (@HydesvilleTower)

#### New travel options available

Families should have received a copy of the new Transport Options booklet during the



summer holidays, detailing all the new and improved travel and transfer options available this academic



year. Services include four new bus routes, the Lower Rushall Street Park & Ride and the Arboretum extension Park & Ride service.

Please see our website for more details: www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/

#### **Senior School Language Showcase**

Hydesville is celebrating the European Day of Languages in School with an evening of music and dance on Monday 26th September.

The evening will include a selection of performances from our Senior pupils, including ballet, group dances, instrumental pieces and solo singing performances, all with a European theme. Tickets are available from the School Office, priced at £3 for adults and £1.50 for children and include a welcome drink and a light buffet during the interval.

Families are also welcome to come dressed in European style dress (although this is not obligatory!).



Senior School Languages, Dance & Music Showcase Monday 26th September, 6pm to 8pm



## Happy birthday Hydesville!

Friday 16th September is Hydesville Tower School's birthday - 64 years



young no less! We are planning lots of celebrations in school. If you are a former pupil (or know someone who is) then please get in touch as we would love for you to help us celebrate. Please contact Sarah Archer on 01922 624374 or email sarah.archer@hydesville.com

## Dates coming up next week

Monday	After school clubs:
	Football – Upper Prep
	Netball – Upper Prep
	English intervention – Y11
Tuesday	Welcome Evening: Y7 – 6pm
	After school clubs:
	Music Theory – Prep & Senior
	German intervention: Y11
	Film Club - Senior
Wednesday	Meet the Teacher: Prep School – 3.30
	(Lower Prep) 3:45pm (Upper Prep)
	After school clubs:
	Hockey – Upper Prep
	Gymnastics – Upper Prep
Thursday	Loudmouth Production – 'My Mate
	Fancies You': Y7
	Before school clubs:
	ICT: Y11 (8.00 – 8.45am.)
Friday	Hydesville's birthday

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