



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 3, our newsletter to keep you updated on all things going on at Hydesville.

Each week we'll share an insight into each area of the School. We will also celebrate pupil successes and share important notices and updates on what's coming up the following week.

To keep up with our daily news, please check Cognita Connect, or click on the icons below to follow us on social media.



We love to hear about what you're getting up to!

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A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER



One clear sign of the return to normality is the resumption of the Hydesville Challenge. This series of events rounds off Year 6 for our oldest cohort in the Prep School, and is a fitting way both to celebrate their graduating status as well as offer considerable character development opportunities. Starting from the ultimate entrepreneurial position – what can you do with £1 which will enable you to build a “fortune” – pupils undertake presentations, offering service, sponsored walks, visits to areas of natural beauty and local interest, as well as complete a residential camping experience. I was proud of them setting off yesterday for their marathon around the Arboretum, and all the more so when the heavens opened and the snow/hail bucketed down! This cohort has secured a large number of grammar school places, scholarships for our Senior School, and have developed into an all-round excellent group. Well done and good luck for the rest of the Challenge.

This week has seen observations of Maths lessons in the Prep School. An area of considerable strength for our school, it is easy to see why. Our pupils have been taught not to fear numbers and to really believe in themselves in securing fluency and understanding. Our focus on pulling everyone towards mastery is certainly paying off.

We have launched our Eco-Committees across Prep and Senior School this week, and look forward to passing on stories of their success in due course. Never a quiet time at Hydesville...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Nursery



BUDDING ARTISTS IN THE MAKING



Nursery children put on their overalls and got their paint brushes at the ready, as they explored using paint to create their own flower art work.

They have been paying close attention to the detail of flowers, labelling each part. Great skill, control and manipulation of the paint brush was demonstrated by all!

FRUITY PRINTING

The children have been very busy this week predicting, examining and discussing what fruit looks like on the inside. They enjoyed painting and mixing the colours before making prints on paper.



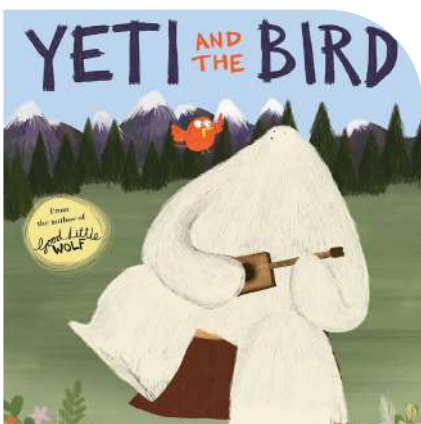
Science and art - what a combo!



FUNKY FINGERS STATION

Nursery children demonstrated great fine motor skills at the Funky Fingers station, where they wrote letters and words independently. This area encourages the development of fine motor, language and communication skills that are essential for hand writing.

NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK



Get ready for next week's story time phonics activity, Yeti and the Bird.

Can you guess what next week's sound is...

That's right y, y, y yoyo.



Prep - Y3

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EID-UL-FITR

This week pupils in Year 3 have been learning all about the Islamic celebration of Eid-ul-Fitr. Together they learned how Muslims all around the world come together to celebrate the end of Ramadan. Year 3 have worked incredibly hard learning their lines for their assembly based on the topic.

Pupils also got creative and had fun decorating paper plates with the symbol of Islam.



PIZZA FRACTIONS!

This week in maths, Year 3 have been learning about fractions of amounts. On Wednesday, they became chefs and had fun applying this knowledge to making paper pizzas!

Pupils were given a variety of toppings and had to calculate the correct amount to add to their pizza. They used a number of methods including bar models and they also applied their knowledge of arithmetic facts.

Remember: Divide by the bottom, times by the top!

ESCAPE FROM POMPEII

During their English lessons, Year 3 have been focusing on the book 'Escape from Pompeii'. This week, the children read on to find out what happened to the main characters, 'Tranio' and 'Livia'. In groups, pupils re-enacted the scene of Mount Vesuvius erupting; considering what the characters were thinking and feeling at the time. Pupils will eventually write a diary from Tranio's point of view.

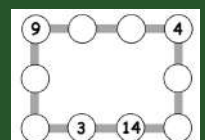


MORE ABLE AND TALENTED

This week, the More Able and Talented (MAT) pupils in Key Stage 1 have been busy engaging in enriching and thought-provoking mathematical problems and puzzles.

Year 1 have been working hard with Mrs Chand to explore different ways of making symmetrical patterns with shapes and objects. The children were given the opportunity to discuss what makes one symmetrical pattern different, or the same, as another.

Year 2 pupils have been using their knowledge of number bonds to investigate different ways of making each line add up to 20. Mr Staffiere challenged them further to make their own puzzle for a partner to solve.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior

A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 9 - MRS KHAN

Year 9 have made a positive start to an important term. This term marks a transition in their education as they prepare to move from Key Stage 3 to Key Stage 4 and, as they do so, take another step towards becoming young adults. Hence, our focus this term will revolve around 'Looking Ahead'. End of Year Examinations take place in the Summer Term and it is vital that pupils develop good revision and examination skills to give them the best possible opportunity to make a confident start to Year 10.

Last term Anand, Noor and Jasmeen did a fantastic job leading an assembly on the importance of Mental and Physical Health. Well done girls!

EXTRACURRICULAR SPORTS

With government restrictions finally beginning to ease in schools, we have been excited to introduce a new programme of extracurricular sports clubs for Senior School pupils.

On Thursdays after school, Senior boys (years 7 to 9) can take part in Cricket Club. Led by Mr Thorne, pupils have been able to build on the skills they've been learning in PE lessons. The Club is proving very popular, and Mr Thorne is pleased with how pupils are flourishing with their newly found skills!

On Tuesdays it's over to Senior School girls. They have been given a free reign on their choice of sport. For the past two weeks they have selected football and pupils have had great fun practising their skills and playing training matches.

The turnout for both clubs has been encouraging. Pupils should speak to Mr Lawrence, Miss Fairbrother or Mr Thorne if they are interested in taking part.



ENRICHMENT FRIDAYS

Senior pupils look forward to their last lesson of the week as they get the chance to forget their textbooks and enjoy pastimes that are beyond the confines of the examination curriculum in Enrichment.

Since we returned to school in March we've had to plan Enrichment lessons slightly differently, with each year group remaining in their bubbles to focus on an activity. The programme is varied with each year group having a different focus:

Year 7 – crafts & music

Year 8 – table tennis & badminton

Year 9 – charity fundraising & First Aid

Year 10 – PSHE

Year 11 – crafts & music



Today, Year 10 took part in an interactive lesson with theatre in education company, Loudmouth where they discussed and learnt about spotting the signs of unhealthy relationships, grooming and child sexual exploitation. Mrs Shaw was impressed with how mature and engaged the pupils during the session.

PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a Head's Commendation for excellence in the classroom this week:



NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK:
TALIA



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:
A***N



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:
ALISHA



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:
TAIO



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:
RIANAH



YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:
AMRIT



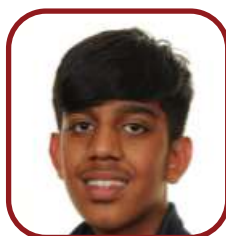
YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:
SAQQARA



YEAR 6 STARS OF THE WEEK:
ALL PUPILS



10A PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
RAVIN & JAI



10B PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
KEATON & JEFFREY



MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK:
RAYAH (YEAR 7)

NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

COGNITA CONNECT

We hope parents and carers are enjoying the benefits of Cognita Connect, which gives 24-hour access to personalised school news and information via a mobile, tablet or desktop device. Plus, via the 'Payments' Globe, parents can book and pay for non-fee items such as school trips, transport services and after-school clubs.



We appreciate that getting used to the app may be tricky, and questions arise from time to time. To help with supporting parents with using Cognita Connect, we have put together a dedicated webpage which includes more information about the app, as well as links to FAQs documents, covering both general questions and payment specific areas.

[Click here to find out more](#)

CALLING ALL CHESS MASTERS!

Sadly our chess coach has moved on to pastures new so we have a vacancy!

Does anyone in the #Hydesvillefamily know anyone who would be interested in joining us to teach chess to pupils in Prep School?

Please contact us if you – or anyone you know – might be interested: info@hydesville.com or 01922 624374.



PAJAMARAMA

Reminder to those in Nursery, Friday 14th May is Pajamarama, so please come dressed in your best PJs.



DATES AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP WEEK

(All subject to parental booking via the Cognita Connect app)

Monday	Lower Prep Elocution Club - 3.30-4.00 Year 3 Art Club - 3.35-4.30 Upper Prep Cricket Club - 3.40-4.30
Tuesday	Senior Girls (Years 7, 8 & 9) Sports Club - 3.35-4.30 Art Club (Year 8) - 3.45-4.30
Wednesday	Upper Prep Hockey Club - 3.45-4.30
Thursday	Upper Prep Drama & Musical Theatre Club - 3.45-4.30 11+ Tuition - 5.00-6.00 Senior Boys (Years 7, 8 & 9) Cricket Club - 3.45-4.30
Friday	

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the following classes in Prep and Senior School who achieved the highest attendance this week (100%):

Prep - 1BT, 3BW, 4B, 4C & 5K

Seniors - 8B, 10A & 10B

