



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 2, 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!

Send in your photos, news and updates to:

info@hydesville.com or Terri.Vas@hydesville.com

A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

As we head towards the Bank Holiday Weekend, it is clear that the school has settled smoothly into the summer term. Year 11 pupils deserve special mention for the calm way in which they are approaching this evidence-gathering time for GCSE judgements. It is evident that their hard work and strong links with teachers are helping them through what is a potentially stressful time. Our best wishes are with them for a smooth journey over the next four weeks.

Going to the after-school clubs this week, I have seen hockey and cricket being enthusiastically played, drama and theatre being performed, and beautiful artwork being created. It is great to observe the return to these things once again: a real sense of the normalcy for children being able to play and do things with friends, and to develop their talents or passions. I am keen that we are at the forefront of extra-curricular excellence in Walsall for the start of the new year, so these signs are most encouraging.

The national media have been painting a story of the significant loss of progress for children through the lockdown, so conversations with all of the Prep teachers during this week have been heart-warming. Despite the disruptions, these staff are looking at what the original extended targets were for the year and still planning for how these aspirations can be achieved.



Thanks to the Hydesville staff from me – a three day weekend is fully deserved 😊

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Nursery

Wow! Another busy week in Nursery as children continue to focus on an array of Summertime activities in line with their summertime topic.



OH I DO LIKE TO BE BESIDE THE SEASIDE

The children have demonstrated and used their phonic knowledge to word build, blend and write their very own summer poems, and featuring things they see and do at the seaside, as well as completing summer word activities. Amazing work by all!



OUT IS THE NEW IN

During afternoon session children participate in child-initiated play, either inside the Nursery classrooms or in our outdoor areas.

This gives children the sense of freedom within their play, whilst supporting their creative and imaginative learning, as they make their way through their learning journey.

NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK

During 'Sound of the Week, children were able to demonstrate great pencil control as they formed their own 'W' sound before using play dough to manipulate and roll it to make more 'W' sounds, remembering how to write it: 'down, up, down, up.'

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

That's right it's 'x-x-x-exercise.'



IT'S A BUGS LIFE

Children have been hardworking little bugs completing ladybird addition activities where they have doubled the spots to find the overall total, counted the spots and coloured them in, and painted and made their own paper plate ladybirds.



Prep - Y2

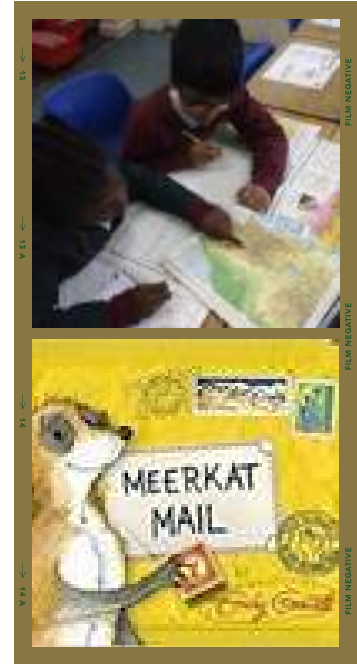
LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

'WE'RE GOING ON SAFARI'

Pupils in Year 2 have been excited to start a new topic 'We're Going on Safari'. They got to grips with using a world map and located Kenya, as well as looked at which countries border Kenya. They used maps to look for key features such as the capital city, other smaller towns, mountains and rivers.

Children enjoyed discussing the differences between national parks and game reserves in Kenya and have located these on their maps.

In the next couple of weeks, Mr Staffiere will explore with children about what life is like in Kenya and comparing it to their own locality, life and experiences.



MAIL FROM SUNNY, THE MEERKAT

In English, Year 2 have been fully immersed into their class reading book, Meerkat Mail. The children discussed how the story is structured along with looking at the different locations Sunny visited.



Pupils improved their skills with using apostrophes and conjunctions by creating their own sentences about the characters in the book.

They looked at the postcards Sunny sent back to his family and created their own postcard from a new location.

BUDDING MATHEMATICIANS

During Maths, pupils have been concluding their unit on fractions. They have continuously improved on their skills in finding fractions of shapes and quantities. They used bar models to find fractions of an amount such as $\frac{1}{4}$ of 16, $\frac{2}{4}$ of 16 and $\frac{3}{4}$ of 16. As well as looking at the relationship between $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{2}{4}$ and children were surprised to discovered they are the same amount!

The next topic coming up will be exploring measurement (length and height). Measuring, ordering and comparing objects using cm and m.

Great job Year 2!



A note from Miss Fairbrother...

"We are thrilled to finally welcome back Prep Sports Clubs, including Cricket and Hockey. As always, they continue with great success with many pupils in Upper Prep joining the extremely popular Hockey Club with Mr Johnson. We have seen lots of pupils develop a passion for Hockey with many continuing their interest out of school by joining Wednesbury Hockey Club where Mr Johnson is the coach. To find out more please contact him on 07963 562321.

"On another note, Enrichment has continued throughout the year, both virtually during lockdown and now back in school proper. Pupils stay with their class teacher and enjoy taking part in different activities each week. Activities range from arts and crafts, dodgeball and board games.

"Here are Year 3's windy windmill creations created during Wednesday's Enrichment..."

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 8 - MISS EYNON

"Year 8 have returned from online learning back into school life with great enthusiasm and are glad to be reunited with one other again.

"Last term pupils explored the term 'kindness' and discussed how kindness was for not just good for others but was also good for individuals and for the greater community at school and beyond.

"Pupils looked at famous people in History, acts of kindness and inspirational quotes that could support them in becoming kinder human beings.

"I look forward to the year ahead with Year 8 as we move on to discuss the importance of them moving into Year 9 where they will be deciding their GCSE options."

OVER IN THE LAB....

This term in Science, pupils have worked hard to adapt to being back in the Science labs.

Key Stage 4 are facing a crucial time in their Senior School journey by focusing on their upcoming examinations in May in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. We wish them the very best of luck!

Meanwhile, Key Stage 3 move onto their next topics and carrying out practical work which they enjoy the most. They have recently been learning how to wire a plug, construct electrical circuits, look at cells using microscopes and carry out a flower dissection.



Hopefully, Years 7 and 8 will be able to visit a local park soon to complete their upcoming Ecology project and use a range of equipment to collect different living species.

On a final note, pupils have had the chance to use Century Tech during lockdown pupils are encouraged to use this platform as part of their revision for their upcoming end of year examinations in May.

FRUSTRUMS, CONES AND SPHERES

This week, Year 10 have been hard at work solving problems involving the surface area and volume of objects including frustums, cones and spheres. To give the lesson a practical element, pupils worked on nets of various polyhedral. We are sure you'll agree, Year 10 looked rather pleased with their handy work. Ibby even managed to balance a dodecahedron on his head, which is no mean feat!

The word polyhedron has slightly different meanings in geometry and algebraic geometry. In geometry, a polyhedron is simply a three-dimensional solid which consists of a collection of polygons, usually joined at their edges. The word derives from the Greek poly (many) plus the Indo-European hedron (seat).



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:
H**M**



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:
LILIANNE



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:
DYLAN



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:
KADII



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:
SHIVAM



YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:
OMVEER



YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:
ARYAAN



YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:
VEER



YEAR 10 PUPIL OF THE WEEK:
COMING NEXT WEEK



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MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK:
AVARAN (YEAR 5)

NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

CALLING ALL BOOKWORMS

The next Hydesville Tower School Parent & Staff Book Club will take place on Wednesday 19th May at 7.00pm.

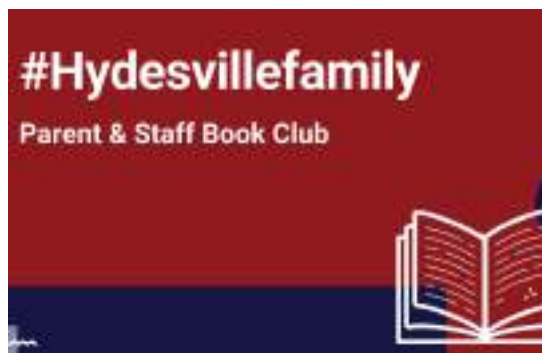
We will be discussing two books this time. Please feel free to pick your favourite title, or even read both!

1. Down Under by Bill Bryson.
2. The Hundred Year Old Man who Climbed out of the Window and Disappeared by Jonas Jonasson.

We will meet via Microsoft Teams, just bring a drink and some snacks.

To register your attendance, please email sarah.archer@hydesville.com and we will send you the link to join the event.

See you on May 19th...happy reading!



DO YOU KNOW ANYONE LOOKING FOR A PLACE IN OUR THRIVING PREP SCHOOL?

Please spread the word to any friends, family or colleagues who might be interested in a place in our hugely successful Prep School for their son or daughter.

Our Virtual Meet the Headmaster Events are a perfect way to discover more and take place on:

- Tuesday, 11th May at 10am
- Tuesday, 18th May at 2pm

At these events, prospective families will meet Mr Honey, via video call and find out about how we prepare our children in Prep School to pass the 11+. They will also hear about Hydesville's small class sizes, our outstanding pastoral support and the extensive extra-curricular and enrichment programme.

Contact our Admissions Manager, Christine Phillips, to register for the events: 01922 624374, info@hydesville.com



NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON TESTING

As we've moved quickly to adapt to an evolving pandemic, it is important that we do not become complacent as the vaccinations progresses and the spread of the virus lowers.

On Monday, Pupils in Senior School received a top up of lateral flow testing kits. If your child has for what ever reason not brought this home, please do contact your child's form tutor.

Testing helps us all to:

- 1) Identify more of the infected
- 2) Enables better contact tracing
- 3) Helps to inform research and government action



Let's continue to do our bit!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - RJ, 1BT, 1E, 5K & 5L

Seniors - 8B & 10B



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 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	

CATERING



A long time ago in a galaxy far, far away...

...is a themed menu coming next Tuesday. Chartwells will delight our tummies with Star Wars inspired desserts and a themed salad bar.

May the Fourth be with you!

