



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 4, 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



The weeks are flying by fast, and with just a fortnight until half-term, attention switches to assessments for many parts of the school. Timely therefore, that we have been marking Mental Health Awareness Week, since for many children, assessments can be a time of stress and anxiety. It is a pity in many ways that high-stakes exams dominate so much of childhood, especially when we look at the world that our children are likely to inhabit: there will be increasingly less need to memorise huge banks of information given the development of more sophisticated Artificial Intelligence.

Nevertheless, exams or tests are here to stay for the time being, so helping the children manage their emotions at this time is invaluable. There has been a focus on getting out into the natural environment as a very powerful means of relieving stress – although the recent weather has not helped us in this cause. I would ask families to keep talking with their children so they are helped to discuss any concerns they may have: the pressure is often self-imposed, and knowing that they have our full support can benefit a worried child.

If you have the chance to see the lovely Nursery video released on our Facebook page this morning looking at what they have been doing around MHAW, I fully recommend doing so! They are such a treat and remind us of the magical time and optimism experienced by our youngest. I will try and follow their advice this weekend 😊.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Nursery



TIME TO RELAX BE KIND, BE CREATIVE, BE BRAVE, BE YOU!

This week children in Nursery have been taking lots of time to relax in light of Mental Health Awareness Week. They have participated in mindful breathing with a teddy and learning how doing this makes us feel better. We discussed how this helps our brain grow, develop, and stay healthy. As you can see, the children loved some relaxation time!

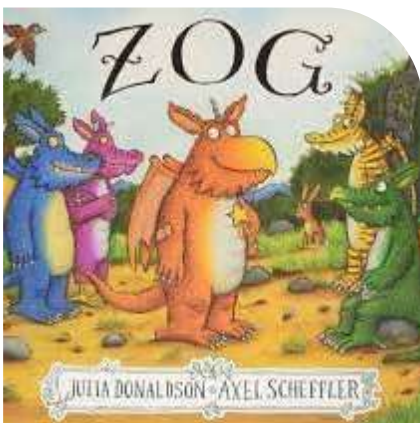
I SCREAM, YOU SCREAM, WE ALL SCREAM FOR ICE-CREAM

During our number activity this week children had fun making a number ice-cream. They have been developing their touch-counting skills and have shown super number knowledge. This activity also supported children cutting out shapes, thus developing fine motor skills.

Well done children for your amazing number work this week!



NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK



Get ready for next week's story, Zog by Julia Donaldson.

Can you guess what next week's sound is?



SANDY TOES

Welcome to Hydesville Beach...



Children visited our very own in-house beach and had plenty of fun taking off their shoes and socks and getting messy in the sand. They loved building sandcastles, searching for the shells, and feeling the sand through their fingertips and toes.

All that was missing was the sunshine but the weather didn't dampen spirits.



Prep - Y4

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATING NATURE



This week has been Mental Health Awareness Week and the theme has been 'nature.' Pupils in Year 4 had the chance to complete a variety of activities related to this theme, including writing an acrostic poem about nature, as well as spending their enrichment session in the Arboretum with their friends in Years 3 to 6. 4C will also be presenting an assembly all about nature and mental health next week.

SECRETS OF A SUN KING

This term in Year 4, pupils are studying the book, 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll. After an interesting start to the book involving a cursed item from the past, pupils have been transported back in time to the period of the Ancient Egyptians.

This week, pupils have had the opportunity to be newspaper reporters, where they interviewed witnesses and created newspaper reports based on the outcome of a chariot race, involving the famous Egyptian pharaoh, Tutankhamun. In the coming weeks, pupils will be delving further into the history of this period as well as discovering if the main character, Lil, can save her grandad from succumbing to this terrible curse.



MADHUBANDHI ART

Year 4 have been looking at different styles of Indian art. They have now completed their final piece in the unit which was inspired by Madhubandhi art.

Children worked incredibly hard to copy original pieces of Madhubandhi drawings. They then added the signature double line border using fine liners and finally added the amazing colours using drawing ink. Here is some of the work produced by pupils and we are sure you'll agree, they've done a brilliant job!



MUMMIFICATION MADNESS!

Linked to our work in English, pupils have been focussing on Ancient Egypt in our Topic session. This week, they turned their attention to looking at mummification. After deciding that it would be too grisly to mummify a member of the year group, they practised their new-found mummification skills on a tomato.

Just like in ancient times, it will take a few weeks before we know if our mummification has been successful!



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



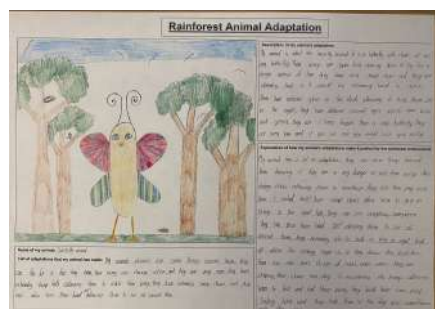
A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 10 - MISS HAMILTON

The Summer Term has proven to be one of the busiest periods of the academic year for Year 10 pupils, as they prepare themselves for the all-important end of year examinations. Pupils have been asked to identify obstacles which may hinder their success in these examinations and reflect upon positive and specific solutions which can help them to overcome problem areas. As a school we hope that pupils will begin to implement such techniques into their personal lives and find positive ways to overcome obstacles. In addition to this, Year 10 pupils have taken on more responsibility around the school, and many have volunteered to act as interim prefects. A select number of pupils have also opted to take on the role of the Head Boy/Head Girl team and deliver whole school assemblies which highlight upcoming festivals and holidays of cultural significance.

THE SUBJECT WITH LATITUDE

In Geography, pupils have been fascinated by how regions of the world differ physically, socially, economically and politically. They are building on understanding the interaction between physical and human processes, and of the formation and use of landscapes and environments and how they change over time.

Year 7 have taken a virtual trip as explorers into the tropical rainforests to explore the wonderful biodiversity in the biome, finding out how different animals have adapted to survive in that environment. As a result, they have created their own weird and wonderful animals of the rainforest (see below), giving them specific adaptive characteristics. They just might already exist, just waiting to be discovered...you never know!



Simran

Year 8 have learned about conflict around the world, and have created messages for the Red Hand campaign against the use of child soldiers. Although a somewhat emotional topic, they have come to appreciate the differences in the socio-political atmospheres of different regions, and most especially to appreciate the freedom they enjoy as young children.

Year 9 have focused on extreme global impacts dwelling on extreme cities, extreme tourism and extreme global commons.

LIFE IN THE TRENCHES

Since returning from the Easter holidays, Year 8 pupils have been learning about World War One, evaluating its causes such as the alliance system and exploring what life was like in the trenches. Pupils have studied the structure of trenches, analysed their strengths and weaknesses, and used a combination of online learning and media to empathise with soldiers' experiences.

They also wrote letters from the trenches and have also explored how the British government tried to encourage the recruitment of soldiers early on in the war. Pupils studied photographs, key messages and persuasive rhetoric within government posters before creating their own examples.

Miss Thorne was particularly impressed with the homework posters produced by Nilesch and Ayesha.



Parneet

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:
AZANIA



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:
ABDUL



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:
DHIYAN



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:
TIANNA-ROSE



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:
SIMRAN



YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:
OMVEER



YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:
COMING NEXT WEEK



11A PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
REENA & DILAN



11B PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
JAMAL & PRIYA



MUSIC PERFORMER OF
THE WEEK:
NARIAN (YEAR 6)

NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

UPDATE ON WEARING FACE MASKS



Following the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday 10th May, Mr Honey has issued an update regarding the position for the school over the wearing of face masks and mixing between bubbles. A letter was sent out via Cognita Connect yesterday. Thank you for your ongoing support.

WEDS 26TH MAY: NURSERY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Do you know anyone with a child aged 3 or 4, looking to join the Hydesville Family?

We currently have limited availability in our exceptional teaching nursery for a September 21 start.

Please spread the word about our Virtual Open House at 10am on Wednesday 26th May to find out more.



Click the above infographic to read more about the open event.

SCOUTING OPPORTUNITY



During the forthcoming half term holiday, The Albion Foundation are holding trial sessions for their Junior Premier League Teams at The Albion Foundation. They will be recruiting players from U10-U15 age groups to compliment next season's squads.

The teams will train once a week and play regionally as well as nationally every Saturday.

Please note: The sessions on the link are relative to next year's age groups and not your child's current age groups. Please consider this when signing up for trial sessions.

Any queries, please contact Josh on: josh.bird@albionfoundation.co.uk



To book onto the trials straight away, click on the football.....

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 2S
Seniors - 10A



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
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	