



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to the first Summer Term issue of #HydesvilleFamily Weekly, 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

I am delighted to be welcoming back an old friend! Whilst Cognita Connect was bedding in - and with the first lockdown in place - the newsletter was not fully appropriate. Now though, as we enter the Summer Term and hopefully can look forward to better months ahead, the newsletter returns.

During the recent lockdown, we received some lovely comments from parents about the communications that were coming out, informing them of amazing things happening across all age groups and subjects. Thus, we were keen to maintain these stories, so you can continue to see all that makes us proud of Hydesville Tower School.

This week it gives me pleasure to announce that we have Mrs Majithia and Mrs Pawar joining us, providing maternity cover for two colleagues. Mrs Majithia will be known to some of you already from her previous time with us, and we are delighted to have her return with 3BW whilst Mrs Watson is away.

Mrs Pawar will be covering the Computer Science and Business curriculum teaching for Mrs Jones during her maternity leave. We wish both new colleagues well, and will update you in due course regarding additions to the Hydesville family.

Strict limits on word length from Ms Archer, but I look forward to writing to you again next week!

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# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

# Nursery



## THE SUN HAS GOT HIS HAT ON. HIP, HIP, HIP HOORAY!

This week, children have engaged in a number of activities relating to this term's topic, 'Summer Time'.

The children have been experimenting with their artistic talents to design their own sunglasses and make their own sunshines to display on their very own 'on the beach' scene.

Children especially had lots of fun getting messy making their own hand and footprints in paint.

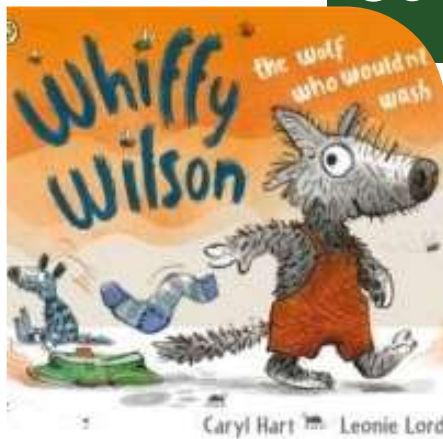
## SELF-PROTRAITS: SPOT THE RESEMBLANCE

Children have been paying close attention to details of their own features when painting a picture of themselves on the beach.

Creating a self-portrait has many great benefits for children, besides just being a fun activity. They will often draw pictures of themselves, along with friends and family. This is a key part of learning and personal development allowing them to express what's important to them, learn about who they are, and how they want to present themselves to the world. This all sounds highly sophisticated, don't you think?



## NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK



Get ready for next week's storytime phonic activity, Wiffy Wilson the wolf who wouldn't wash.

The clue is in the title....



## SANDY NUMBER HUNT

Nursery children demonstrated their number recognition skills by searching for the hidden numbers on the ducks in our Summer discovery tray.

# Prep

## LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS IN YEAR 1

On returning to school after the Easter holidays, Year 1 have settled back into routines very well and Mrs Entecott, Mrs Brown and Mrs Taylor have been delighted with how hard the children have worked this week.

It has also been lovely to see how the children have been excited to see all their friends again and they have enjoyed playing together in this week's lovely sunshine. Long may the nice weather continue!



### COUNTING IN SEQUENCES

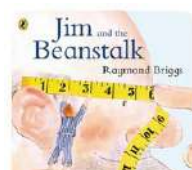
In Maths, Year 1 have been counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Children have enjoyed playing circle games which involved going around the circle and putting in either two thumbs, or five or ten fingers as they went around counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They were very impressed that they managed to count in 5s and 10s to 130!

Excellent work, Year 1!



**Mr Lawrence says...**  
**Remember to bend your knees and swing your arms.**



### JIM & THE BEANSTALK

In English this week, children have started reading a new book.

Pupils have enjoyed predicting what the story could be about, how it could be similar and spotting differences when comparing it to the traditional fairy tale of Jack and the Beanstalk.

They have been taking part in role play, looking at how the main character might be thinking and what conversations he might have had with his parents about climbing the beanstalk.

They then made a conscience alley where the main character was given for and against advice about climbing the beanstalk.

The children then listened to the story and spotted interesting adjectives to use in their own writing.

In Science Year 1 are going to start looking at plants and the children will be planting runner beans in a cup with only a paper towel and water.

The children will be learning what plants need to grow and they will be seeing if the beans can grow without any soil.



### JUMP TO THE SKY

With Sports Day fast approaching, our focus for this term will consist of plenty of practice in jumping, running, and throwing.

Pupils were full of energy this week, practising different jumping techniques such as speed bounce and a standing long jump.



# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

# Senior

## A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MISS THORNE

Year 7 have made an excellent start to the Summer Term by continuing to follow their revision timetables and making creative resources in lessons for the end-of-year exams.

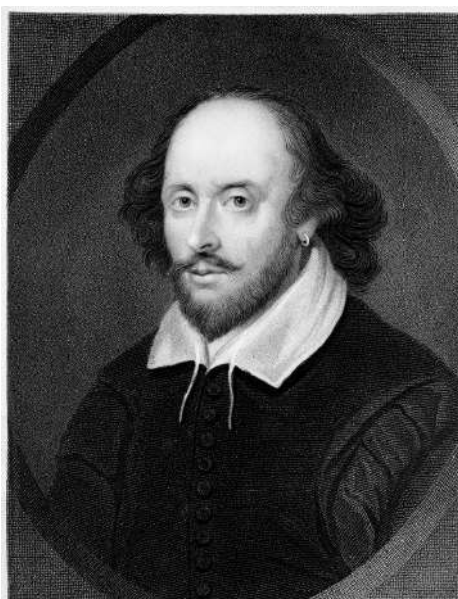
Before Easter, the Year 7 assembly was focused on pupils setting SMART targets to help them aspire in terms of their academic and extra-curricular achievements. These will be reviewed before the end of this half term.

Shria has also led a tutor time session based on the Royal Family, as part of remembering the recent death of Prince Phillip. Well done to Shria!

## MY OBERON! WHAT VISIONS HAVE I SEEN

This half term in English the focus is on the study of dramatic texts. Year 7, 8 and 9 are exploring A Midsummer Night's Dream, The Tempest and Macbeth, which tied in seamlessly with Shakespeare Week, and Year 9 are exploring The Crucible.

All texts have an exciting historical and social context surrounding them which the pupils have also been exploring. During the lessons children have been engaging in Drama tasks, socially distanced, such as: Role on the Wall, Role Play and Whoosh activities and they are looking forward to exploring even more fun practical tasks over the coming weeks!



## ALL THINGS ARTY!

Despite being in lockdown for part of the year, Hydesville pupils continue to amaze and delight me with the quality of work they produce in art. In online learning pupils may not have had access to a variety of art materials but we are glad to be back full throttle in the Art department.

Art Club has restarted this term; Year 7 have spent three weeks exploring the process of batik; this is where hot wax is used to resist dyes and create patterns.

Next Tuesday sees the start of Year 8 Art Club. We will be creating artwork to be displayed in the revamped library along the theme of 'The Hive'. I am really looking forward to seeing what the pupils create.

*Mrs Shaw  
Head of Art*

Pupils can use the following websites to help develop a wider understanding of Shakespeare's world.

Please click pictures below for access:



★★★★★ **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:  
TADISWA**



**RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:  
ABDUL**



**YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
ASIR**



**YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
JASMINE**



**YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
YUVRAJ**



**YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
ABUBAKR**



**YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
ARYAN**



**YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
TANVIR**



**YEAR 10 PUPIL OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK**



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**MUSIC PERFORMER OF  
THE WEEK:  
AINI (YEAR 9)**

# NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...



## KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

We pride ourselves on providing our pupils a safe environment in which to learn, grow and flourish and thank parents and the wider #Hydesvillefamily in supporting us with this.

In today's digital world, keeping our children safe online is increasingly important.

The Safeguarding area of the School website includes important updates and news regarding apps, websites and social media networks that may pose a risk for our children. These sites have been brought to our attention by our local Safeguarding Board:

<https://www.hydesville.com/safeguarding-information-apps-aware/>



## SUMMER UNIFORM

A reminder that pupils should now be wearing summer uniform.

Our uniform lists are on our website: <https://www.hydesville.com/school-uniform-details/>

Parents are encouraged to either buy uniform online at [www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.crestedschoolwear.co.uk) You can also book an appointment if you wish to visit the Crested School Wear shop (Unit 1 Bradford Mall, Victorian Arcade, Walsall, WS1 1RE). Their opening hours are currently 9.30am - 5.00pm.

You can contact the store to book an appointment on 01922 276266 or email [crestedwalsall@outlook.com](mailto:crestedwalsall@outlook.com)

## CATERING

Mr Long and his team have been busy putting together some very delicious menus for the remainder of this academic year.

Click the Chartwells whisk to view the menus.



## ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

**Congratulations to the following classes in Prep and Senior School who achieved the highest attendance this week:**

**Prep - 5K  
Seniors - 11B**



## 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	