



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 7, 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.

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

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A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

It has been lovely to welcome everyone back, and with our new picnic benches and sun shields in the main playground, there is even more opportunity to enjoy the weather. It has been a delight to see all the children – many of whom have clearly been rejuvenated by their holiday break. For the staff too, it has been a chance to build up the reserves of energy before the frantic final few weeks of the year.

We are all waiting and wondering about Monday's announcement regarding the next stage of lockdown. With sports days and prizegiving events all due to occur from the end of this month, we have much to hope for that the scientific data remains positive. As soon as we have reviewed the decisions, we will communicate about how we will make these occasions work safely and well. We realise their importance for children and parents, so will look to create the best for all concerned whilst remaining within guidelines.

I saw a wonderful Facebook post of the five Year 1 boys going for their weekly golf session. I think it is time to make a bold prediction. National schools champions by 2026 when the boys conclude Year 6? Starting young did a great deal for Tiger Woods, and to have a team together like this seems immense. We will watch their progress carefully!

Wishing you all a very happy weekend...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Nursery



THE SUN CONTINUES TO SHINE ON NURSERY

This week our focus has been learning about how to keep ourselves safe in the sunshine. The children have been discussing how we use sunscreen to protect our skin from burning, drink water to keep our bodies hydrated and wear protective clothing. Children have had lots of fun cutting out items associated with sun safety and sticking them on their very own figure.



TEAM WORK MAKES THE DREAM WORK

Nursery children have been getting down with nature and demonstrating their gardening skills. We are observing the fruits of our labour from our previous activity where the children planted a variety of vegetable seeds.



Of course our vegetable seeds need sunshine to grow....children have been working hard to demonstrate their artistic talent to design their own sunshine using a variety of different mediums. Each design is unique, just like our wonderful children. From all staff in the Nursery, you are all the sunshine that makes our day!



NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK



Can you guess next week's sound?

Look for the clues...

CHOO CHOO!

Every afternoon the children enjoy child-initiated fun. Child-initiated play supports children's creative and imaginative learning and developmental skills. This also enables them to learn first hand experiences, allowing the children to make independent choices using their own resources to extend ideas to create their very own personal adventures through discovery. The children have been using their imaginative skills to make a train from cardboard boxes and setting up their own car wash.



Prep - Y1

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



GIUSEPPE ARCIMBOLDO

During our Art lessons we have been looking at the fantastic fruit painting completed by Giuseppe Arcimboldo. The children were fascinated to see all the different fruits and vegetables he used and how he depicted the different parts of a face.

Pupils then channelled their inner "Giuseppe" to create their own pictures inspired by 'wonderful faces'.

They thought hard about the different fruits and vegetables and in preparation cut out paper copies (due to Covid restrictions) and created their own wonderful masterpieces. We hope you like our fruitful masterpieces because we sure had a fantastic time making them!

ASSESSMENT WEEK

This week we have been so excited to be able to show everyone how clever we are. In Year 1 we have been talking about all the different ways we can find an amount, how to count in 2's, 5's and 10's, the names of shapes and even having a whistle stop lesson on telling the time on a digital and on an analogue clock.

To help refresh our literacy skills we have been looking at how to write lots of different words using our phonic skills and remembering when to use a capital letter and a full stop in a sentence.

Mrs Entecott, Mrs Brown and Mrs Taylor are delighted with your hard work and efforts Year 1!



SPORTS DAY PREPARATIONS

We have been blessed with glorious weather this week that has made sports day preparations that little more delightful. Here's to hoping we have such lovely weather on the big day!

This week, pupils across Prep School have focused on consolidating all they've been learning in PE, ready for sports day. Children have practised their techniques for events such as: the long jump, zorb throwing, cricket ball throw, sprints, relay and the infamous tug of war.

This year will be a little different with pupils taking part in every event in a round-robin within a games afternoon.

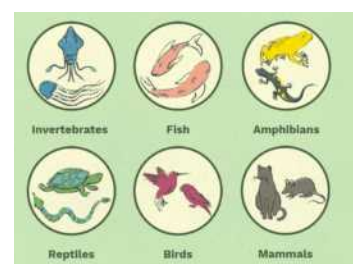
Event details will be confirmed soon.

Miss Fairbrother

COMING UP IN SCIENCE

In Science this half term we are beginning to explore groups of animals and differentiating between mammals, birds, reptiles, fish amphibians, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.

Pupils will be developing their key vocabulary about animals including humans. They will also be completing practical activities, where they will be challenged to group the different animals into the groups that they belong to. We are also hoping to observe some caterpillars and how they gradually change into butterflies.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 7 - MISS THORNE

The Summer term has proven to be very busy for Year 7 pupils with their end of year exams. I am very proud of them for their hard work, resilience and revision in preparation for these exams, and they can now begin to reflect on their strengths and areas for improvement across each subject. Congratulations to Rayah, Anaiya, Harveen and Natasha in their new roles as Junior Librarians. It is brilliant to hear of Year 7 pupils taking on roles of responsibility within the school.

As we navigate through this half term, Year 7 focus will be on 'looking ahead', considering new academic and extra-curricular targets for the transition to Year 8 and how pupils can develop their confidence with a focus on Mental and Physical health.

AN ODE TO YEAR 11

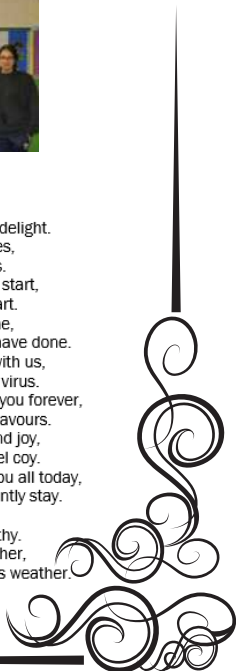
Year 11 thoroughly enjoyed their farewell celebrations this afternoon with Miss Jenkins and Mr Honey alongside their teachers. We bid a final farewell to Year 11 today as they leave for pastures new.

Here is an ode to Year 11 from Head of Senior School, Miss Jenkins...



Class of 2021

In 2016 when you entered the school site,
 Little did we know that your year group would be such a delight.
 Every member of staff consistently sang your praises,
 Of you, staff would talk highly of for ages and ages.
 In your cohort we saw something very special from the start,
 Now today has come the day that we must finally part.
 You have set the bar high for pupils in years to come,
 For the Hydesville community so many positive things you have done.
 You've overcome so much in the years you have been with us,
 Not forgetting to mention surviving the infamous covid virus.
 We hope the memories you have made with us will stay with you forever,
 And that we have prepared you fully for your future endeavours.
 During the years you have brought so much success and joy,
 Of your achievements you should most certainly not feel coy.
 We look forward to celebrating your time at Hydesville with you all today,
 Although we wish that at Hydesville you could all permanently stay.
 Today is a celebration of your Hydesville journey,
 Of the praise you receive you are most certainly worthy.
 Without further ado let's now spend some time together,
 Let's make our way to the arboretum and enjoy this glorious weather.



OLÉ FOR LEARNING SPANISH!

Year 9 pupils who have opted to study GCSE Spanish have started their lessons this half term with Miss Jenkins to begin preparing for the GCSE content. Miss Jenkins is already impressed by the pupils' levels of Spanish, their vocabulary knowledge and their ability to manipulate grammar rules.

The pupils are currently reviewing aspects of the KS3 curriculum which they studied with Mrs Fellows and are gradually start to build on this knowledge. Miss Jenkins plans for these Year 9 pupils and some of the current GCSE Spanish pupils to become Spanish Ambassadors to support with Key Stage 3 Spanish clubs which will enable pupils in Year 7 to Year 9 to experience some of the Spanish language ahead of choosing their GCSE options in Key Stage 4.

Year 10 Spanish pupils have completed a round of assessments on Theme 1 Identity and Culture. Congratulations to Ekim who achieved the highest mark in Reading, and to Balvin who scored the highest in Listening.



¡Felicitaciones!



Next week we will find out the results of pupils' Writing and Speaking assessments before beginning Theme 2 Local, National, International and Global areas of interest, starting with Unit 5 Home, Town, Neighbourhood and Region.

Year 10 pupils will need to know the vocabulary inside out!

Click the Spanish flag to access the vocab



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:
AMAYA



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:
MUHAMMED



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:
ARJUN



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:
REUBEN



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:
AVAANI



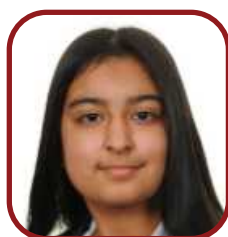
YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:
LAILA



YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:
HANZALA



YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:
DHAYA



8A PUPILS OF THE WEEK BEFORE
HALF TERM:
PARNEET & N*****



8B PUPILS OF THE WEEK BEFORE
HALF TERM:
ZACH & NILESH



MUSIC PERFORMER OF
THE WEEK: ZACH
(YEAR 8)

NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

PREFECT VACANCIES AVAILABLE

Pupils in current Year 10 are invited to submit applications to become prefects from September 2021.

Details have been shared with pupils direct and the closing date for applications to Mr Honey is 4pm on Friday 18th June.

Pupils should speak to their Form Tutor or Head of Year for any support with their applications.



CALLING ALL BUDDING MUSICIANS

A reminder to parents that we offer a range of individual music lessons for pupils from Nursery to Year 11.

If you are interested in your child having lessons from September, please express your interest to Head of Music, Mr Hill-Jayne via joe.hill-jayne@hydesville.com or contact the school office.

There are still places available for flute, violin, guitar and singing. Piano lessons are now full.

UPDATE REGARDING FACE COVERINGS

We have today (Friday 11th June) sent out an update to all Senior School parents regarding the wearing of masks in school following a special update from Walsall Public Health regarding the current position locally with the delta variant of COVID-19. There is a recommendation that secondary aged pupils return to wearing masks in classes and communal areas.

We will be guided by this advice, given that keeping everyone safe within our Hydesville community and extended families remains of high importance. We ask that all Senior School pupils have a face mask available for Monday, and return to wearing it at all times apart from when eating or drinking. This mitigation will be a vital step in reducing the risk of asymptomatic transfer, hence keeping everyone safer.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 1E, 4B, 4C & 5L

Seniors - 10B



DATES AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP WEEK

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

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| Monday | Year 5 Art Club - 3.35-4.35 Lower Prep Elocution Club - 3.30-4.00 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 | |