



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 10, 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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## A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The weeks are rolling by rapidly and with a fortnight to go until the end of term, end of year summaries and feedback are being considered through a range of reports for all children and Parents' Evenings for some. Having read through all the reports – even those that I don't write final words on – I am immensely impressed by how much the children have achieved and of the quality of feedback by the teachers. In a time when disruption to children's learning has been unprecedented across the country, the level of performance of our Hydesville pupils has been outstanding. Whether the Early Years Foundation Stage, Prep GL assessments, or working towards GCSEs for our Senior pupils in Years 7 – 10, there is remarkable progress despite the challenges. In ISI inspection terms, the academic achievements of our pupils rate as excellent.

Teachers have spent a considerable period of time crafting these reports and whilst parents and carers are important audiences, we hope that the children are able to reflect on the comments fully as well. If every child is able to take one key target away from each subject report and this makes a difference in their approach next year, the reports will have achieved a lot.



Wishing you all a positive weekend ahead. Should your interest be football or tennis, let's hope we are still celebrating come Monday!

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# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

# Nursery

## THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR COMES TO HYDESVILLE



Nursery children enjoyed a Chartwells interactive session based on The Very Hungry Caterpillar story. They identified the different foods the caterpillar ate and discussed which foods helped the caterpillar to grow and stay healthy, and which foods made the caterpillar poorly.



The children then took part in the edible art challenge, where they created a caterpillar made with a selection of fruits and vegetables. They especially enjoyed tasting their creations!



These t-shirts are truly awesome and very well thought out, as the children expressed the things that make them feel happy. Expressing yourself is about finding ways to share your thoughts, feelings and ideas through creativity, and this is just what our budding artists have done!

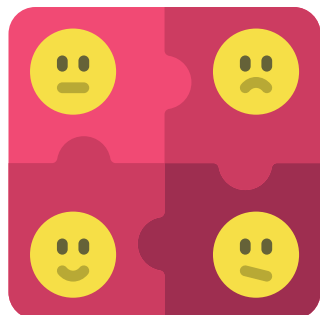
## SPLASH OF ART!

The children have shown their creative side this week as put so much time and effort into designing their very own t-shirt for our sponsored well-being event that took place today in aid of Acorns Children's Hospice and St. Giles Hospice in Lichfield.



## BE HAPPY! BE HEALTHY! BE ACTIVE!

Over the last week we have enjoyed lots of group discussions about how we are feeling. What makes us happy, what contributes to good health and who we can talk to if we ever feel sad. Just look at those faces!!!



## NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK

Can you guess next week's sound...





# Prep - Y4

## LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



### INVERTEBRATE HUNT! BY KAIRON SIDHU

On Thursday 24th June Year 4 went on an invertebrate hunt to find many different invertebrates, from slimy slugs to beautiful butterflies.

Our scientific topic is 'living things and their habitats' so we went to the Arboretum armed with a classification key to identify the animals we found. There were some fascinating animals including what we think was a lady bird larvae.

In the classroom we learned about the different types of invertebrates such as crustaceans, insects, molluscs, annelids, protozoa and arachnids.

We went into damp, muddy areas as well as dry, grassy areas to search for different species. It was great fun discovering animals in nature.

### TOMB RAIDERS

During topic, Year 4 have been studying the Ancient Egyptians. Our class book, 'Secrets of a Sun King' by Emma Carroll, has kept us enthralled as Lil and her friends travel to Egypt to return a cursed artefact.

We have learned about Howard Carter's discovery and written newspaper reports and fact files about Egyptian animals, but our favourite piece of writing is our poem about a sand storm.

4B have enjoyed our topic so much that they wanted to create an Egyptian death mask during their enrichment time. We used cardboard, papier mache and paint to create our own versions of Tutankhamun's famous face covering.



### CITYSCAPES

Year 6 have been working on a unit entitled 'Cityscapes' during their Art lessons. Over the last two lessons they have drawn their one point perspective city and have now started adding colour. They have created some very individual buildings and are adding colour extremely well.

Year 6 have produced some amazing art work during their time in Hydesville Prep.

We wish them all a very artistic future!



### GEOMETRY!

Geometry has been our focus in maths and over the last two weeks we have been studying angles, properties of shape and symmetry. The children have really enjoyed learning about the different types of angles and can recognise acute, obtuse and reflex angles. More difficult, was solving problems including shapes, but they rose to the challenge and can now draw shapes accurately from a description using their knowledge of measure and angles. The children also enjoyed using the mirrors to learn about reflective symmetry.

Next week in Year 4 we will be learning how to translate shapes using co-ordinates.



# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



## A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 10 - MISS HAMILTON

Year 10 pupils rose to the challenge of the end of year examinations and their hard work and dedication paid off, as many pupils achieved impressive results. They can now take a well-earned rest and recuperate. Pupils are encouraged to use the extended summer break to reflect upon their performance in individual subjects and put in place active and specific targets to ensure they return to Hydesville in a positive position.

As a school, we know the importance of looking after our well-being and we also encourage them to spend plenty of time socialising – within government guidelines and exploring a range of hobbies and interests. I will be spending my summer challenging myself to learn the German language.

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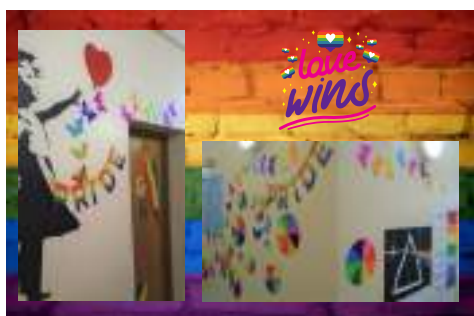
## LGBTQ+ PRIDE MONTH

In recognition of LGBTQ+ Pride month, Mrs Shaw has challenged each form in the Senior School to decorate their form room door to highlight and celebrate diversity.

This morning Mr Honey was welcomed by a rainbow of colours lining our senior corridors. With much deliberation we are pleased to announce our joint winning forms: Miss Eynon 8A and Mrs Chattha 7B.

Mr Honey was impressed with how their displays linked to science whilst also celebrating the LGBTQ+ community.

During the next academic year, Miss Eynon will also be organising a LGBTQ+ club for pupils which will be a safe space for pupils to talk, have time to themselves or complete activities together.



## WHO WANTS TO BE A MODAL? AND...CALCULATOR CURIOS

For the last three lessons Year 7 have been involved in project work utilising their recently acquired new skills on calculating averages and spread and displaying data in charts and tables.

Each group designed a questionnaire which gathered data regarding the pastimes, hobbies, families and academic interest of the whole cohort. The best questions were selected and pupils then completed the group questionnaire and used the output to make posters that displayed their mathematical skillset and represented the modal characteristics and averages of their peer group.

Miss Jenkins was thrilled to judge the fantastic work produced by all. A big congratulations goes to:

- 1st place - Shria and E\*\*\*\*I
- 2nd place - Natasha and Kishan
- Joint 3rd place - Jayden and Ibby  
Anaiya and Rayah.



Meanwhile, Year 8 have been producing videos, posters and PowerPoints on the key functionality of their scientific calculators. These skills are sometimes overlooked and so pupils have enjoyed producing materials that explore the less common features of the equipment such as time conversions, tables for graphs and Nilesch has even explored Logs, Permutations and Factorials, buttons which are normally reserved for Year 12 pupils. Go Nilesch!

## 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:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 4 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:  
COMING NEXT WEEK



10A SENIOR PUPILS OF THE  
WEEK:  
BALVIN & EKIM



10B SENIOR PUPILS OF THE  
WEEK:  
CHANROOP & ROMAN



MUSIC PERFORMER OF  
THE WEEK: AMEEN  
(YEAR 8)



# NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

## NURSERY & RECEPTION PRIZE-GIVING

We are very much looking forward to opening our doors for Nursery & Reception prize-giving next week.

Here is a reminder of the plans:

Tuesday 6th July in school, adhering to social distancing and other Government restrictions.

Nursery ceremony is at 9:00am and Reception is at 2:00pm. Nursery parents/carere - please ensure your child arrives promptly at 8:45am.

Please check your 'offers' on Cognita Connect to book your ticket for this event. We respectfully ask for one representative from each family.



## ABIBLIOPHOBIA? DO NOT FEAR, VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR IS HERE...

The virtual book fair is now live for all pupils and will close on Tuesday 6th July.

There are 1000's of books at only £2.50 including many top titles, from baby books through to teen books. There's many great non-fiction books too! All orders placed during our book fair will be delivered to school for free. Hydesville will earn a free book for every five £2.50 books purchased by the parents.

## FINAL DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

With only two weeks remaining until the end of the academic year, a reminder that the last day of term is Thursday 15th July.

School will close at 12 noon for all pupils on this day. Any pupils using school transport can use the bus service as usual however at the earlier time stated above.



Please note, next week will be the last issue of our #Hydesvilleweekly. We'll be back in September bringing you all the latest news and highlights from across the school.

## ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 1E, 4C, 5L & 6B

Seniors - 7B & 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<br>Lower Prep Elocution Club - 3.30-4.00           |
| Tuesday   | Year 10 GCSE Art Club - 3.45pm till 4.30pm                                     |
| Wednesday |  |
| Thursday  | Upper Prep Drama & Musical Theatre Club - 3.45-4.30<br>11+ Tuition - 5.00-6.00 |
| Friday    |  |

## SPORTS CLUBS

Mr Lawrence, Miss Fairbrother and Mr Thorne would like to extend a thank you to all pupils who participated in Sports Clubs this academic year.



All Sports Clubs have now finished and will recommence in September.