



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly Issue 11, 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

The final newsletter of the year has arrived and what a twelve months we have seen. We have enjoyed two lovely prizegiving events for Nursery and Reception this week, and in both, the oft-commented point was how quickly the time had passed. It is a timely reminder of just how much every school week matters and why we want to make the most of each day. The children have risen to the challenges set by the staff, and the successes have been many as a consequence.



We are contemplating the news from the government regarding schools from September onwards. With no need to restrict to bubbles, we are hopeful that many aspects of school life return to normal including drop off and collection routines and times. I will write to all parents during the summer once we have had the complete picture beyond headlines, so you know what to expect for the autumn term.

Finally, I give thanks to the staff who leave us at the end of this term. Miss Waite has been a stalwart of the Senior School's drama, English and pastoral provision for the past six years. Her relocation to Slough will bring exciting challenges for her, but we well miss all she contributes to daily life. Miss Parker has completed her teacher training qualifications, which is a tremendous achievement showing her dedication and determination. Her warmth and supportive manner have been key to our youngest Nursery children every year since 2013. Mrs Verma has been a kind and diligent part of the support team, assisting with supervision, after-school care and Learning Support. We also send Miss Thorne best wishes as she commences her maternity leave, and look forward to her return during the next academic year.

My best wishes to you as we close out the final days next week, and thanks for all your support during this year.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Reception

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION!

Tuesday afternoon saw the celebration of our annual prize-giving ceremony. It was lovely to come together to recognise children's efforts, determination and resilience throughout a tough academic year.

All pupils were truly remarkable as they graced staff and proud parents with their presence on the big stage. They patiently waited for their name to be called and with big smiles on their faces they marched merrily to the centre stage to accept their prizes from Mr Honey.

Mrs Downen, Miss Jhaj and Mrs Duffield are so proud of your transformations, Reception, and wish you the best of luck in Year One!



OUR MINI EINSTEINS

Last Thursday pupils beamed with excitement as they made an entrance into their classrooms with wonderful scientific creations made at home. It is clearly evident children had worked so hard to come up with various scientific projects as they eagerly awaited the ever popular, Science Fair.

Teachers were amazed at creations from our smallest pupils in the Prep School, including a fun filled poster about planets, a demonstration of a rainbow made from Skittles and an erupting volcano.

Mr Burnham in Year 6 was bowled over by your creations Reception. Well done to all!

POTSY PAMSY POTTERY PAINTING

Pupils enjoyed a trip to Potsy Pamsy Paint Studio situated in The Hollybush Garden Centre.

The frivolities of the day trip began as children boarded the school coach with plenty of giggles and chattering!

Much to their delight, upon arrival to Potsy Pamsy they listened to the story 'Sharing a Shell' by Julia Donaldson and created a rockpool based on the tale they'd heard.

They then set to work using precision tools and clay to make rocks, seaweed, crabs, worms and other sorts of under water creatures. They later added finishing touches with colourful paints. They all did a fantastic job, remained focussed and went above and beyond their objective.



Prep - Y5

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

MEET JEFF THE POTATO



5K have been studying reproduction in science and as part of their work, the children investigated what would happen if they placed an ordinary potato in some water.

The children observed the potato (now named Jeff!) regularly and were amazed to find that before long, it had begun to grow roots and shoots!

Jeff soon outgrew the cup and was planted out into one of the planters in school where it continues to flourish. Jeff the potato has demonstrated the process of asexual reproduction, being able to reproduce all by itself. 5K have been using their gardening skills to look after Jeff.

They are hoping that enough potatoes will be produced for the class to be able to have one each so they can grow more 'Jeffs' at home.

Maybe you could try this at home too!

ADVENTURE IS WORTHWHILE

Year 5 children have had some adventures this term with two trips to Woodlands Outdoor Activity Centre.

On their first adventure, pupils had the opportunity to learn some bushcraft skills. Bear Grylls would have been impressed with the building of rafts and the sailing of them, the problem solving, the shelters that were built and fires that were lit.

This time, pupils were challenged to face their fears and overcome them. Pupils climbed to great heights, took leaps of faith, scaled obstacles and 'zip-lined' over a 'shark-infested lake'!



It was wonderful to finally be able to go on a trip again. Everyone survived and some fantastic memories were created.

ALL THINGS MUSICAL

Musical Theatre Club has grown this term and, although some restrictions are still in place, we have managed to rehearse a 'virtual version' of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream.' Shakespeare had no idea his play would be recorded in this way and the children would have made him very proud, with their hard work and dedication to a very strange way of rehearsing and performing. We look forward to sharing this with you.

In music we have been busy working away behind the scenes on a project involving KS2/KS3 pupils. Last week the instruments were recorded and some of the video, including our guest rappers. The finishing touches are being added now to create a performance video.

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior

A NOTE FROM KS3 & KS4 COORDINATORS

Key Stage 4 pupils have had a very busy term here at Hydesville. Year 11 pupils completed their in school assessments and during this period we saw excellent hard work and dedication from all of our pupils. It has been lovely to see some pupils back in school since for the Aspiring Futures programme and to speak to the current Year 10 pupils in regards to their GCSE's.

Over the last few weeks, Year 10 have delivered a number of assemblies and have been busy completing their Prefect and Head Boy/Girl applications. It has been wonderful to see them leading on the Eco Committee, Free Birds club and stepping up to Prefect duties since the Year 11's left us.

Well done Key Stage 4 for really demonstrating your commitment through a gruelling Summer term.

Mr Lawrence and Miss Waite

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

D of E this year has been focussed on completing three of the four sections required for the Bronze awards for Year 9.

- Service section - taking part in fundraising activities with Miss Hamilton.
- Skills Sections – learning new First Aid skills with Miss Fairbrother.
- Physical section – trialling various new activities in Games and PE.

Next academic year Year 9 will complete these three sections and learn how to upload and record their section work on e DofE online before starting work towards the fourth section (expedition training).

Due to Covid, the Year 10 DofE walk in June was cancelled and will be rearranged for the Autumn term, followed by the real expedition. In the meantime, Year 10 can complete their work towards the three other sections, which they either completed in school whilst in Year 9 or independently in Year 9 and Year 10, and those signed up for e DofE should be completing online evidence to be signed off for these.

A NOTE FROM HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

I want to congratulate each and every pupil in the Senior school for demonstrating resilience and perseverance during this challenging and unexpected academic year. The pupils adapted quickly to the online teaching and learning provision which was in place during the lockdown and due to its success coupled with the devices each pupil now has, the staff have incorporated elements of online teaching and learning into the classroom provision for the pupils, which is enabling the pupils to progress and thrive in the classroom environment.

Despite the restrictions in place, we have still had a successful academic year, celebrating the successes of the children both inside and outside of the classroom. I am so proud of the pupils, their adaptability, their participation in extracurricular activities and the leadership roles they have assumed despite the challenges they have faced this year. I want to also thank parents for your ongoing support during these unprecedented times and I look forward to the next academic year, when we can continue to support our pupils in both their academic and personal growth.

I hope you have a lovely summer break with your children, which the pupils have truly earned.

Miss Jenkins



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:
TED



RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK:
AWARDED TO ALL



YEAR 1 STAR OF THE WEEK:
NYRAN



YEAR 2 STAR OF THE WEEK:
TIANNA-ROSE



YEAR 3 STAR OF THE WEEK:
IYLA



YEAR 4 STARS OF THE WEEK:
AMAR, JAY & AVNEET



YEAR 5 STAR OF THE WEEK:
KARANVEER



YEAR 6 STAR OF THE WEEK:
TANVIR



9A SENIOR PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
NIHAAL & ARJUN



9B SENIOR PUPILS OF THE WEEK:
ASIYA & JAI



MUSIC PERFORMER OF
THE WEEK: ARUN
(YEAR 9)

NOTICES AND COMING NEXT WEEK...

PREP AND SENIOR PRIZE-GIVING 2021

Our Prep and Senior School prize-giving ceremonies for the Academic Year 2020-21 will take place on Tuesday 5th October (Prep) and Wednesday 6th October (Seniors).

Parents/carers of pupils in Year 6 who are leaving us this year, as well as parents/carers of Year 11 pupils can reserve their tickets for prize-giving now. Please check the 'offers' section in the payments area of Cognita Connect.



PLACES FILLING FAST!

Our Admissions Team has been extra busy recently, with the demand for school places across Hyesville being extremely high.

We do, however, have limited places available in Nursery and some Prep and Senior year group for this September so if you have friends, colleagues or family members interested in joining the #Hydesvillefamily do please ask them to contact us ASAP.

Our Admissions Team is working during the summer holidays and would be delighted to progress their application.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

All extra-curricular clubs have now finished and will recommence in September.



FINAL DAY OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

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, this is our last issue of our #Hydesvilleweekly. We'll be back in September bringing you all the latest news and highlights from across the school. Have a lovely summer!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 2S & 5L

Seniors - 10A

