



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL

# #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily Weekly, our newsletter to keep you updated on all things going on at Hydesville.

Each week we'll share updates on what's been going on across the School. We will also celebrate pupil successes and include 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

As we reach the end of the third week, it is amazing to see what has already been happening in school and also what is coming up in these next three weeks.

First, I have to pick out the joy of the Year 11 football team, defeating Highclare School on Wednesday in a genuine thriller. The happiness of the players (and their fans!) was a delight, and my thanks go to Mr Thorne for his work in driving this area currently. We have a host of other fixtures coming up and good luck to all the players representing the school.

Next week is doubly busy with our Be Well Day on Thursday and our Open Morning on Saturday. For the former, Mrs Dhadda, Mrs Entecott and Mrs Smith have worked hard to produce a wellbeing experience for the children that will be both reflective and participatory. My gratitude to them in giving us all such an enriching opportunity and the pupils will learn more about this next week. Open Morning is a chance to show off our amazing school to the wider world and sustain the successes for the future by attracting great people to Hydesville. Some children are helping us on this morning, and given what excellent representatives they are, we are proud to have them along. Again, details should be reaching you in terms of timings and requirements.

Finally, a quick plug for our forthcoming Prize Giving events. It is essential that we have accurate ticket numbers for Bescot Stadium, so please secure your tickets via Cognita Connect before they are all gone.

Have a very happy weekend...

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## Hydesville Nursery



### HYDESVILLE NURSERY MAKE THEIR MARK

Pre-Prep children have been very busy getting back into the swing of the new term by demonstrating their excellent mark making skills.

They have enjoyed a variety of different mark making activities using a selection of mediums. We value the importance of allowing children to demonstrate the freedom to express themselves creatively and allow them to communicate their feelings through their drawings or even use their marks to tell a story!

Mark making is much more than just a scribble and has so many benefits in a child's development! This is the beginning of a child's journey towards writing and is an important step in a child's development for handwriting, creativity and coordination.

Physical development is enhanced by improving fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination is developed. These marks can also support emerging concepts of maths, developing into mathematical representation and enhancing learning.

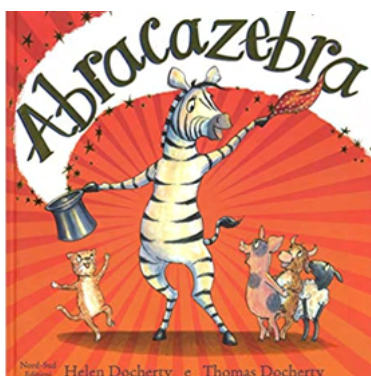
### FOREST FRIDAYS

The children took another big step this week as we ventured into the outdoor classroom where they excelled themselves with a range of fun packed activities, including exploring the mud kitchen to make their own mud cakes and soups. Look out for them in years to come on the 'Bake Off'!

Children have also been constructing with building bricks, making dens and hiding in a selection of different sized boxes and showing off their physical skills in climbing and jumping off the climbing wall. Being outside allows children to express themselves freely, jumping, shouting and exploring to their heart's content. The sense of freedom playing outdoors brings is fantastic for children's development, both physically and mentally.



### SOUND OF THE WEEK



Can you guess the sound for next week?

The clue is in next week's story for StoryTime Phonics.



### MAGIC WORD WEEK



Next week Hydesville Nursery children are taking part in a 'Magic Word' initiative.

As part of Personal Social & Emotional Development we are encouraging the children to use their magic words unprompted. There will be rewards for the children who can complete the challenge!

Please do your best 😊

# Prep - y1

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## HEY YEAR ONE!



Pupils in Year 1 have settled very well into their new routines. Whilst it takes time to prepare children, and to be prepared for children to move across phases we take transition seriously knowing that it does not happen overnight. Pupils transitioning from EYFS need time to get to know new teachers and new classrooms.

Mrs Brown, Mrs Taylor and Mrs Entecott are so proud of you all, well done!

## SMART SPORTSTERS!

Year 1 have had heaps of fun during their PE lessons this week. Here they are showing off how smart they all look in their kits. They have done extremely well as they've independently changed in and out of their kits by themselves ready to be wannabe football stars.

In their PE lessons they have been learning how to dribble with a football. Dribbling is a fundamental skill and core competency children need to learn in order to play the game of football.



Click the football to see three steps to dribble practice.

## ENRICHMENT UPDATE

It has been lovely to see our Upper Prep pupils engaging with this term's enrichment programme.

For the final lesson on a Wednesday afternoon, the timetable is collapsed and given over to pupil enrichment.

The programme draws on the interests and talents of our teachers and is a chance for pupils to enjoy pastimes that are beyond the confines of the examination curriculum. Activities are carefully planned to ensure there is something to appeal to all pupils.

This term pupils have chosen their activity for 6 weeks from the programme. They will pick again after October half term so if pupils haven't receive their first choice there will be another opportunity soon.



## AUTUMN IS THE HUSH BEFORE WINTER

In Science as part of our topic about Autumn we have been looking at the changes between Summer and Autumn. Pupils have started to record the temperature, wind direction and rainfall.

Children have also enjoyed going for an autumnal walk in the Arboretum to see what signs of Autumn they could spot.



# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



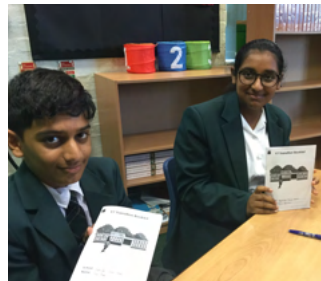
Senior

## A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 7

Year 7 have made a fantastic start to their first term in Hydesville Senior School. During the last couple of weeks they have been working on their Transition Booklets with a range of activities to support their journey into senior school by focusing on topics such as 'Making Friends' and 'Getting Organised'. To support them with completing these booklets they have had opportunities to ask questions and discuss anything they have found challenging.

I am proud on how quickly and smoothly they have all settled in to school life. Well done Year 7!

*Mrs Khan*



## EVERY CHILD IS AN ARTIST!

There has been lots happening in the art department over the past few weeks. Many pupils have signed up for the art clubs this term; KS3 are busy creating entries for the 'save our wildlife' competition.

Year 7 are proving to be an enthusiastic and talented group. They have been exploring the process of mono-printing as part of their portrait project. (The below photo shows 7A with their prints).

Entries have been sent off for this year's ISA art competition; let's keep our fingers crossed that we can match the success of last year.

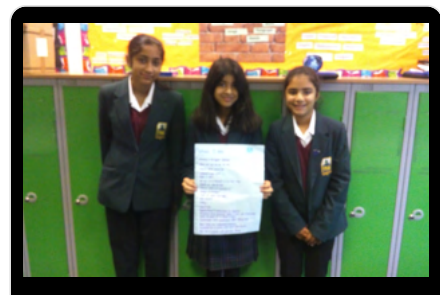
Later this half term we will have Creative Challenge Week and we will taking part in Black History Month, so there is lots to keep us inspired!



## INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY

The start of term coincided with International Literacy Day and we chose women's literacy as our focus this year, drawing pupils' attention to many places around the world where the education of girls is neither a priority nor a right. Pupils raised awareness of the right to an education and the opportunities which become available once you have high literacy levels, and the form groups competed to create an 'Alphabet of Hope'. Well done to Mrs Chattha's form who won the chocolate!

In KS4, pupils began the year by debating their use of technology and the impact this is having on both their physical and mental health. They reflected on this through formal letters and have generated a number of new initiatives they are planning to highlight the importance of this topic for younger pupils later in this term.



Pictured above: Harveen, Simran and Anisa with their Alphabet of Hope.

## SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

AMBIGUOUS

Latin: ambi (both ways) | Latin: agere (to drive)

equivocal, ambivalent, arguable, debatable

ENGLISH: The poet's meaning was ambiguous. GEOGRAPHY: These are separated by a very ambiguous frontier, and have their geographical and political links to the south and north respectively. DESIGN: By making the imagery ambiguous, I want to allow space for individual interpretation.

adjective | Open to more than one interpretation; not clear

Early 16th Century; indistinct; obscure

Who would use this word?

Poet  
Architect  
Artist

## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a Head's Commendation for excellence in the classroom this week:

### PREP SCHOOL



Prep School stars of the week:

- Reception - J\*\*\*\*j
- Year 1 - Saranya
- Year 2 - Avi
- Year 3 - Jessica
- Year 4 - Brogan
- Year 5 - Omveer
- Year 6 - Gavish

### SENIOR SCHOOL



Senior School pupils of the week:

Coming next week!

### NURSERY



Chloe, for being an exceptional pupil, working really hard and following the Golden Rules.

### SENIOR ENGLISH STARS



Cedric 10A - for writing an outstanding letter.  
Harveen 8B - for showing enthusiasm in her lessons and volunteering to be a librarian.

### MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Tegh 4C - for an impressive singing performance and enthusiasm.

## NOTICES AND COMING UP...

### PRIZE GIVING 2021

We are very excited to come together and celebrate the successes from the Academic Year 2020-21 at our forthcoming prize giving events on Tuesday 5th October (for pupils who were in Years 1 – 6 last year) and Wednesday 6th October (for pupils who were in Years 7 – 11 last year).

Ticket details have been sent out again via Cognita Connect this week. Please check the payments area.

The final date to reserve tickets is Monday 27th Sept at 12 noon.

Don't delay - book today!



### OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 2ND OCTOBER

We're opening our doors to prospective families on Saturday, 2nd October for our All School Open Morning.

Parents, please look out for your child's request to support this event by giving your permission via Cognita Connect for your child(ren) to join us for the event. Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors and their support at our open events is invaluable.

Please also spread the word about our open event to any colleagues, friends and family who might be interested in their child joining the #Hydesvillefamily.

Hydesville parents are also very welcome to come along, especially Year 6 families, as the event will give you the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School.



### PREP EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Our extensive Prep School Extra-Curricular Clubs programme has now gone live! You can book places via the payments area on Cognita Connect.

We politely ask that no parent signs their child for more than two free club activities per week – partly so everyone has the chance to participate, but also to give your child some time each week for genuine play with their peers: a valuable learning experience in itself.

We reserve the right to cancel bookings for children where this limit has been exceeded. Clubs will be refreshed termly so if your child has missed out on their preferred activity this term, there will be the chance in the following ones. Again, this is to ensure fair access for all children. Thank you for your support.

### DATES AND AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP WEEK

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

Monday	Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm Years 3 & 4 Football Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm Year 5 Art Club - 3:45pm till 4:45pm Years 7, 8 & 9 Art Club - 3:45pm till 4:45pm
Tuesday	Year 2 Elocution Club - 3:30pm till 4:00pm Years 7, 8 & 9 Football Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm Years 10 & 11 Art Club - 3:45pm till 4:45pm
Wednesday	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 Hockey Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm
Thursday	Years 5 & 6 Football Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm Years 3, 4 & 5 11+ Tuition - 5:00pm till 6:00pm Year 3, 4, 5, & 6 Musical Theatre & Drama Club - 3:45pm till 4:45pm
Friday	Prep School Karate - 3:50pm till 4:50pm

### ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - RJ, 4C & 6L

Seniors - 11A