



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!

Send in your photos, news and updates to:

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A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Emotional health and wellbeing are terms used freely and often in the media today. We have come to understand that just like physical health, we cannot assume that there will not be difficult times for people as they cope with the mental challenges being faced. Statistics revealing the proportion of people who go through some form of emotional poor health during a year are startling.

Hence, we take great pride in all we do in this regard. Whilst it is not something that can be compartmentalised, our Be Well Day is a flagship moment for each year, where a strong focus is given to supporting each other with our wellbeing. It is also great to realise that we are joining with almost 58,000 other children around the Cognita global family on this day with the same attention to these issues.

Despite what the weather tried to throw at us, everyone remained suitably resilient and participated wonderfully in the activities. As I have mentioned previously, Mrs Dhadda, Mrs Entecott and Mrs Smith did a great job in preparing the events for the day, and all the staff lent a hand in delivering a range of activities. Keeping our children happy and able to enjoy every day is one of our key targets at Hydesville.

In other areas, it has been lovely to see so many sports fixtures being undertaken. Some wins, some losses, but all giving the children the chance to compete and forge team togetherness. Healthy body, healthy mind: doing things the Hydesville way!

Best wishes for your weekend...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Reception



GREAT START RECEPTION

Pupils have been working hard in all lessons, enjoying new activities and adapting to new routines. We have made the most of the sunshine by taking our learning outdoors. A great way to start the new academic year!



ME, MYSELF AND I!

Learning about ourselves is a fundamental part of childhood development, especially as pupils start to ask questions about who they are and how they are the same, or different, from others. It's a great way for children to explore their sense of self and build self-identity. Pupils enjoyed painting a portrait of themselves, paying close attention to their features. They then enjoyed piecing a jigsaw puzzle together of themselves.

Lovely creations Reception.



GLOBAL BE WELL DAY!

Reception children celebrated Global Be Well Day. On Thursday the curriculum focus was on Wellbeing, children enjoyed completing a variety of activities and events that involved the whole school community, from baking heart biscuits to a walk around the Arboretum.



Prep - Y2

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



YOU'VE GOT MAIL!

Pupils in Year 2 have been hooked on their class story, Meerkat Mail. They have followed Sunny on his adventures across the world whilst using the sequence of the story to plan their very own story and have created new adventures for Sunny the meerkat to jet off on new adventures. They have followed the writing process of planning, drafting and editing to produce some amazing stories. Well done Year 2!

WE'RE GOING ON SAFARI

Our topic this term is We're Going on Safari. Pupils have used an atlas to find where Kenya is located in the world and have used Google Earth to focus on its location in the world compared to our homeland, England. The children have found out some of the geographical features of Kenya ranging from the coastal location of Mombasa to the tops of Mount Kenya.

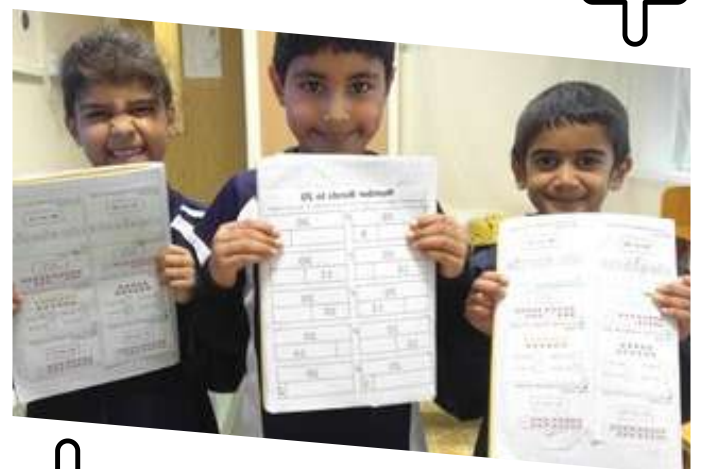
They have developed an understanding about the differences between national parks and game reserves as well as researching and making a fact file about one of the Big Five animals.



OUR MATHS GENIUSES

In Maths Year 2 have been building on their addition knowledge and skills. They applied their knowledge to check calculations were correct, completed number facts to 20 and worked out the inverse of an addition number sentence.

They have worked very hard!



SPORTS UPDATE

It's been a busy start to the Autumn term with lots of extra-curricular clubs and sports fixtures.

Football and hockey after-school clubs have proved a big hit with Upper Prep pupils, and it's been encouraging to see so many new faces attend these clubs. We have been proud to see so many of our pupils begin to play hockey outside of school for Wednesbury Hockey Club. For Lower Prep our weekly Multi-Skills Club has also been well attended with children developing core skills of running, jumping, catching and throwing.

We've also had our first football fixture of the season with the Year 5 boys' football team taking on Highclare School, winning 10-1! We look forward to more success as the year develops.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 8

Year 8 have really impressed me this term for a number of reasons. Just yesterday I was wowed by the enthusiasm shown for Be Well Day and the Arboretum litter picking challenge, where two whole bin bags were filled by 8A and B in the space of 30 minutes.

We have also had a draw in football against St. Georges School, which almost would have been a win if it hadn't been for a last minute goal from the opposition.

I am furthermore pleased to see so many applicants for Wellbeing Ambassadors coming in from Year 8. Keep up the good work all!

Mr Hill-Jayne

LICENSE TO BURN

Mrs Chattha and Miss Eynon have reported a very busy start to the year for our Senior School scientists. Our Year 7 pupils have been settling well into lessons, tackling exciting experiments and learning new skills.

Over the past few weeks they have dissected a kidney and experienced holding fire in their hands. Miss Eynon is also delighted to announce that the class of bright sparks have all passed their Bunsen burner licence test and have demonstrated that they can work safely in the laboratory.

Well done, Year 7, a great start to Senior School science!



THE LIGHTHOUSE CONSPIRACY CHALLENGE

Mr Walker and Mr Dhadha have been pleased Senior School pupils in their Maths lessons since the start of term. Children have been working hard and trying their best.

There are lots of ways pupils can improve on their mathematical skills outside of the classroom. One way is to apply what they have learnt at school by entering maths competitions.

Mr Walker would like to encourage pupils to utilise their skills of logic, reasoning, creativity, mathematics and linguistics by entering the Lighthouse Conspiracy Challenge being run by the University of Southampton.

To register yourself into the challenge click on the image below:



Why not form a Hydesville Team with some friends who share your interests?

Good luck #TeamHydesville!

SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

Synonyms: examination, investigation, dissection
Antonym: synthesis

Who might use this word?
Mathematician, scientist, technician, sports coach, accountant, marketer

“The botanist conducted a careful analysis of the soil.
It's a problem that requires careful analysis.
My manager asked for an analysis of project costs.”

Greek: Ana (up) Greek: luein (loosen)

ANALYSIS

Noun. Plural noun: analyses

Detailed examination of something.

The process of separating something into its parts.

The identification and measurement of the chemical constituents of a substance.

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 - Jaachi
- Year 1 - Karter
- Year 2 - Nyran
- Year 3 - Leyli
- Year 4 - Avaani
- Year 5 - Sufyaan
- Year 6 - Arjan

SENIOR SCHOOL



Senior School pupils of the week:

- 8A - Mikail and Amelia
- 8B - Harshith and Safa

NURSERY



Sara, for settling well into Pre-Prep and has shown a fantastic attitude towards her learning.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS



Abdula 9B - for consistent progress with writing and spellings.

Nilesh 9B - for his use of advanced vocabulary in his writing.

KS3 WRITING CHALLENGE WINNERS



KS3 pupils are set a writing challenge to help develop their literacy skills. Both Simran (8B) and Zach (9B) have been awarded Star Writers for their creativity and use of descriptive language techniques when describing the room from the perspective of a bee.

This will be awarded fortnightly.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Dexter 6B - for a fantastic start to the year and school. Dexter has demonstrated confident guitar playing in music.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

We are passionate about our dress and appearance at Hydesville Tower School and we make no apologies for having exceptionally high standards in this area and appreciate the continued support at home. We expect our pupils to come to school smart in their uniform. Boys' hair must be short and off the collar styled traditionally with no extreme cuts. Clipped hair must be graduated to avoid extreme contrasts in length. Hair longer than shoulder length should be tied up appropriately. Hair accessories must be plain and adhere to school colours. Jewellery is restricted to a maximum of one stud per ear and nail varnish is not permitted. Necklaces, bracelets, rings or charity bands should not be worn. Watches should be simple with a dark coloured strap (no Smart watches e.g. Fitbit, Apple, etc).

Click the crested logo to be directed to our uniform supplier



CRESTED SCHOOLWEAR

TOMORROW'S OPEN MORNING

We're opening our doors to prospective families tomorrow for our All School Open Morning. Parents, if you haven't already done so, please authorise your child's attendance to support this event by giving your permission via Cognita Connect.

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

Pupil helpers must sign in with our Senior School Head Boy & Head Girl on the registration table under the canopy next to the entrance door to the hall. Pupils must arrive at 9.30am.

DISRUPTION TO ROADS - 5TH OCTOBER

Walsall is hosting a major cycling event on Tuesday 5th October. The details of the event are available through the following link: [Women's Tour \(walsall.gov.uk\)](http://walsall.gov.uk)



Please expect some impact on travel around the town due to various road closures, and increased traffic flow on roads that intend to stay open. This may impact your journeys to and from school on the morning and afternoon, as well as for those Prep parents coming to Bescot Stadium for Prizegiving that afternoon.

We will try to ensure the minibus links to the Arboretum and to home for the end of day stay as close to time as normal, but please appreciate there are some factors that are out of control in terms of traffic build up.

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	Years 7, 8 & 9 Football Club - 3:45pm till 4:30pm Years 10 & 11 Art Club - 3:45 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 & 2S

Seniors - 7A, 8B & 11A

