



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



One of the joys of being Headmaster is being able to poke my nose into all sorts of things happening across the whole school! This week, I have had the pleasure of visiting a number of the extra-curricular clubs that occur at lunchtime and after school. It is incredible to see the range of opportunities on offer, knowing that the children are gaining happy memories and many new skills. Whether Reception ballet, Key Stage 1 yoga, Year 2 recorder playing, Prep multi-sports, Key Stage 3 and Year 5 Art clubs, or Seniors table tennis, the range is magnificent and the children are enriched through the experience.

As a school, we consider the development of the whole child an integral part of what happens here. I recall my enjoyment of such things and know it is a key part of our weekly provision.

On a related note, we were recently approached by parents wondering about whether Punjabi tuition could be considered. I am happy to see what level of interest there might be in such a club – potentially looking at conversational level for Prep and a GCSE qualification for Senior – so if you have a view on this or any similar clubs, please complete this quick survey [here](#). If you would have a strong preference for alternatives, there is a space in the survey to indicate specifics. The learning of languages is of great benefit to our communication skills, and often helps the mind to be more flexible for all sorts of learning.

One week to go until half-term, so stay fit and well, avoiding these coughs and sneezes!

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS: Reception

THE MAGIC OF READING

Teaching consonant-vowel-consonant words (CVC) words introduces children to the magic of transforming simple sounds into words. The goal is for pupils to use their knowledge of individual letter sounds to blend those sounds together and create a whole word, not just three individual sounds.

Learning CVC words also introduces children to the concept that words have a beginning, middle and ending sound that together create a word. Pupils enjoyed using the phonic blocks to practise blending and word-building CVC words.

Well done for another fantastic week!



OUT WITH THE OLD, IN WITH THE NEW!

Reception's focus during Topic this half term is 'old and new' and what a lot of fun we have all had!

After learning that many children in Victorian times could not afford toys so would make them themselves, pupils decided to make a cup and ball (which they all thoroughly enjoyed playing with!). They also enjoyed group discussions about which modern toy is their favourite and which toy would have been their favourite many years ago!

Pupils then moved onto old classrooms and modern-day classrooms where pupils were able to sort the items which belonged to a classroom in the past.

**READY,
STEADY, GO!**



FOREST FUN!



For Forest School this week, pupils headed out into the Arboretum. They discussed the changes in Autumn and the different types of trees. Pupils listened and followed instructions well to carry out leaf rubbing. This resource is an ideal way for children to explore leaves of different shapes, colours and textures from a variety of trees. It also helps them to develop different art techniques.

Walsall welcomed the Women's Tour, the world's leading international women's cycle race, for the first time in 2021.

Pupils enjoyed watching from the side line!



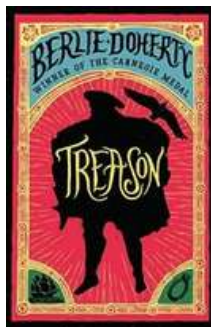
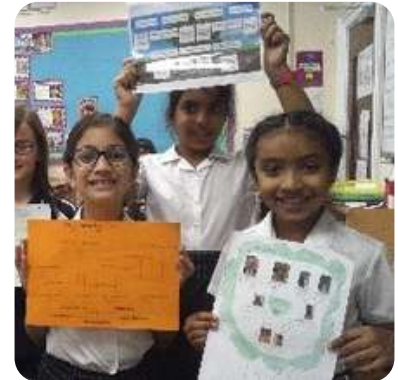
Prep School

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY

This week, pupils across Prep School have been studying Black History as part of Black History Month. Year 4 have focused on finding out about their own family history and have researched the life of a famous black person. They have also taken a look at the life of a black individual, who lived during the Tudor times. Jacques Francis was an African Salvage diver, who led the expedition to salvage King Henry VIII's guns from the Mary Rose. They learnt that he was the first African to give evidence in 1548 before an English court.



TREASON IN YEAR 4!

In English, Year 4 have been reading *Treason* by Berlie Doherty. This book is set during the Tudor times, in the court of Henry VIII. This past week, pupils have been horrified to discover that Margery - the 13-year-old sister of the main character - is to marry a 40-year-old friend of Henry VIII! The children have written a letter hoping to persuade Aunt Carew to change her plans to have Margery wed - let's hope their pleas are heard....!



PRIZE GIVING

It was fantastic to see so many parents and other members of the #Hydesvillefamily at Prep School Prize Giving at Bescot Stadium last week.

It was fantastic to come together as a community and celebrate the achievements from the 2020-21 Academic Year. We presented a number of awards, trophies and certificates and the music performances certainly raised the roof!

We're sure you'll all agree, our pupils did us all proud, taking to the stage in a very mature and sensible fashion.

Here is a sneak preview of a couple of the photographs from the day. Ms Archer will be sending out more photographs to you all soon....



SWITCHED ON PUPILS!

In Science, Year 4 have been looking at electricity. Pupils have shown a good understanding of complete and incomplete circuits and have now moved on to investigating electrical conductors and insulators, as well as attempting to make their own switches. Pupils are looking forward to applying all of this knowledge to their final challenge, where they will see if they can make their own alarm system.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



Senior School

A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 11

Year 11 pupils up and down the country are currently embarking on arguably one of the most important years in their academic schooling to date. Pupils at Hydesville, have settled in well to the new school term and many have taken on additional responsibilities ranging from well-being ambassadors to prefects.

This term Mrs Dhadda and I will be focusing on the value of responsibility and accountability of one's own actions and behaviours. As a school we strive not only for academic excellence but aim to produce thoughtful and introspective pupils who can adapt to change. We look forward to seeing the pupils grow and flourish as the academic year progresses.

Miss Hamilton



BRAVO FOR OUR SENIOR SCHOOL GEOGRAPHERS!

Mrs Odunjo reports that we have welcomed new geographers into year 7 this academic year; they are eager adventurers with interesting enquiring minds, learning about our world and simple maps.

Whilst pupils in Year 8 have tidied up areas that they were not able to as a result of a series of lockdowns, and now we are moving on to 'proper' year 8 work!

At Key Stage 4, pupils have settled easily into the GCSE curriculum, and especially pupils in Year 10, who have approached their learning with a very welcomed familiarity.

Year 11 geographers are confident, mature and work with admirable ease. Mrs Odunjo thinks they are nearly ready for May/June 2022. Well done all!



PRIZE GIVING

Hot on the heels of the Prep Prize Giving, our Senior School event has already become the highlight of this academic year! It was wonderful to see so many parents and wider Hydesville family come along to support their children and the school as a whole.

Along with academic successes, a number of sporting, creative and performing arts awards were also presented. The audience was treated to music and elocution performances and the speeches from our previous Head Boy & Head Girl made us all smile (and even some happy tears were seen!). We look forward to sharing the photographs taken at the event with you all in due course. Keep an eye on your inbox!



SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

approach, approaches, approaching, approached

APPROACH

VERB: Come nearer in time or distance (The train approached the station.)
VERB: Speak to someone about a proposal or request (The manager was approached about funding.)
VERB: To deal with something in a certain way. (One must approach the matter with caution.)

ad (Latin: to) → apropiare → approchier → approach
 prope (Latin: near) → Latin: draw near → Old French: draw near → Middle English

NOUN: A way of dealing with a problem or situation (The new approach saved time and money.)
NOUN: An initial proposal or request (The shopkeeper made an approach to his bank manager.)
NOUN: The action of coming nearer in distance or time. (The approach of winter was evident.)

MATHS: how could we approach the problem?
ART: Which creative approach will give you the outcome you want?

Who might use the word? → Adventurer, teacher, manager, 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 - Waris
- Year 1 - Harneave
- Year 2 - Karamveer
- Year 3 - Veer
- Year 4 - Simran
- Year 5 - Amrit
- Year 6 - Dexter

SENIOR SCHOOL



Senior School pupils of the week:

- 10A - Cedric and Isabella
- 10B - Anand and Amira

Also pictured here are last week's Y9 winners: Ore, Simran, Nilesh and Abdula

NURSERY

Well done to Mahan for confidently applying good behaviour and good manners.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS: Y7



Aden & Rohan - for supporting the English Department at Open Morning.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS: Y10



Asiya & Anand - for supporting the English Department at Open Morning.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Viren, for excellent progress with guitar. His technique and posture has much improved over the past weeks.

Also, well done to Amira in Year 10 for being awarded Performer of the Week last week for covering not just one performer and musical piece during Prize Giving, but two, and both at last minute notice. Outstanding!

NOTICES AND COMING UP...



Y7 ENTRY, SEPTEMBER 2022

As an all-through school, we offer pupils a seamless transition from Nursery to Prep School and then onto Seniors in Year 7. Your child's place at Hydesville is guaranteed throughout their entire educational journey with us.

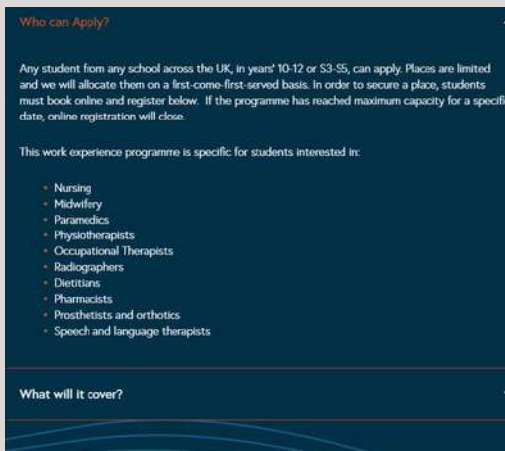
With this in mind, Year 6 parents will be currently thinking about their options for their child's Senior School in September 22. We would be delighted for all pupils to continue their education at Hydesville. To help with the decision making process parents might like to join us for our Senior School Virtual Information Evening, being held via Microsoft Teams, at 5pm on Wednesday 20th October. During the event we will also be launching our Scholarship Programme for Year 7, Sept 22 entry.

Please let us know if you would like to attend the event via info@hydesville.com and we will share the meeting link with you.



NHS WORK EXPERIENCE OPPORTUNITY - AVAILABLE TO YEAR 10 AND 11 -

Find out more: <https://alliedhealthmentor.org/nhs-healthcare-careers-virtual-work-experience/>



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 – 4:30pm) Year 3 & 4 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Year 5 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm)
Tuesday	Years 7 – 9 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Wednesday	Years 3 – 6 Hockey Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Thursday	Years 5 & 6 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 3 – 5 11+ Tuition (5:00pm – 6:00pm) Years 3 – 6 Musical Theatre & Drama Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm)
Friday	Prep School Karate (3:50pm – 4:50pm)

NURSERY & RECEPTION HALF TERM FUN CLUB

Bookings are now live on the Payments area of Cognita Connect for our Nursery & Reception Half Term Fun Club. Places are limited, so hurry to ensure you don't miss out!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - RJ & 3BW

Seniors - 9B & 10B

