



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



It has been an incredibly busy week for the school, and one that has allowed us to celebrate the strength within. Open Morning last weekend saw almost sixty families visit us – almost double the numbers one might expect to see on a wet and windy Saturday! This is a reflection of the considerable reputation that we have now established, from Hydesville Nursery, to Prep and 11+ success, and to Senior GCSE results. We were filled with pride with the quality of our pupils showing the groups round: they were eloquent, engaging and polite: the visitors were highly admiring of their characters.

Secondly, we celebrated our two delayed Prizegiving events for Prep and Senior Schools, set in the new venue of Bescot Stadium. It was good to have so many people together once again for a celebration such as this. All elements of the events gave us cause for celebration, whether the actual prizes, the music, elocution and pupil speeches. It again emphasised the quality of our children and why they continue to achieve so highly.

Yesterday I was in London to join with the other Cognita Heads for the UK. It was even clear from there that the school is pushing to the top of the UK rankings.

Our GCSE scores featured highly as a source of celebration, as did our performances in Prep end of year progress tests and Early Years Foundation Stage. Well done for this last week to all the children and staff!

All the best for your weekend...

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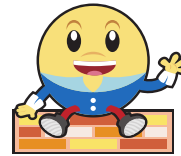
LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Hydesville Nursery



CHILDREN PUT HUMPTY TOGETHER AGAIN

Hydesville Nursery children have been busy demonstrating their advanced number skills by matching numbers from 1-5 and 1-10 whilst putting Humpty together again!



ARGHHHHHHHHH! LOOK OUT, SPIDERS ARE ABOUT.....!

Hydesville Nursery children have enjoyed releasing their creative side by constructing and making their very own paper plate spiders and sparkly webs as they continue to learn about Incy Wincy Spider and little Miss Muffet. Completing both activities enabled children to develop their fine motor skills, pincer grip, control and co-ordination when using different sized paint brushes to paint the plate and follow the pencil lines to create their webs. Childrens' mathematical skills were also tested during the activity as they counted how many legs were needed for their spiders and discussed their shape and sizes.

Yellow Group also made shape spiders where children placed the spider template in the right places. They also discovered that spiders have eight legs and live in webs.



CELEBRATING NAVARATRI

Navaratri (nine nights) is one of the greatest Hindu festivals. It symbolises the triumph of good over evil.

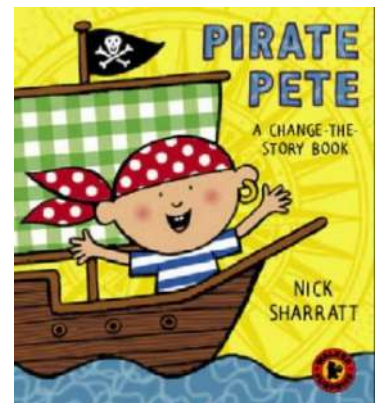
Hydesville Nursery children celebrated the festival by dressing up in colourful outfits and demonstrating their coordination and agility to perform the Garba dance.

Children also designed their own Navratri celebration outfit.



SOUND OF THE WEEK

Can you guess? The clue is in the book!



Prep School

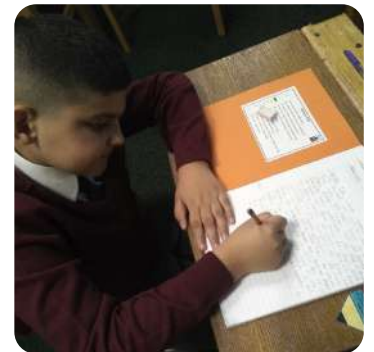
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YEAR 3 BECOME VIKINGS!



Year 3 have been enjoying learning about the Vikings in their Dragonology topic this term. As part of the lesson this week the children played a Viking trade game. We split the class into 2 groups, The Vikings and The Anglo Saxons. Each group were set up with the role of producers, traders and a leader. They had to use their bargaining skills to exchange goods and obtain the best value swaps for their team. The children were very enthusiastic and enjoyed their Viking trading experience. In art children have been thinking about the Viking trade and have made beautiful collages of Viking Long boats.



HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON.....



This week pupils in Year 3 have been writing their own stories based on the class text 'How to Train Your Dragon'. We have been sharing ideas as a class and then writing our stories in a calm environment using ambient music and lighting.

YEAR 4 GET ARTY

Mrs Rees is incredibly proud of our Prep School artists, and has reported some fantastic artwork has already been created this term, both in lessons and during after school art club.

Year 4 have been working on portraiture this half term, learning about the structure of the face and how to draw the features of the face, adding tone and shade.

Pupils have each now drawn their own symmetrical self portraits which are proudly displayed in the school corridor and next they will be looking at Cubism and creating portraits 'Picasso' style. We can't wait to see what they produce!



HAVING FUN WITH NUMBERS

In maths, Year 3 have been exploring a variety of methods when adding 1 and 2 digit numbers to 3 digit numbers. Children have been using the 'concrete method' using practical resources followed by the 'pictorial method' where they show their working out through diagrams and finally using the 'abstract method'. Pupils have then applied these techniques to reasoning and problem solving questions. Some great work, Year 3!



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



A NOTE FROM HEAD OF YEAR 9



Year 9 this term have started the GCSE work in some subjects so have realised the hard work that lays ahead of them over the next three years. I am sure with a mature and independent approach to their learning and listening and taking advice from their subject teachers they will cope well and be able to make those important option choices later on in the academic year. This term I will be focussing on healthy communication within friendship groups with Year 9 as Head of Year.

Year 9 have welcomed four new pupils into the year group: Ibrahim, Kudzy, Ore and Maya. They are settling in well and they have also welcomed some returning students.

Already Year 9 have had the opportunities to participate in Global Be Well Day, choir, chess club, art club and of course the boys are still enjoying football at breaktimes and have had the opportunity to play matches against other schools.

Miss Eynon

ENRICHMENT PROVES A HIT WITH PUPILS

Senior School pupils have been enjoying this term's enrichment programme, with a range of classes on offer, from badminton to learning Korean!

For the final lesson on a Friday 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.

Throughout this half term Year 7 are learning the Greek alphabet and practising calligraphy skills as they look at the origins of words to complement their study of English Literature and further improve their handwriting, reading comprehension and inference skills.



SPORTY SENIORS

It's been a busy start to the Autumn term for the Senior School PE department with lots of extra-curricular clubs and sports fixtures. All year groups have had competitive sports fixtures against other schools and we have been impressed with our pupils' determination, skills and attitudes. We look forward to more fixtures as this school year progresses.

It's been an exciting week in Walsall as the town hosted the Women's Tour the world's leading international women's cycle race. Our Year 8 pupils were lucky enough to watch the start of the race. How fantastic!



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 - Jorah
- Year 1 - Harvee
- Year 2 - Dhian
- Year 3 - Jasmine
- Year 4 - Tina
- Year 5 - Shaan
- Year 6 - Mayna

SENIOR SCHOOL



Senior School pupils of the week:

- 9A - Ore and Simran
- 9B - Nilesh and Abdula

NURSERY



Maheera, for being a very helpful member of the group and trying her best when completing her work.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS



Samraaj Y11 - for excellent effort in his recent practice exam.
Pranathi Y11 - for outstanding results in her recent practice exams.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



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

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS AMBASSADORS



Well done to Michael and Georgia in Year 10 and Tzion in Year 9 for being appointed Sports Ambassadors and acting as role models to our younger pupils in Prep School after school sports clubs.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...



WINTER UNIFORM EXPECTATIONS

As we enter Autumn, pupils will begin to wear outdoor coats and accessories. We would just like to remind Prep & Senior School families about our uniform expectations. Thank you for your support in ensuring our high standards in appearance.

Click the crested logo to be directed to our uniform supplier



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PREP SCHOOL

Outdoor coats should be purchased from our supplier Crested School Wear, and school blazers should be brought to school each day and can be worn underneath coats. Dark green scarves, hats and gloves without motifs may also be worn by pupils during outdoor playtime and activities. Pupils may wear boots and wellies during snow conditions to and from school, and change in to school shoes whilst in lessons. School hats and caps must be worn each day.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Outdoor coats should be black or navy and pupils should wear their school blazer underneath their coat. Black scarves, black woollen hats and black gloves without motifs may also be worn by pupils outdoors. Boots may only be worn in snow conditions (N.B. A boot is anything fitting on or above the ankle bone). School bags should also be predominantly black.

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

TERM DATES 2022-23

Please see our website for the term dates for the 2022-23 Academic Year:

www.hydesville.com/school-life/term-dates/



PREP SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We're very excited to be opening our doors to parents and other members of the #Hydesvillefamily every Friday morning for our Prep School weekly assemblies.

We look forward to sharing these lovely events with you all!

As we did before the COVID pandemic, please join us for refreshments in the School Dining Room at 8:45am, before the start of the assembly at 9:00am.

Please check out the forthcoming timetable, so you can see when your child is taking part:

www.hydesville.com/parents/prep-school-assemblies-2/



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

