



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

The many challenges of lockdowns, social distancing and COVID restrictions had prevented us as a staff gathering together with Mrs Whitehouse's family to fulfil an act of remembrance. We were finally able to do this on Wednesday afternoon.

Showing the family around the locations of Gill's portrait, the Honours Board in the Reception, and the newly planted Weeping Cherry tree gave them a chance to see how her presence will be felt here for many years to come. It was also a time to reflect on the times shared together and how much she contributed to us all. A beautiful occasion, and whilst sad, also cherished. Mr Whitehouse passed his thanks on to all the school community – staff, parents and children – for all the supportive messages and making her so happy during her time here. We are hopeful of a springtime event in Mrs Whitehouse's name for all to attend, so more news on this will follow in the new year.

The area around the tree will be a place of tranquil reflection, and we will be adding Mrs Edwards's nameplate there soon to mark her lasting legacy to Hydesville.

Finally, a sad farewell to Miss Vas who leaves us at the start of December. A wonderful colleague who has done so much for pupils and parents over the years. She will be taking her many skills to a new role in transport planning. We will miss her and wish her great success.

With kindest wishes.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



HYDESVILLE'S POST OFFICE

Hydesville Nursery children have had lots of fun exploring 'Hydesville's post office'. The children were provided with a range of materials to support them with their pencil control to write letters and envelopes. They used their fine motor skills to wrap up different parcels and used their mathematical skills to support them with weighing parcels and letters. They also used money and terminology to pay the post office cashiers.

This was a great activity to act out a range of different scenarios to help the children to develop their ways of thinking and improve social skills. It also enabled them to build on their speech, listening and understanding skills.



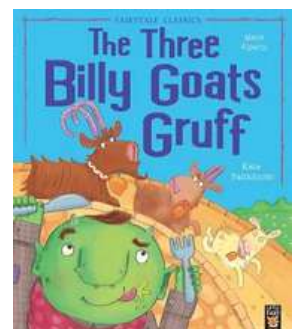
THE CLOCK STUCK ONE, THE MOUSE RAN DOWN

This week Hydesville Nursery children have been learning the Hickory Dickory Dock song. They have created mice and sung the nursery rhyme, making their mice run up and down the clock.

NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK

WHAT'S THE TIME MR. WOLF?

Children have also made clocks out of paper plates and have been counting and recognising numbers. They have also been learning about how we use a clock to tell the time and their favourite times of the day. They also enjoyed playing 'What's the time Mr. Wolf' in the playground.



Next week's Story of the Week is linked with our Sound of the Week. Here's a clue...there are three animals that begin with this letter.



Prep School - Y2

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

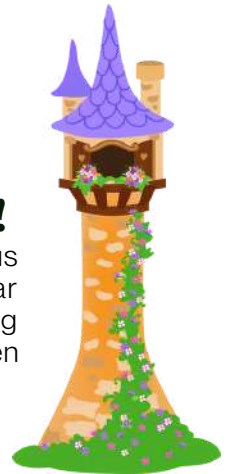
KA-CHING!

Year 2 have been busy improving their skills in working with money. The children were confident in recognising and naming the coins and notes. We have then counted pence to find the total, counted pounds to find the total and finally combine pounds and pence to find a total. We then role-played different scenarios where we had to pay for different items using the coins.



RAPUNZEL, RAPUNZEL LET DOWN YOUR HAIR!

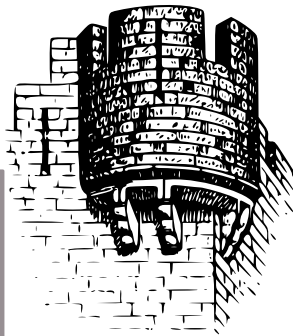
The children have been increasing their confidence in retelling fairy tales with a focus on Rapunzel. The children sequenced the events from the story and then used similar ideas in their own story plan. We have looked at how words can change by adding different suffixes such as ed, ing, er and est (working, happier, cutest). We have then used these words containing the different suffixes in our own sentences.



CREATIVE CASTLES

Our Topic this half-term is 'Happily Every After'. Year 2 were tasked with making their own castle over the break and we had some amazing creations that Mr Staffiere and Miss Jhaj are proud of. The children are building their castle knowledge and so far in Topic the children have been learning about:

- What castles are
- Why were they built
- The differences between them
- The features of a castle



UPDATE ON SPORT & EXTRA-CURRICULAR IN PREP SCHOOL

This half term pupils in Upper Prep have continued to develop their hand and eye coordination skills. They have done this through playing basketball in Games lessons. Pupils are developing their basketball skills in order to aid their catching, throwing, bouncing, aiming and movement skills. All children have started really well and we can already see a great deal of progress in lessons.

The success of our Prep School Extra-Curricular Programme has continued this half term, with many of our clubs being full. It's been great to see pupils playing sport after school and developing their football and hockey skills.

Can we remind parents that the after-school sports clubs will finish w/c 6th December.

We will be sharing the Spring Term Clubs Booklet with you before we break up for Christmas. Clubs will be able to be booked via Cognita Connect.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



MR WALKER NEEDS YOU!

In the depths of GCHQ there is a cold case division nicknamed “the Archaeologists”. They spend their time deciphering obsolete wartime despatches and diplomatic communications, unbroken in their day, in the hope of finding something still significant. Now this ragtag group of puzzle solvers, linguists, mathematicians, and computer scientists have been sent a collection of papers that will shake the intelligence community to its core. The Archaeologists need your help to decipher them, and to break The Lighthouse Conspiracy.

This is a national competition utilising your skills of logic, reasoning, creativity, mathematics and linguistics and will test you against the brightest minds in UK schools.



The first practice round went live at 3pm on October 7th and has closed for entries however the competition runs weekly and they then run weekly into the final round which starts on Thursday December 16th and closes at 11pm on Wednesday January 6th.

To register yourself into the challenge click on the image above.

Why not form a Hydesville Team with some friends who share your interests? Good luck #TeamHydesville!

MEET OUR SCIENCE MENTORS...

We are proud to announce our new team of keen science mentors who will be meeting on a regular basis to discuss new technology, share ground breaking ideas, debate ethical issues surrounding scientific research. They will also offer mentoring to any struggling scientists in KS3 and KS4.



UPDATE FROM YEAR 7

Many staff members have commented on how wonderful the Year 7s are and I completely agree! Their behaviour, motivation and attitude to learning is commendable. It gives me great pride to be their Head of Year.

Prior to breaking up for the half term holidays, pupils were settling into their new routine and working towards overcoming the new challenges of Senior School. With the support of our fantastic staff and parents, they have overcome most of these challenges. We appreciate your ongoing support with their organisation. A number of pupils have taken on ambassador roles and are busy with these new responsibilities which is not only beneficial to them as individuals but of benefit to the whole school community as well.

Ismail and Hamza participated in the ‘Dragon’s Den’ competition and confidently convinced one of our Dragons to invest in their business, hence, winning the competition. Well done to them both!

This half term a small group of Year 7 pupils will be leading our assembly on ‘kindness’ and I am confident they will do a spectacular job.

Mrs Khan

WORD OF THE WEEK

AUTHORITY

NOUN

PLURAL NOUN: authorities

ECONOMICS:
“She was an authority on the stock market.”

WHO MIGHT USE THIS WORD?
Lawyer
Judge
Politician
Police Officer
Councillor

Latin > Old French > Middle English
auctor > autorité > authority

1. The power to give orders and make decisions

2. An organisation having power and control

POLITICS:
“She had authority over her party.”

SYNONYMS:
power
right
control
command
influence
mandate
status

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 - Yusuf
Year 1 - Aisha
Year 2 - Jayden
Year 3 - Rishi
Year 4 - Asees
Year 5 - Kairon
Year 6 - Deniz

SENIOR SCHOOL



Senior School Pupils of the Week:

8A - Isa, Yasin and Natasha
8B - Eeshal, Shria and Anisa

NURSERY



Navan - for trying really hard in everything she does.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS



Aden, 7B - for his descriptive writing.
Ibrahim, 7A - for going above and beyond in all his lessons.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Gursim, Y6 – for fantastic progress made on guitar, including walking fingers, correct finger patterns and clean articulation.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION EVENING

Parents with pupils in Upper Prep might be aware that we offer a range of academic and non-academic scholarships for entry into Year 7 in our Senior School. Families in Year 6 in particular might be interested in finding out more as they are currently thinking about their child's options for secondary school entry in September 2022. We would therefore like to invite you to come along to our Scholarship Information Event being held via Microsoft Teams at 5pm on Wednesday 1st December.

At the event we will explain more about the process of applying for a Scholarship, as well as provide valuable, practical advice and guidance about how best to prepare pupils for the Scholarship process.

Parents with children in Year 5 might also like to join us at this event, so that they are prepared when the time comes for their son or daughter to apply for a Scholarship this time next year.

The link to join the meeting has been sent to Year 5 and Year 6 families. Please contact sarah.archer@hydesville.com if you need us to resend the meeting link to you.



CALLING ALL CRICKETERS!

Walsall Cricket Club are delighted to announce the commencement of their winter training sessions, but places are filling fast.

Any Hydesville pupils (aged 8 to 15) who are interested in taking up cricket are invited to attend Walsall Cricket Club. Contact the Club Chairman, Nav Kapur on 07850 175391. Alternatively, access their website by clicking on their lush grounds to the left.



ORDERING SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Gillman & Soame took individual portrait photographs and class groups in September. If you haven't already, please order these photographs as soon as possible (no later than Tuesday 30th November if you would like them for Christmas). If details have been mislaid, please contact Gillman & Soame directly at enquiries@gillmanandsoame.co.uk or on 01869 328200 quoting the security password [hydesvilletower375tpknp2021](https://www.hydesvilletower.com) and they'll be happy to assist.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP W/C 29.11

(All subject to parental booking via Cognita Connect)

Monday	Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 3 & 4 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Year 4 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 7 – 9 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm)
Tuesday	Years 7 – 9 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 10 & 11 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm)
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)

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 1BT, 2S & 3BW

Seniors - 7A, 9B & 11A

