



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:

info@hydesville.com or sarah.archer@hydesville.com



A NOTE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Keeping children safe is such a fundamental part of our role at school, and we are fortunate to have a very strong team overseeing it. In recent awards, the safeguarding team were picked out for various recognition and awards, with their dedication and approach towards looking after pupils. This is consistent with how all adults at Hydesville treat safeguarding: it is everyone's responsibility and we all understand how to respond to support any child. Well done to the team for the recognition they received.

It has been lovely to welcome new joiners to Hydesville Nursery in these last three weeks and see them start to settle into the setting. This has taken us to capacity for this term and whilst some spaces will be available in the summer term, these are already in small number. Every time I go and watch the Early Years lessons in Nursery and Reception, I am thrilled by the quality of the learning and the supportiveness of the staff. Last week it was pupils like Zephyr, Dylan and Jorah working hard at their number bonds and partitioning; the smiles on their faces as they moved through the challenges were a joy to behold.

I am delighted to welcome Mrs Ranu to the Office team from next week. It will be lovely to return to our full staffing once again in this important area of the school.

Best wishes for your weekend...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



WHAT WILL I BE WHEN I GROW UP?

Hydesville Nursery have been using their thinking brains and imagination to decide what they want to be when they grow up.

They have been showcasing their advance pencil control skills to draw themselves as their desired future occupation and using their strong phonetical awareness and letter formation to write a sentence as part of this term's topic, 'People Who Help Us'.



BLUE GROUP'S WEEKLY UPDATE

In Blue Group we have continued with our discussions around our topic 'people who help us.' During this activity we went for a walk around the School looking at the different people who work here, that help us and the importance of their roles towards our learning.

The children have discussed:

- "Mr Honey – He is the boss of the school."
- "Mrs Willis and Mrs Smith – They look after and care for us and teach us the golden rules, our numbers and sounds."
- "Mrs Townsend – Teaches us to dance."
- "Mr Long is the chef and cooks our dinner."
- "Mrs Passi and Miss Jackson work on the computer and answers the telephone."

They then went on to write and draw these people – can you see some resemblances?



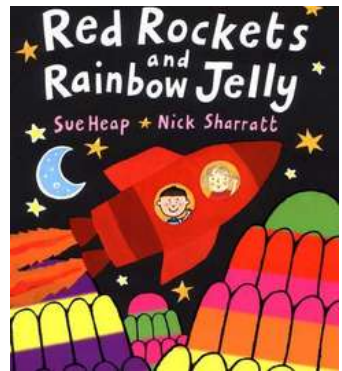
YELLOW GROUP'S FUN

Yellow Group children have also been learning about people who help us. They chose a profession: either a doctor, paramedic, police officer, firefighter or lollipop people and finger painted the pictures. We discussed how these people help us and the children offered their own suggestions, such as 'firefighters use water in a hose', 'Police help us if we're in trouble' and 'lollipop ladies help us use the zebra crossing'.

Using the children's face photos, they were turned into their desired profession, which the children found very funny.



NEXT WEEK'S SOUND OF THE WEEK



Can you guess the sound for next week? The clue is in the title!



Prep School - 3BW

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



✕ MULTIPLICATION HEROES ✕

Pupils in 3BW have been using their written multiplication skills to save the world when Dr Evil took over Mrs Watson's computer and threatened to destroy the planet. He was so sure he was the most intelligent that he gave the class missing number multiplication clues to decode his machine. Little did he know that 3BW have expert mathematicians who thwarted his plan by working together and cracking the code.

PUTTING STEM TO THE TEST

Year 3 have been putting their STEM skills to the test in a series of projects, including building towers and boats. They needed to consider existing designs and how they could manipulate the materials they had to achieve the best effect. Team work and imagination were key!



ART UPDATE: UPPER PREP

YEAR 3

Year 3 are learning about Graffiti and Street Art, they have almost completed work on their very own name tags.



YEAR 4

Year 4 are learning about climate change and are designing a logo to enter into a competition. The winning entry will appear on the side of a rocket!



YEAR 5

Year 5 are working on their drawing skills and will move on to build a model of their drawing.



YEAR 6

Year 6 are investigating Abstract Art and the artist Wassily Kandinsky, They are enjoying this style of art.



3BW'S MOON LANDINGS

Have you ever fancied going to the moon? Year 3 have been exploring what it was like to be on the first mission to successfully land on the moon by learning about Neil Armstrong and his fellow astronauts. They acted out the astronauts' experience before writing a diary about what it was like.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

A NOTE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 9

This term Year 9 have now been assigned their GCSE options for Year 10 and with this, the start of a determined and hard working couple of years which will hopefully end with fruitful GCSE results in the summer of 2024. In PSHE they have been looking at post 16 education opportunities to include A levels, BTECs and Apprenticeships after life at Hydesville Tower School.

So far this half term Year 9 have had the opportunity to participate in a variety of enrichment clubs to include; jewellery making, strategy board games, debating skills and drama club. In PE they have been playing basketball.

We will be introducing 'Meat Free Tuesdays' at lunchtime this term in a bid to raise awareness of alternative protein sources and to increase, and possibly improve, their dietary choices in and out of school. We also have the Valentines concert to look forward where some year 9s will be performing. There will also be some exciting news also to come to include a school residential so watch this space...

Miss Eynon



Pupils across Senior School commemorated and remembered the victims of persecution and genocide yesterday (Thursday 27th January) as part of Holocaust Memorial Day.

Year 11 took part in a webinar with the National Literacy Trust and listened to the testimony of Holocaust survivor, Mala Tribich. Although this was a challenging subject, pupils were able to ask appropriate and searching questions and found the experience worthwhile and thought-provoking.

Senior School



ENRICHMENT FRIDAY



Every Friday afternoon the Senior School timetable is collapsed and pupils select an enrichment activity which 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. The activities are carefully planned to ensure there is something to appeal to all pupils.

Our Spring Term enrichment programme is well under way and there are many interesting subjects on offer, from Korean to Electronics!

You can check out the programme here: <https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/>

In the jewellery making activity with Mrs Odunjo pupils are designing some beautiful pieces which they are hoping to sell for charity.

Watch this space....!



SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

CONTROVERSY

↑ contra- (Latin: against) ↑ vertere (Latin: to turn)

NOUN:
Prolonged public disagreement or heated discussion
plural noun: controversies

SYNONYMS:
disagreement, argument, debate, altercation

Who would use this word? Politician, Historian, Geographer, Councillor, Philosopher

HISTORY: "His personal character has been the subject of unceasing controversy."

POLITICS: "The MP refused to be drawn into the political controversy."

ARCHITECTURE: "The design of the building has caused controversy"

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: Jeevan

Year 1 - Abu

Year 2 - Rian

Year 3 - Leyli

Year 4 - Karam

Year 5 - Zak

Year 6 - Arjan

NURSERY



Aaria Hargun – for growing in confidence and self – awareness.

SENIOR SCHOOL



11A - Omar, Karam, Nikki.

11B - Aleena, Pranathi, Ravin.

SENIOR ENGLISH STARS



Nilesch, Y9 - for writing a beautiful Poem for Holocaust memorial week.

Ayesha, Y9 – for improvement in her reading fluency.



MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Haseeb - for a fantastic first rap in Year 8's hip hop unit. The best first rap Mr Hill-Jayne has ever heard!

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

MEAT FREE TUESDAYS

We are very excited to have launched 'Meat Free Tuesdays,' an initiative to encourage pupils and staff to have a healthier diet, save animals and the planet for at least once a week. Hydesville's first Meat Free Day took place earlier this week and was a huge success! We will be trialling it every Tuesday for the next four weeks.

Please check out the menus by clicking on the Chartwell's whisk:



USBORNE BOOK FAIR

Parents are invited to the Usborne Book Fair being held in school on Monday February 7th and Tuesday February 8th, starting at 4.30pm on both days.

If we raise over £600 from book sales, we will receive 60% of this to spend on books in school.

All books sold in school will be linked to Accelerated Reader, so children can select books that are appropriate for them.

Here is a link to the books on sale, so you can complete an order form for your child to bring into school:

<https://tinyurl.com/ycku4htp>

LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE IN HYDESVILLE NURSERY

Such is the immediate demand for places in Hydesville Nursery, availability for the remainder of this academic year is extremely limited.

We are also working with a number of families who want to join Nursery and Pre-Prep in September and throughout the next academic year.

To avoid disappointment, we urge you to contact us if you have a child who is of (or approaching) nursery age, so we can discuss their admission and begin an application without delay.

Please do also pass this message on to friends or family who might be considering Hydesville Nursery for their son or daughter. Contact sarah.archer@hydesville.com to register your child's nursery place.



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP W/C 31.1

(All subject to parental booking via Cognita Connect)

Monday	Year 5 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) KS3 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 3 & 4 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 1 & 2 Multi Sports Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Tuesday	KS4 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 7 – 11 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm) Years 7 – 11 Drama Club (4:00pm – 5:00pm)
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)