



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



Time with our children is invariably a source of huge pleasure. I have had the chance to be with a Nursery group in the Outdoor Classroom, having mounds of sand and rice offered to me as “delicious” snacks. Watching the children as they engaged in the child-initiated play was wonderful, hearing their language skills developing as they wrestled with describing what they had done to make such a tasty treat.

In Prep, the conversation on the Head's lunch table was varied and prompted by the children as they took us readily from topic to topic. Mrs Chand and I barely needed to interject, since they had the confidence and poise to talk through their viewpoints on a range of matters. And in my Seniors groups, we have had mature conversations around the issues and solutions in the Ukraine-Russia crisis, and how to solve the Starma-Johnson conflicts. Where diplomats around the world may flounder, Year 7 are ready to go!

Thank you for the many parents who have already offered responses to the VoP survey, and please keep them coming. Every viewpoint matters and keeps us developing.

All the best for your weekend...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



SENSORY FUN & LEARNING

This week Yellow Group have been playing in shaving foam.

Sensory play is important for development as it encourages the children to explore and investigate, it helps build nerve connections in the brain and develops fine motor skills, plus its messy and fun! The children used brushes to mark make and paint their hands. The children were encouraged to describe what it feels like, they used words such as soft, fluffy and soapy, and it looked like snow! It was great fun.



MARKING CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

This week has been 'Children's Mental Health Week' and Hydesville Nursery children have been busy engaging in a variety of activities including making their very own Worry Monster Pot to place their worries for the monster to munch up; drawing their own unique self-portraits and talking about what makes us special; making emotions stick puppets and their own Cuddle Card (If you're feeling lost, alone or in a muddle, press this button for a cuddle).



We are encouraging the children to grow emotionally and finding ways to help each other grow. We may encounter setbacks sometimes, but these can help us to grow and adapt. Having the courage to try new things can help us to develop and move out of our comfort zone and discover possibility and potential.

MASTERS OF MATHS!

In Blue Group we have seen some great mathematicians this week as we continue to develop our number skills through a selection of activities based around our topic 'people who help us'. These activities have supported the children with their counting, sorting, number recognition and formation and simple addition skills. The development of numbers is critical for our children to be able to understand maths as they progress on their journey through school and life.



SOUND OF THE WEEK

Can you guess the sound for next week? The clue is in the book....



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



YEAR 5'S ROUND UP OF THE WEEK

In Year 5 we are always very busy and this week has been no exception. In English we are continuing to find out about Lila - a girl with a big dream, a dream to become a firework maker! We are about to find out whether following her dream is going to lead her to success or whether it will lead to her doom at the hands of the fire demon, Razvani!! In the midst of all of this excitement, Year 5 are developing some excellent comprehension and writing skills. We are thoroughly enjoying our STEM work in science. So far, we have constructed newspaper towers that could withstand a blast from our 'wind simulator' (the hairdryer), built gliders and we are currently designing and making parachutes. In each of these projects, we have had work together in groups to plan, design, make and evaluate according to the brief given.



GIVING PUPILS A VOICE

The Pupil Voice representatives have reviewed what has been achieved so far this year in assembly this morning. They talked about how our pupils' ideas and views have had an impact on our lunches and playtime arrangements and how they are working to improve everyone's mental health and wellbeing.

SUPER MATHS SKILLS



Well done to two teams of pupils in Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in this morning's Big Maths Quiz. Hydesville battled against teams from Mayfield, The Shubbery and Blackwood School in a series of maths challenges. We are delighted to announce that our Year 6 team were runners up, with Year 5 finishing 4th.

Well done #TeamHydesville!



WHAT'S COMING UP NEXT?

Next Friday will be 'Let's Go Lego Reloaded'! Everyone in Prep is invited to take part in building a model based on the theme of Hydesville in Story Land. Pupils can work in teams to create a model based on a well-known story. We are going to let our imaginations run wild and have fun with our friends. REMEMBER TO BRING IN YOUR LEGO!!



Also, after half term, there will be a fortnightly Pupil Voice clinic where individual pupils can go and talk to the reps about their ideas and thoughts for how we could make our school even better. Pupil Voice would like everyone to support the local community by making a donation to the Foodbank. Donations will be collected in after the holiday.

EXTRA CURRICULAR FUN!

It's been a hectic half term in music and performing arts. Pupils are busy preparing for next week's Valentine's Concert (see more later in the newsletter)...

Our Prep School Drama and Musical Theatre Club is going from strength to strength. Pupils have been learning how to sing acapella, how to use their bodies to represent a character, how to project their voices and how to use eye contact to communicate with fellow actors.

During Spring 2, pupils will begin rehearsals for a short performance piece in preparation for the ISA drama competition.

Many thanks to all parents for your continued support for our extra-curricular activities.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior School

BUSINESS MATTERS

It's been a very busy term for the business department this spring, reports Mrs Odunjo:

"Pupils in Year 11 have completed their mock exams and are now in the feedback and evaluation stages. We are hopeful as we approach the GCSE exams that there is a sure footing for every pupil to achieve their target grades in the subject.

"I have a group of very enthusiastic Year 10 business pupils; our lessons are filled with debate, discussion, bridging and, of course, learning.

"We have just concluded our Marketing aspect with an end-of-unit test, with a very satisfactory performance from every pupil.

"We are now looking forward to the role of human resources in business, with HTS featuring frequently as our at-home case study!

The development of this particular group from the start of the academic year until now has been quite pleasing to observe, and I think that by this time next year, we will have seasoned young entrepreneurs in the making!"

BUSY HALF TERM IN PSHE

It has been another busy half term in PSHE. As well as their usual timetabled lessons, form tutors have continued to deliver the 'votes for schools' programme in examining topics such as 'do punishments work?', 'should voting be made easier?' and 'should coping about loss and bereavement be included in the curriculum?' All these topics spark some lively discussions during form time!

We also had a visit from former professional footballer, Marc Williams, who gave a heartfelt talk to pupils in KS4 about his life experiences; explaining how he became addicted to gambling.

Marc Williams

Programme Facilitator

Marc is a former professional footballer who turned to gambling after a huge setback in his career.

After a 12 year addiction, Marc sought help by way of rehabilitation and now three years in recovery, joins EPIC as a Programme Facilitator. Marc shares his story and experiences throughout schools and sports groups to raise awareness and educate the next generation on gambling harms.



Pupils have also examined internet safety and marked Safer Internet Day in school including an assembly which was led by out IT ambassadors.



UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 8

This year's first newsletter entry for Y8 takes a little peek back into the end of 2021 and in recognition of the achievements of the first term. I am pleased to see:

- ★ Two Y8 pupils featuring on the leader board for the most merits.
- ★ Two ambassadors awards for kindness and anti-bullying.
- ★ A Y8 winning best acrostic poem for anti-bullying week.
- ★ Volunteers supporting the school library at break times.

I look forward to seeing what this term brings and the many future achievements to come.

Mr Hill-Jayne



WORD OF THE WEEK

DERIVE

de- (Latin: down, away)

rius (Latin: brook or stream)

Who would use this word?
Linguist, author, journalist, etymologist

past tense: derived
past participle: derived
gerund: deriving

LINGUISTICS: "Coffee derives from the Turkish 'kahveh'."

MATHEMATICS: "The volume can be derived as a function of L."

SCIENCE: "Strong acids are derived from the combustion of fossil fuels."

VERB:
- to obtain something from
- have as a root or origin
- arise from or originate in

SYNONYMS:
obtain, acquire, procure, extract, descend, spring

In late Middle English 'derieve' meant to draw a fluid through or into a channel.

PUPIL AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards this week:

PREP SCHOOL STARS OF THE WEEK



R: Esmé-Neev & Talia
Y1: Jude
Y2: Briana
Y3: Kadii
Y4: Simran
Y5: Avneet
Y6: Aryan

SENIOR SCHOOL PUPILS OF THE WEEK



7A - Radin, Ibrahim, Preet.
7B - Alice, Aden, Samraaj.

NURSERY



Jayan - for settling in fabulously into Nursery life and a great addition to Pre-Prep.

PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to Nihal in Year 10 who has been accepted into the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra for a special project, called Project Remix.

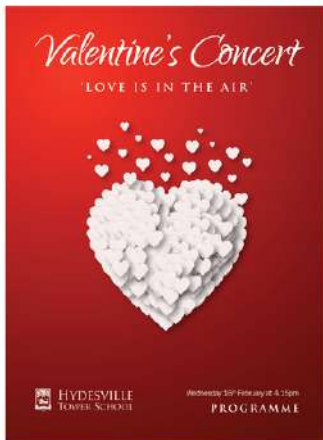
Project Remix fuses well-known music with contemporary orchestral arrangements.

The project culminates with a performance at Birmingham Symphony Hall on February 20th, where Nihal will be performing with the orchestra on his flute.



Gurdeep, Y8 – for going beyond the class expectations, to create his own additional rap compositions at home.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...



LOVE IS IN THE AIR....

'Love is in the air' and so is the sound of music. That's right, our Valentine's Concert is back at Hydesville Tower School for 2022!

This special event is taking place at 4.15pm on Wednesday 16th February.

Tickets are priced at £3 each (to include an afternoon tea) and are available for families of performing pupils only.

Please check the payments area of Cognita Connect.

Tickets are limited to two per family and are being sold on a first come, first served basis.

UPDATING IMPORTANT DETAILS

Can we remind all parents/carers about the importance of keeping us informed of any changes to your child's medical situation, dietary needs and allergens. Please notify the School Office via info@hydesville.com should any changes in circumstances arise. Thank you for your support.



The Song Academy Young Songwriter 2022 competition is open for entries from 1st February - 31st March, for ages 8-18.

This is a golden opportunity for pupils who are already writing songs to get their songs heard & connect with other talented young songwriters.

It's also a perfect opportunity for budding writers & musicians who've never written a song before to get creative and write their first song!

Collaborations between pupils are welcome as well as solo entries.

If you are interested, speak to Mr Hill-Jayne or visit: <https://www.songacademy.co.uk/says22/>

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP W/C 14.2

Monday	Year 6 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 3 & 4 Football Club (3:45pm – 4:30pm)
Tuesday	KS4 Art Club (3:45pm – 4:45pm) Years 7 – 11 Drama Club (4:00pm - 5:00pm)
Wednesday	
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 - RJ & 6B (100%)

Seniors - 8B (99%)

