



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 importance of good mental health cannot be understated. Whilst many people enjoy relatively carefree existences, the levels of emotional challenges being experienced today are significant and this is why schools must treat the issue very seriously.

The staff received training from a member of the Charlie Waller Trust on Wednesday evening. It was such a well-received and supportive activity that we are keen to expand our links with this charity into next year, looking to become one of their partner schools. Their support of pupils, parents and staff over the years to come will be invaluable, and I know that their provision will be appreciated by all concerned. From Early Years onwards, our children are encouraged to express their feelings to an adult, so we can identify as soon as possible if someone is likely to need support. In Year 7, we are working in Character Education lessons at removing the stigma around mental health, and ensuring we are supportive and caring to those around us.

And finally, the whole Senior School had the chance to benefit from an extra hour of sleep, as linked to World Sleep Day. The powerful benefits of sleep should not be underestimated, and hopefully this starts these pupils in a pattern of behaviour that ensures they sleep better and longer more readily.

I hope the sun shines for you all weekend, whatever you may be doing...

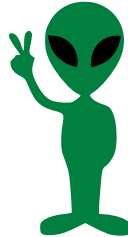
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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

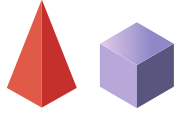
Reception

ALIENS LOVE UNDERPANTS!

Pupils enjoyed listening to the story 'Aliens Love Underpants.' Children designed their own alien and using their imagination they wrote sentences drawing attention to adjectives, capital letters and spellings of tricky words.



2D VS 3D SHAPES



Pupils are learning all about 3D shapes, learning their names, their properties and investigating whether they roll or slide. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed creating each shape using playdoh.



RHYME TIME

Pupils have enjoyed our rhyming activities this week. Rhyme is an important aspect of language development in children and has many benefits to their learning.



Rhyming can help children learn the pronunciation of words as well as having the recognition of sounds and language formation. It is important for children in EYFS to be able to hear and identify rhymes and to recognise rhythm in spoken words.

SPRING HAS SPRUNG



This week in Forest School we were nature detectives, exploring the area and searching for signs of spring. We noticed ladybirds, daffodils, budding flowers and crocuses in the Arboretum.



ART IN ICT



In our ICT lesson this week we discussed and explored how ICT can be used in art and we came up with lots of different ideas. The key questions we discussed in the lesson, was what is an artist?

We talked about the experiences, skills and knowledge that we gain from us using art in ICT. By using ICT the children can work on art together and on their own. This develops their social skills and encourages team building.



Prep School - y2

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



LONDON'S BURNING!



In English, Year 2 have been learning about the events from the Great Fire of London. We have looked at parts of Samuel Pepys diary and have found out how the fire spread so quickly due to the strong wind and the materials the houses were made from. We wrote our own diary extract from the perspective of Samuel Pepys and have also started to work on writing a non-chronological report about the events.



HOW DOES YOUR GARDEN GROW?

Our new topic in science has been 'The Apprentice Gardener'. We have looked closely at different types of seeds, discussing if all seeds grown into the same type of plant and if all seeds are the same. We have discussed what gardeners need to know when planting seeds such as how much sunlight the seed will need and when would be the best time of year to plant the seed. Over the next couple of weeks, we will be thinking about ways we keep plants healthy and what we can do if a plant starts to feel unwell.



MATHS & COMPUTING UPDATE



In their Maths lessons, children in Year 2 have been learning about 3d shapes, embedding the properties (names, faces, edges and vertices). We have been enjoying some practical lessons working in pairs to embed this knowledge.

In computing lessons, they have been looking at creating digital music, rhythms and patters, how music can be used, notes and tempo, as well as reviewing and editing the music.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



AN UPDATE FROM KS4



This half term, the focus for personalised targets has been wellbeing. Pupils completed a wellbeing questionnaire about how much sleep they are getting, the quality of their sleep, their diet, how much physical activity they do daily, which hobbies they have and what they do for charity. These physical and mental factors contribute to overall wellbeing and can influence how children perform in school. It is vital that changes are made before poor routines become habits. If you would like to know how to access your child's responses, please contact me directly pav.dhadda@cognita.com.



The survey showed that only 50% of Year 10 pupils, compared to 23% of Year 11s were getting the recommended 8-10 hours of sleep. 30% of Year 10s and 41% of Year 11s were having good quality sleep, with the remainder stating that they wake repeatedly through the night or still feel tired in the morning. I hope that pupils (and parents!) will benefit from the extra hour of sleep on World Sleep Day! Wellbeing Ambassadors have been delivering sessions all week about the importance of sleep and there will be an assembly next week.

Academically, Year 11 are busy finishing off content ready for their GCSEs to commence; parents will be able to discuss targets and progress at parents' evening on Wednesday 23rd March. Year 10 will be receiving full school reports at the end of this term ahead of the end of year examinations which will take place after Easter, week commencing 23rd May. I will be running revision strategy workshops for both year groups ahead of their exams. If you require any further information on how to support your child pastorally or academically, please do get in touch.

Mrs Dhadda

INTRODUCING OUR MATHS CHALLENGE WINNERS

The Intermediate Mathematical Challenge is a 60-minute, multiple-choice Challenge aimed at Year 10 and Year 11. It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought, and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems on the Intermediate Mathematical Challenge are designed to make students think. Most are accessible, yet still challenge those with more experience.

There were some impressive results this year with Year 10 producing 4 certificate winners: Cedric (Bronze), Amira (Bronze), Aini (Bronze) and Harjan (Silver). In Year 11, there were three winners; Karam (Silver), Jai (Silver) and excitingly Sahban (Gold). Sahban has been invited to enter the prestigious Kangaroo paper later in March, which will see him pit his wits against the UK's strongest mathematicians and we wish him well.

The 25th Anniversary Challenge was an online, 45-minute, multiple-choice Challenge set in January for Year 7 and 8 and there were some notable performances here too. Veer and Dhaya achieved joint best in year performances and received a certificate at assembly this week.

Congratulations to all our winners!



SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received a Head's Commendation for excellence this week:

PREP SCHOOL



Reception - Harnam
Year 1 - Muizz
Year 2 - Arjun
Year 3 - Jasmine
Year 4 - Iyla
Year 5 - Martin
Year 6 - Maaya

SENIOR SCHOOL



10A - Sarah, Isabella and Cedric.
10B - George, Jai and Asiya.

ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK

NURSERY



Khayyira - for showing determination and improvements within all areas of her learning.



Mya (Y10) - for her high score on a recent Shakespeare test.
Sahban (Y11) - for excellent creative writing response in his recent practice paper.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Mikhail (Y8) – for an impressive turnaround on homework effort, leading to by far his best rap yet!



Congratulations also to Nilesh (Y9) and Harleen (Y7) for winning the English research project prize for essays on Heroes in Literature (Harleen) and Gender in Literature (Nilesh).

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

CALLING ALL FASHION-‘EASTERS!’

As we near our spring break, our pupils have been very busy in their art lessons creating pieces for our fashion show on Tuesday March 22nd (9.15am and 4.15pm and March 23rd (9.15am).

As Oscar Wilde once said, “one should either be a piece of art or wear a piece of art”- and at Hydesville we endeavour to stand out from the crowds with our art themed fashion show.

Please find more information and ticket details on Cognita Connect.



NURSERY & RECEPTION EASTER HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

Bookings for our Easter Holiday Nursery & Reception Fun Club will go live on the Payments area of Cognita Connect on Monday 21st March.

Fun Club will take place Monday 11th - Thursday 14th April and Tuesday 19th & Wednesday 20th April
The club hours are 9am - 4pm, at a cost of £25 a day.

Places are limited so please hurry so as not to miss out!



ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

Congratulations to the following classes in Prep and Senior School who all achieved 100% attendance this week:

Prep - 2S, 3B

Seniors - 7A, 7B, 8A, 11A



AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS COMING UP W/C 21.3

(All subject to parental booking via Cognita Connect)

Monday	Year 3 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)