



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



Here's to the end of a busy and very successful term. It is evident from the reports and grades I have seen in recent weeks that the momentum is shifting rapidly towards the high achievements we expect at Hydesville, and pupils and staff deserve credit for their efforts to keep progress high. My best wishes go to the Year 11 as they embark on their big revision push over these holidays: the work will pay off.

It is a pleasure to mention Laila in Year 5, who recently spoke to over 200 people in Rushall about the planned redevelopment of the Green Belt sites in Calderfields West. Her confidence and desire to speak out on a local environmental campaign is a wonderful endorsement for her, and the work of the Eco-Committee that she is a key part of in the Prep School. I think she is also an example for all our children of recognising that their voices matter and if there is something they feel passionately about, they can take a stand and people will listen.

Finally, our best wishes to various staff regarding maternity. Thank you to Miss Ulfat, who has completed her maternity cover for Mrs Jones in Computer Science.

Miss Kaur-Hamilton starts her leave and we wish her well in the months ahead. Miss Jenkins also departs for her maternity leave and I give her special thanks for her leadership of the Senior School. She is truly a force of nature in all that she does, and I have thoroughly appreciated working with her during these last few years.

Wishing you all the best for your Easter holidays...

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Hydesville Nursery & Reception

FUN ON THE FARM



Children in Hydesville Nursery enjoyed a Nursery rhyme tour at Ash End Farm in Tamworth last Friday.

The hands on experience of feeding the ducks, goats and sheep was invaluable as the children were able to learn about what animals provide for us, explore textures using their senses and extend their vocabulary.

Children sang lots of Nursery rhymes associated with farm animals and some of the animals even joined in!

The highlight of the day was when they sang 'chick, chick, and chicken' to the hens, and the children received their very own freshly laid egg to take home for their tea.

Luckily the fine weather meant they could also enjoy a picnic lunch outdoors and take time to play in the adventure playground.

Everyone had some much fun that the children were worn out and some had a little nap on the way home!



BLACK COUNTRY LIVING MUSEUM

VICTORIAN LIFE FOR RECEPTION

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed their day of experiencing life as a Victorian child at the Black Country Museum. It was an eye-opening visit to see how a child's life was so different from our own and the struggles they would have faced. We visited lots of different homes and quickly came to the realisation that we couldn't see any bathrooms inside; the children and their families had to wash and use the toilet at the bottom of their garden!

On our tours, we also visited a Victorian school. After being told to stand in two separate lines (one line of boys and one line of girls) we were led inside by a very strict Victorian teacher who was holding a cane. During the lesson, our hands were inspected for cleanliness; the teacher was horrified when he reached Mrs Jones and she even received the cruel punishment of facing the wall with her hands on her head! Our teacher also taught us how to use 'hooks and hangers' to produce perfect Victorian handwriting and to say the alphabet backwards!

During the day, we also visited lots of Victorian shops such as the chemist where we learnt about Victorian medicine, the butchers, hardware store and the greengrocers. It was such a fantastic day and pupils learnt new facts to support their learning.



Prep School - Y3

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

WHEELY GOOD FUN!

Year 3 dusted off the trundle wheels and learned how to measure perimeter. Using tape measures, meter sticks and trundle wheels we measured the perimeters of various classroom items, including books, boards and even the perimeter of the classroom itself. Children had to choose the most appropriate tool and unit of measure to record their results accurately. This week we have recapped money and multiplication and begun work on fractions. Usually, the word fractions instils fear into pupils but using a growth mindset they have made an excellent start and some even said, "I don't even know why I was worried!" With a little determination and resilience our pupils will master fractions and I'm sure they will love their maths homework next week...



THE GREAT KAPOK TREE

Year 3 have been reading The Great Kapok tree and discussing the dilemma the character faces. After exploring the different animals that live in the rainforest, they talked about the reasons why the Kapok tree was so important to them, and why the man shouldn't cut it down. It stimulated lots of conversations about deforestation, the effect it has globally and the changes we can make to prevent it. Afterwards, pupils took on the role of the animals and the man from the story and used their best persuasive language to convince him to leave the tree and save their home.



SCIENCE: THE POWER OF FORCES

During the last few weeks Year 3 have enjoyed some practical science lessons where they have been investigating forces. They used a straw and a ping pong ball to find out how they could use air as a force to move things. They made their own windmills and tested them outside to see how the blades moved in different ways depending on where they were standing in the playground, the wind strength and the angle they were holding their windmill. This week we tested different surfaces on a ramp to see how friction would effect a car travelling along it. Next week we are looking forward to testing magnetic forces.

ART ROUND UP: UPPER PREP

Year 3 have been learning about pneumatics and how it is used in daily life, they have investigated simple pneumatic systems and are now making their own moving monster. Their designs have now been completed....



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



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



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



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

PREP SCHOOL



Reception - Zayn
Year 1 - Muhammed
Year 2 - Guneet
Year 3 - Kasim
Year 4 - Asees
Year 5 - Laila
Year 6 - Haider

NURSERY



Azania - for putting 100% effort into all Nursery activities this week.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Davina (Y7) - for a top score across the Year 7 in the listening test.

ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK



Asiya and Jasmeen (Y10) for excellent note taking and analysis of quotes during a Macbeth lesson.

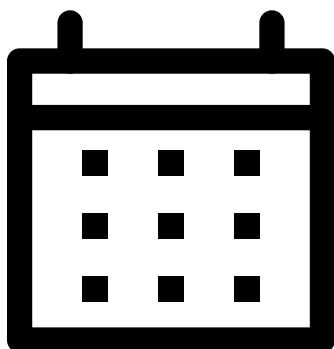
NOTICES AND COMING UP...

NURSERY & RECEPTION EASTER FUN CLUB

A reminder that bookings for our Easter Holiday Nursery & Reception Fun Club are still open 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!



SUMMER TERM DATES

The Summer Term's dates and events have been uploaded to the Cognita Connect calendar. It's going to be another busy term!

ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep - 2J (100%)

Seniors - 8B (98%)

