



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



It has been a tough fortnight for many within the school community with the loss of Raheel. He was a young boy who touched the heart of many: classmates, staff and the parents in his peer group. Such a tragedy hits hard and leaves many of us numb. We know that there will be many days, weeks and longer for healing to take place, but rest assured we will continue to work to support all those whose hearts have been shattered. Raheel's parents will also be kept close to us throughout, as we support them and find ways to cherish his memory.

I am looking forward to meeting the new Head, Mrs Samra, in the next fortnight as she visits the school to begin the important handover process. I will be impressing upon her what an incredible school she is inheriting and what makes it so special. It is essential from my perspective that she is ready to lead and carry this school onwards and upwards. She will understand quickly why this concept of 'family' is at the centre of how we are.

Some lovely news from the maternity wards: Miss Hamilton gave birth to a baby boy – Micah Timothy Singh-Fisken – whilst Miss Jenkins gave birth to a baby girl – Lili Efa Hughes. Both sets of mothers and babies have returned to their respective homes and are settling into family life.

I wish you a happy Bank Holiday weekend, and look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



MINI ROYAL BAKERS



Reception's theme this term is 'royalty' and pupils have enjoyed learning all about the Queen this week.

To celebrate the Queen's birthday we had our very own Reception tea party. Pupils designed their own invitations and menus to celebrate this special occasion. We enjoyed looking at a range of images of the Queen fulfilling her many different roles.

Pupils were delighted to make their own sandwiches for our afternoon tea party.

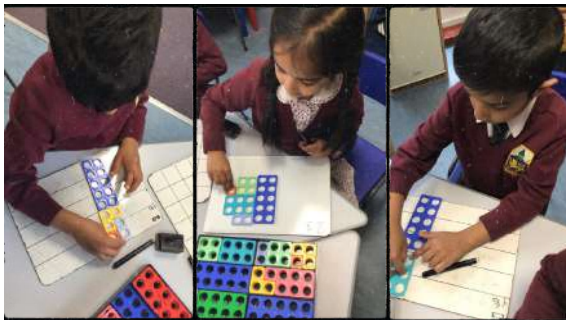
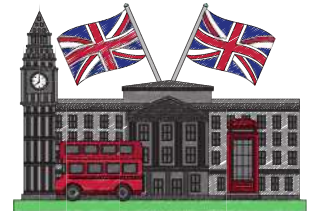
Taking part in hands-on cooking activities help children to develop communication and language skills, independence, problem-solving, fine motor skills and many other fundamental skills.



BUILDING WITH A PURPOSE IN MIND

Reception pupils enjoyed creating and building Buckingham Palace using the Lego bricks. Children demonstrated perseverance and dedication whilst finishing their creations.

Lego provides endless possibilities for children. These endless possibilities encourage creative thinking, as children can always explore new ideas and new designs.



Children in Reception have been working extremely hard in their maths lesson this week. They have played bingo with numbers 1-20 and explored the different ways they can make given numbers using the numicon. Great work, Reception!

THE CIRCLE OF LIFE



Reception listened to the story 'sunflower house' with good listening skills.

Following on from the story, pupils were able to order a simple life-cycle diagram of a sunflower and label parts of the sunflower using their phonic knowledge.



Prep School - y4

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

THINKING ABOUT SCIENCE



At the end of last term, Years 3 and 4 went on a Science Trip to ThinkTank in Birmingham. Whilst there, the pupils had the opportunity to participate in a science workshop, linked to their most recent topic in science, for Year 4 this was changing state. The pupils had the opportunity to catch carbon dioxide in a balloon and produced slime as part of a chemical reaction. Additionally, pupils visited the galleries and interacted with a range of activities, including one looking at the human digestive system, which will hopefully aid them in their science studies this half term.



SECRETS OF A SUN KING

This week, Year 4 have started studying a new book- Secrets of a Sun King by Emma Carroll.

This links in with our topic of 'Tomb Raiders' which looks at Ancient Egypt. The pupils have been introduced to one of the main characters, Lillian, and have discovered that some strange events could be linked to an ancient Egyptian curse. The question is, will Lillian be able to save her grandad, Ezra, before the curse gets to him too...?



HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

Over the Easter holidays, Year 4 were set the challenge of completing a project all about coasts. They looked at the Holbeck Hall Hotel disaster, found out about the features of coastlines and produced leaflets to provide information for visitors to a seaside town of their choice. As an additional challenge, the pupils were asked to create a 'beach in a box' and here you can see Asees and Rianah with their wonderful creations.



CITY NATURE CHALLENGE – BECOME A CITIZEN SCIENTIST

In today's Assembly from the Black Country Wildlife Trust, pupils were told about what it is to be a 'Citizen Scientist' and how we can all take part in an event this weekend to become one.

City Nature Challenge are running a world-wide project to discover more about the flora and fauna in our cities. Everyone is being asked to head outside in their local area to observe the plants and wildlife around them. They can identify and photograph plants, animals, and other organisms on their own or as part of a BioBlitz. With adult permission, pupils can use the iNaturalist app or iNaturalist.org to upload their observations and add them to a global database of biodiversity to support local to global research projects.

To take part see:
<https://citynaturechallenge.org/>



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



AN UPDATE FROM THE GEOGRAPHY DEPT...

Welcome to the final term of the academic year in geography. We are particularly pleased with the gradual changes in the weather and are looking forward to brighter days of sunshine ahead.

With the GCSE examinations just a breath away, year 11 geographers have sleeves rolled up and belts tightened, ready to take on paper 1 on the 23rd of May. We wish them the very best of luck! Year 10s are already putting themselves in the shoes of the year group above, perhaps as the reality dawns that this would be them this time next year. In that vein, there is an air of seriousness and a sense of urgency amongst the year 10 geographers, as they aim to be as prepared as possible for the end of year examinations.

Further down, life in KS3 continues as normal; pupils are exploring both the physical and human aspects of geography, across the year groups, relating textbook theories to everyday realities.

Mrs Adunjo

SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

FUNCTION *functio* (Latin: perform)

NOUN:
 1. The purpose of a person or thing
 2. (MATHS) An expression involving one or more variables
 3. A thing dependent on other factors
 4. A formal event or ceremony

VERB:
 Work or operate in the proper way

SYNONYMS:
 perform, talk, use, role, reason | consequence, result, outcome | event, party, occasion, gathering | work, operate, perform

Who would use this word?
 Scientist, Mathematician, Politician, Economist, Geographer, Hospitality worker

ARCHITECTURE:
 "Bridges perform the function of providing access across water."

MATHEMATICS:
 "The function $(bx + c)$."

PHYSICS:
 "The magnetic field has varied as a function of time."

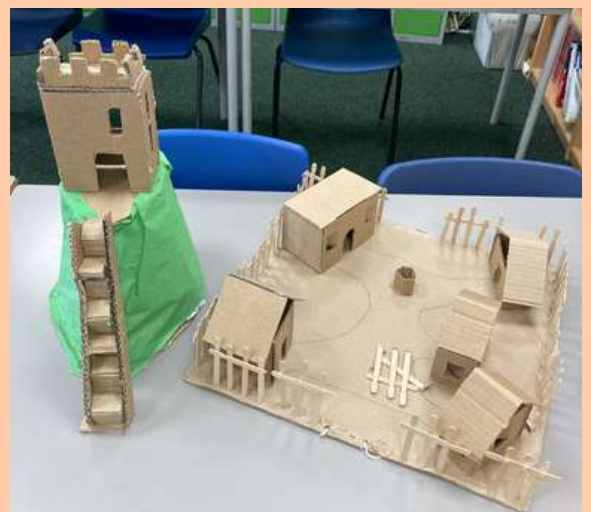
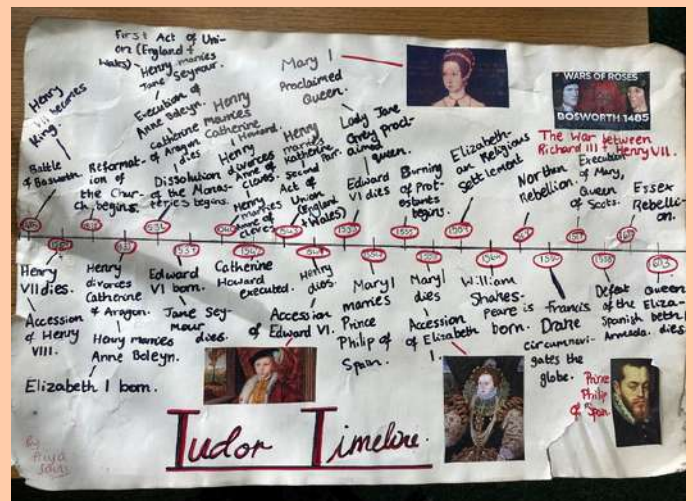
MEDICINE:
 "My liver is functioning normally."

POLITICS:
 "She was obliged to attend party functions."

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OUR BUSY HISTORIANS

It was a busy half term prior to the Easter break in History with Year 7 pupils constructing Motte and Bailey castles as part of their study of Medieval life. They have learned about the Norman Conquest and how castles were a key part of defensive strategies. The next area of focus was the Tudors and there has been some excellent timelines made to show information about key monarchs, their successes and failures. Both Key Stage Three and Key Stage Four History pupils have been busy with revision for Summer examinations at the end of this term, creating knowledge organisers and mindmaps to review learning.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

PREP SCHOOL



Reception - Waris
Year 1 - Roshan
Year 2 - James C
Year 3 - Taio
Year 4 - Tegh
Year 5 - Karam
Year 6 - Anniyah

NURSERY



Param - for making exceptional progress and always striving hard to do his best.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Aryan (Y6) - for showing a high level of independence and enthusiasm leading to great progress in the recent Reggae unit.

SENIOR SCHOOL



7A - Harleen, Hamza, Priya.
7B - Zaina, Rohan, Govind.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

INTRODUCING MR SHEIKH, HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL & DEPUTY HEAD



"I am delighted to join Hydesville Tower School. Helping others is one of my passions in life and it is no surprise to learn that I have continued to stay in the education sector for 25 years. I started as a Mathematics teacher and quickly progressed into leadership roles. During the last 12 years, I have performed many senior leadership roles such as being an Executive Headteacher, Principal and working for a Local Authority as School Advisor. As a senior leader, I have been part of many high performing teams and as an example, in 2019 my school was ranked 3rd best school nationally on the Progress 8 measure.

"Looking ahead, I will bring my positivity, passion and vast experience to the Hydesville family and support our superb pupils on their journey through school. On a final note, I want to say thank everyone for their warm and friendly welcome given to me."

Sagub Sheikh

SUMMER TERM MENUS

The Summer Term's lunch menus have now been added to the school website there:

Please do take a look to see what delicious meals our pupils can look forward to this term.....<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/chartwells-nutrition/>



ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

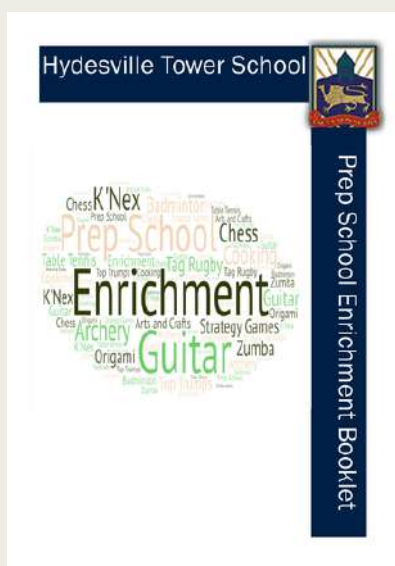
Congratulations to the following classes in Prep and Senior School who achieved 100% attendance this week:

Prep - RD, 6L

Seniors - 7A, 10B



ENRICHMENT - SUMMER TERM



Enrichment lessons continue on Wednesday afternoons for Prep School and Friday afternoons for Senior pupils.

Details of this term's programmes have been added to the school website here:

<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/enrichment/>

From strategy games to badminton, there really is something for everyone...what lucky children!