



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 MR SHEIKH



Mr Honey has been away from school this week so today's newsletter introduction comes from Mr Sheikh, Deputy Head & Head of Senior School:

'There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs'.

A thought-provoking quote which is often shared with aspiring people. To achieve success in any field does require a person to display certain qualities. Possessing natural talent and an interest in a field will help, however there is no substitute for simply working hard and ensuring you maintain this over time. When I listen to a range of professionals who have achieved huge success in their field such as footballers winning trophies, medical students becoming qualified doctors and entrepreneurs such as those on Dragons Den, each person always highlights the sacrifices they have made, and the hard work performed every day to reach their current position.

Next week is an important week for all our Senior School pupils as they will be doing their exams. The hard work performed by our wonderful pupils over many days, weeks and months will we hope result in high achievement. Beyond next week, the learning journey will continue, and all pupils must continue to work hard every day as this will help them to ensure their dreams will become a reality in future.

In conclusion, I also wanted to take this opportunity to express my heartfelt gratitude to everyone in the Hydesville family for their warm welcome and support given to me since I have joined a few weeks ago. I have thoroughly enjoyed being part of this amazing community. To our pupils in these final preparation days, our very best wishes.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend ahead.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Hydesville Nursery

READY, STEADY, BAKE!

Blue and Green group have all had lots of fun as they headed to our very own Hydesville Bakery.

They were provided with a selection of activities that supported the children within all areas of their learning. These activities included a birthday party role play where children acted out a birthday tea party using pretend cakes, biscuits and cups. They then used available baking ingredients - flour, water, eggs, milk - to talk about quantities and to place them into the mixing bowls to bake and mix to discuss the texture of the ingredients when all mixed together.

Children also had the five currant bun tuff tray available where they used salt dough balls to add pom poms for the cherry and raisins to the buns. The children then had simple ingredient cards to follow to attempt to make their very own salt dough bun by measuring out the flour, salt and water using cup measurements.

We had our own crafty craft tray where the children were provided with different shapes and sized sponges, paint, PVA glue, sequins, glitter, collage materials, to make and decorate their own cakes.

From completing these activities, role play helps the children to learn about themselves, the world and how things work. It offers a great way to build creativity and nurture their imagination and support and strengthen their language development, social skills and play skills including turn-taking and sharing within a safe learning environment.



MESSY PLAY WITH PAINT

Yellow Group enjoyed getting very, very, messy, they enjoyed using lots of different media to mark make in paint including themselves, they had the use of rollers, sponges, toy cars forks, and brushes, until they thought that they could make more marks by using their feet.

What fun they had stepping in paint and making big and small footprints, we compared sizes and shapes, discussed colours and the different types of marks we could make such as lines and circles. Allowing the children to express themselves creatively is very important to their development it encourages personal, social and emotional interactions and physical skills.

SOUND OF THE WEEK....



Can you guess? The clue is the first two letters....



Prep School - Y1

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

JIM AND THE BEANSTALK

Year 1 are enjoying their latest topic 'Forests and Fairy Tales'. They have explored the book 'Jim and the Beanstalk' and worked towards writing a letter as though they are the giant from the story. To help explore the book, they took part in a variety of role play activities, including a conscience alley. The children had to try and persuade Jim to climb the beanstalk or stay at home. They also enjoyed role playing scenarios involving Jim and his mother. This week, an exciting incident happened. A beanstalk appeared in the classroom! The children are using this as inspiration for their writing over the coming weeks.



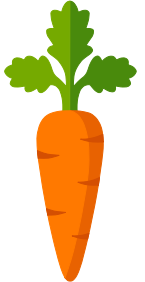
WE ARE ALL DIFFERENT & UNIQUE



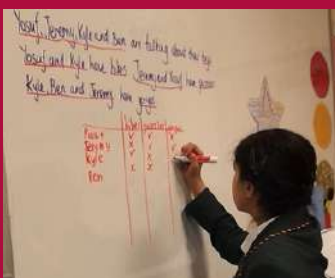
Year 1 have enjoyed rehearsing and performing their year group assembly. The theme focussed on everyone's differences and the children loved exploring the different ways they are unique in PSHE lessons. The teachers were extremely proud of their performance, the children all learnt their lines and sang beautifully. Well done Year 1!

GROWING CARROTS

The children have learnt about growing different vegetables in preparation for writing their own chronological report about growing carrots. Mrs Brown and Mrs Entecott helped the children to plant their own carrots to help the children with their report writing. The children will observe the carrots grow and have to make sure to care for them.



SUPPORTING OUR MORE ABLE & TALENTED PUPILS



This term, we have encouraged our More Able & Talented (MAT) pupils to model and take the lead in some aspects of the lessons. Mrs Chand was highly impressed with how Jasmine used a systematic approach to explain her reasoning to her peers. Well done Jasmine!

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior School

AMAZING ART

It is a wonderfully busy, positive time in the art department. Year 11 pupils have completed their GCSE portfolios; I look forward to being able to share their work when JCQ regulations allow. Our art ambassadors are busy preparing ideas and competitions to celebrate Hydesville's forthcoming platinum jubilee.

The quality of work from our pupils continues to impress. Rohan in year 10 has shown off his amazing drawing skills this week creating this stunning drawing of captain Jack Sparrow. It is wonderful to see how talented and creative our students are.

As part of her 'different surfaces' project, Ore in year 9 has created an amazing piece exploring the work of French artist Stephanie LeDoux; Ore's use of materials is very inventive and her skill using pastels is amazing.



SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

INDICATE

MOTURING: "The driver indicated and changed lanes."

BUSINESS: "Sales indicate a growing market for such art."

ENGINEERING: "An external tube is used to indicate fluid level."

Who would use this word? Academic, Politician, Economist, Marketing, Scientist, Engineer, Driver

VERB: 1. point out; show 2. (DRIVING) signal an intention to turn

SYNONYMS: specify, show, demonstrate, mark, signal, communicate, mention, reveal, suggest

indicate | indicates | indicated | indicating

INTRODUCING OUR PUBLISHED AUTHORS...

The English Department are celebrating some exciting news this half term! The following nine pupils have won a 'Young Writers' creative writing competition which they entered last term.

They have won the opportunity to have their short story published in a Young Writers Anthology - Twisted Tales 2022 - Tales on Imagination.

A huge Hydesville well done to: Zach, Ishika, Gurdeep, Aiden, Amira, Asiya, Davina, Ayesha and Niles.



AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 10

The cloak of responsibility has now been passed on to the year 10s, and most have stepped into their prefectship roles with ease. Formal interviews will determine who gets the most highly-coveted roles in the school.

With the GCSE examinations now in full swing, it is easy for the year 10s to see themselves in this position this time next year, and most are making sure that the time does not catch them unprepared. Study skills and revision are being tightened towards the end-of-year examinations beginning next week and we are anticipating results that will be both challenging and motivating!

Mrs Oduwo



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK



Nilesch (Y9) - for an excellent poetry entry written for the Young Writers competition.



Samraaj (Y7) - for exemplary descriptive writing using advanced vocabulary.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Arun (Y10) - for 100 days of continuous instrument practise.

NURSERY



Chloe - for being very good at working hard and using her listening ears.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

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.

SENIOR SCHOOL RESIDENTIAL....BOOK NOW



A reminder to Senior School parents to book your child's place on the forthcoming residential if you haven't already.

The trip to Boughton Woods in Northamptonshire will take place from Monday 6th June and return on Thursday 9th June and will give pupils the chance to follow an Environmental Science based programme of study, supporting school learning, as well as take part in lots of fun bushcraft activities.

Please book and pay for your child's place via Cognita Connect by Monday 23rd May.

PARK & RIDE: THE RELAUNCH!

Following the successful recruitment of a new minibus driver we are excited to be relaunching our very popular park and ride service!

Parents/carers are now invited to register their interest via Cognita Connect. Please note, places are limited and we will communicate to the successful applicants before the half term break.



NOEL'S ROAD TO WEMBLEY



Members of the #Hydesvillefamily might've noticed a familiar face on their TV screens if they watched last weekend's FA Cup Final...

Our mini-bus driver, Noel, was part of the 'B Positive' gospel choir who performed 'Abide with Me' and 'God Saved the Queen' before the kick-off.

We are all very proud of you, Noel, and look forward to more TV appearances very soon!

You can find out more about B Positive here: www.bpositivechoir.org.uk

LEAVERS HOODIES!

We are organising leavers hoodies for pupils in Year 6 and Year 11.

Parents/carers of children in these year groups are reminded to place their order for their child's hoodie by Tuesday May 24th.

Please see the payments area of Cognita Connect for more information and to place your order.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep: RJ & 1BT
Seniors: 7A & 11A