



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

What has been involved in the Queen lasting in her role for the last 70 years?

Republicans might quickly shout out cutting suggestions like immense wealth from the state or constantly being attended to by courtiers and ladies-in-waiting. Nevertheless, putting aside any partisan views of the monarchy for a moment, what has it taken?

For many of us, the thought of being at work for 70 years would demand a level of stamina and endurance that seems unfathomable. A dedication to the duty, including putting the needs of others or the role ahead of oneself, will have been key. She will have benefited from the support of good, kind, wise people, to stay well-informed and understanding of the events of the country.

You know where I'm going with this, don't you?

The parallels with our school in its 70th year are apparent. Whilst we may be relieved that a holiday is approaching, the energy and commitment shown day after day are immense. The desire to do well by others – pupils, parents and colleagues – shines out, and is one of the reasons why Hydesville Family is more than just a turn of phrase. And with the people around us, there is always the view of how to keep learning, keep getting better, and being the best school we can be.

I hope you enjoy any Jubilee celebrations over the half-term holiday, and we look forward to inviting you to our own party on July 1st.

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Hydesville Nursery & Reception



IF YOU GO DOWN TO THE WOODS TODAY

Hydesville Nursery children were certainly in for a big surprise as they headed off to the outdoor classroom to enjoy their Teddy Bear inspired picnic box. Everyone came to Nursery in high spirits, bringing their own furry friends to accompany them!

After the picnic, the children had lots of fun taking part in a variety of teddy themed activities.



A CINDERELLA STORY

Pupils enjoyed listening to the story of Cinderella with good listening skills. As a group we discussed which adjectives describe Cinderella, Prince Charming and the Evil Stepmother.



Stories have so much to offer: they develop listening and communication skills, improve concentration and memory, bring experiences alive, create a sense of wonder and help sequence events.



THE VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR CONTINUES

Bob, Colin, Coco, Rosie and Roy are now inside their cocoon. Children are very excited and enthusiastic about the changes that are occurring. We decided to make our own life cycle of a butterfly wheel. Pupils used their phonic knowledge to write short sentences on their leaves. Next pupils enjoyed exploring and experimenting symmetry with paint.



Prep School - y2

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

OUR HEALTHY YEAR 2!



In Year 2 the topic for science is 'Taking Care'. The children have been learning about how to stay healthy and clean so far. The children designed their own exercise workouts which included, jogging, the plank, star jumps, bench jumps and running. The children all felt energised after their workouts. They all made sure they had plenty of fruit and vegetables at lunchtimes too!

We looked at a range of healthy and unhealthy foods including pasta, chicken, soup, chocolates, apples and much more. The children then went on further to discuss how they could be grouped in another way and came up with fantastic ideas such as, fats, sugary and vegetarian foods.

Well done, Year 2. You are now experts!



DEMYSTIFYING MAPS

Year 2 have been busy exploring our local area using a range of different maps. We looked at Ordnance Survey maps, discussing the icons used in maps to show the different features such as the PO to represent the post office. We also noticed areas such as Sutton Park and Walsall Arboretum. We then improved our skills in using maps to help us navigate. We used a map of the arboretum and followed a route, taking notice of some of the physical and human features on the way. Who needs Google Maps!



HALF TERM UPDATE FROM THE MUSIC DEPT

YEAR 4 are currently realising how often maths appears in music. This half term we have looked at time signatures, which tell us how many beats are in a song and counting in different metre from the common 4 beats a bar to 3/4 and 2/4. Everyone had fun dancing the waltz to 3/4, marching to 2/4 and exploring 4/4 at different tempi (speeds).

People rest for many reasons. In music it might be to catch your breath, allow another instrument to flourish, or to mark the end of a phrase, much like a full stop. **YEAR 5** have been learning to identify the symbols for these rests from half beat rests up to four and then putting it into practise.

A musical piece about a dog called Dan. Just one of the 14 variations of a theme created the composer Edward Elgar to represent people (and animals) in his life. **YEAR 6** have been learning about the 'Enigma Variations', creating their own variations of his theme, to ultimately lead them into creating their own theme with subsequent variations. Last year we had all sorts of variations from animal representations, to dog breeds and marvel characters. Mr Hill-Jayne can't wait to hear what we have this year!



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

Senior School

A FEAST ON MATHS FOR YEAR 10



Mr Dhadha and four of his talented mathematicians took part in a team challenge recently at Wolverhampton University which was hosted by the Advanced Mathematics Support Programme.

The Maths Feast is a fun educational challenge for Year 10 students which tests problem-solving and teamwork skills. Teams of four students test their maths skills with an all-you-can-eat feast of problems! Team Hydesville consisted of Amira, Harjan, Isabella and Cedric and they worked for several hours under pressure.

There were a number of rounds requiring different skills and strategies for success and the aims of the event are to improve problem-solving skills using recreational maths. Hydesville can be proud of our team - they had a great day, solved some tough maths and were rewarded with the Best Teamwork award.

Here is a fast food maths puzzle for you to solve, Yum Yum!



SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK



SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

Pupils in Years 7 to 10 have completed their revision for their end of year exams and are currently sitting these. Hopefully they will achieve the grades they deserve.

Next half term year 7 will continue with their Chemistry unit looking at the periodic table. Year 8 will be investigating the local ecosystems (see photo) and Year 9 and 10 will continue their GCSE course in Biology, Chemistry and Physics.

All Senior School pupils will be given science projects over the summer holidays, so watch this space!



AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF KEY STAGE 3

It has been a short but action-packed half term ending with all pupils in Key Stage 3 taking their end of year exams.

It has been great to see pupils discovering revision techniques and strategies to make sure they fulfil their potential. Their effort and hard work this year will be shown in the end of year results which I am sure the students will be proud of.

It is now time to have a restful week, relax and recharge ready for the last half term of the year. After the break pupils will be getting ready to take the next step in their academic journeys at Hydesville. It will be a very exciting half term with sports days, trips and prize-giving ceremonies to look forward to.

Well done to all pupils this half term for their outstanding efforts and behaviour.

Mr Lawrence



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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

MUSIC PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



Ishika & Zach - for achieving the top score in the Y9 music exam.

NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Haniya – for excellent behaviour and following instructions well.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Dylan - for always working hard and being a good friend.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to Arun in Year 10 for achieving a distinction in his violin exam.



NOTICES AND COMING UP...

ON YOUR MARKS.....

Our annual Sports Days will take place after the Half Term break on the following dates:

- 28th June - Y1 & Y2, 9.30 - 11am.
- 28th June - Senior School (Y7 - Y9), 2pm start.
- 29th June - Nursery & Reception, 1.30pm start.
- 30th June - Y3 - Y6, 9.30 - 11am.



The Nursery & Reception event will take place at school, whilst all other events will be held at the University of Wolverhampton, Walsall Campus. Parents are invited to cheer their children along. More details will be sent out soon!

CELEBRATING SOUTH ASIAN CULTURE

A fantastic event is taking place this weekend and might be of interest to the #Hydesvillefamily...

'United Colours' is a live musical experience celebrating South Asian Culture and is being held in association with the Commonwealth Games.

It will be an action packed weekend with gold medalists, art exhibitions, free food and much more!

Senior School pupils in particular might be interested in attending the EY & Morgan Stanley CV workshop. See the following link for more information:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/investment-banking-talk-workshop-in-walsall-morgan-stanley-ey-tickets-344306208137>

You can find out more about 'United Colours' by clicking on the poster here....



JUBILEE ART COMPETITION



Mrs Shaw would like pupils to release their inner fashion designer and design a hat or crown to celebrate the Queen's platinum jubilee!

You can draw your design and/or make it. Try and think about how you can link it to the Queen's jubilee in an imaginative way.

100 merits and a certificate will be awarded to the winner.

Closing date for entries: Tuesday 7th June.



CRESTED SCHOOLWEAR

From July 1st, Crested Schoolwear will be taking bookings for parents who wish to purchase uniform for the new school year. Please call 01922 276266 to book an appointment.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep: RJ
 Seniors: 7A, 8A, 11A & 11B