



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



It is always nice to feel the benefits of being part of a larger group such as Cognita. This has been apparent again in recent days with the news that the latest stage of the Education technology roll-out is reaching Hydesville. In the weeks ahead, our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 classes will have in-school access to their own iPad for their educational learning and provision. These one-to-one devices will give any time access to educational resources, according to the choices of the teachers, opening up a world of possibilities for the children. In the Pre-Prep year of our Hydesville Nursery, there will also be provision for two-to-one access, again supporting the early stages of their learning. Please be reassured, teachers will remain determined that our ongoing literacy strategies supporting the reading and handwriting skills of our children will not be diminished by this provision. However, it will be a tremendous asset to be used as needed to develop their creativity, research skills and worldly understanding. I am certain that the reason for our pupils not suffering a significant COVID-blip in progress was our EdTech provision, so this is great news for our Early Years and Key Stage 1 children for now and the future. At the other end of the school, our Senior pupils in Year 11 are readying themselves for the GCSE exams. Some of this is already underway, with Art portfolios being completed, language assessments being undertaken, and PE moderation faced.

To all our pupils in these final preparation days, our very best wishes. As always, a combination of the pupils' hard work and the constant support of their teachers makes for a very special opportunity for success.

All the best for your weekend...

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# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS



## GREEN FINGERED GREEN GROUP!

Nursery children have been extremely busy cultivating their own vegetable garden. Amongst the variety of seeds planted, we have carrots, cucumber, broccoli and lettuce. Recently we have just observed our magic beans which appear to have shot up overnight just like in the story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. Half the fun of gardening is getting to eat what you grow, and we are looking forward to developing our interests and tastes for fruits and vegetables to encourage a healthy lifestyle. The process of tending a plant, seeing it bloom and produce food takes time and patience, but the children are beginning to see the end result and looking forward to tasting the results.



## UNDER THE SEA



Children in Blue Group have been very creative by making a selection of under the sea creatures for our new display board where we made glitter and mosaic fishes, handprint crabs, paper plate jellyfishes, pop bottle turtles, starfishes, and sand shells.

We then spoke about and drew our favourite under water creature before demonstrating great pencil control and letter formation to write our own sentences about why we like them.



## Hydesville Nursery



## GET, SET, GROW!

Children in Yellow Group have been busy creating a vegetable patch. We have planted fruit, vegetables, and herbs such as strawberries, pumpkins, tomatoes and basil and are helping take care of them by watering and nurturing them and monitoring how they grow. It is important that children learn about how food is grown and how to take care of plants. Not only is this an important life skill, but children also enhance their sensory skills and have fun watching their plants grow and mature.

## SOUND OF THE WEEK

Can you guess what it is....??



# Prep School - Y5

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## SCIENTIFIC MINDS

In science lessons, Year 5 pupils are learning all about reproduction in plants and animals and this week they have enjoyed being 'surgeons', performing careful plant dissections in class.

Pupils have had the opportunity to closely observe the structures within a flower and learn about the part each plays in the reproductive process. Each pupil was able to identify and name all of the different parts of the flower and the dissection skills were excellent!



## PARLEZ-VOUS FRANCAIS?



In French lessons Year 5 have been revising how to give our opinion and use an online bilingual dictionary to search for nouns. We have learned how to put these skills into a 'Sway' using our pupil devices.



## MAKING MUSIC

Pupils have been formalising their understanding of the music theory used in their topics this year. This week we looked at note lengths and played games to learn about the different types.

### Magic Feet Follow The Beat!

A FUN WAY TO TEACH MUSIC NOTE VALUES!

<b>BIG DADDY</b> WHOLE NOTE	 ta-a-a-a	<b>4 BEATS</b> GREAT BIG GIANT FEET
<b>MOMMY</b> HALF NOTE	 ta-a  ta-a	<b>2 BEATS</b> WALKS QUITE SLOWLY
<b>BIG BROTHER</b> QUARTER NOTE	 ta  ta  ta  ta	<b>1 BEAT</b> MARCHES LIKE A SOLDIER
<b>LITTLE TWIN</b> EIGHTH NOTE	 ti-ti  ti-ti  ti-ti  ti-ti	<b>SHINE AROUND</b> LITTLE TINY STEPS RUN ALONG BEHIND

### How to play Music Notes In Space (and how to win!)

**COMET:** shoot it down by hitting 1 life

**HALF NOTE:** splits into 2 quarter notes when you hit it

**QUARTER NOTE:** vanishes when you hit it

**WHOLE NOTE:** splits into 2 half notes when you hit it

**METEOR:** you lose 1 life if it hits the spaceship, try to shoot it down

**SPACESHIP:** move it with the Left or Right arrow keys; make it stay the correct duration (WHOLE NOTE, HALF NOTE...) with the Up and Down arrow keys; shoot with the X, B, and Space Bar key.

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## CASTING CALL!

In Prep School's Drama and Musical Theatre Club on a Thursday after school rehearsals are underway for our summer production of 'Mr Honey and the Sweet Factory'.

If your child (Years 3-6) is interested in taking part, please see Miss Bowdige.

Don't forget we offer individual music lessons for pupils from Reception to Year 11, offering one-to-one music tuition on almost all instruments as well as excellent vocal coaching.

For further information, please contact Mr Hill-Jayne via: [joe.hill-jayne@hidesville.com](mailto:joe.hill-jayne@hidesville.com) or contact the school office.

# LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

## AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 8..

Year 8 have been busy creating revision resources for their upcoming Summer examinations. During tutor time pupils from 8B created a Powerpoint presentation which collated their revision resources together across a range of subjects to share best practice. Bilal, Jamie and Anisa presented strategies such as Corbett Maths, Century, BBC bitesize, flash cards, and creating revision timetables to their form group.



This was excellent to see particularly as Bilal has only just joined our Hydesville community. Harveen, Safa and Shria also supported with making the presentation, and regularly support others with their learning. 8B's Powerpoint presentation has been shared with other form groups to promote sharing of good practice. Keep up the good work Year 8!

*Miss Thorne*

## SPOTLIGHT ON PSHE

All KS3 pupils have completed the online St John's ambulance first aid training which explored what to do in different emergency situations. Year 7 also examined what to do if someone has a severe bleed and year 8 looked at what to do if people have asthma or severe allergies. Miss Fairbrother also arranged for year 9 to have a practical basic emergency first aid course with 'First Response' last Friday which they thoroughly enjoyed.



Year 7 have been developing their understanding of British values: Democracy, rule of law, individual liberty, tolerance and understanding. Pupils are working in groups to create striking display pieces. They will go on to examine different forms of government, they will form their own political parties and hold the Hydesville elections. Watch this space when they start their campaigns!



## Senior School

### PUPILS MEAN BUSINESS!

Welcome to the Summer Term in Business. As we now enter May, we are gradually moving closer to the GCSEs starting! We are currently revising topics, considering examination techniques, and completing examination style questions ready for the examinations on 20th May and 13th June. Wishing them the best of luck with not only Business but all their GCSE Examinations!



Year 10s are continually working hard, with an excellent work ethic to prepare for the end of year examinations, with a real focus on how to answer the more demanding examination style questions to try to maximise their marks. In Year 9, pupils will have the opportunity to complete some taster sessions after their end of year assessments.

These sessions will revolve around 'Money Week' from young enterprise, running from 13th-17th June.

Whether pupils are continuing to pursue Business at GCSE or pursue other subject areas, these taster sessions will no doubt provide insight into money matters which will help to prepare them for the future.

### 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 - Kavi  
Year 1 - Nusaybah  
Year 2 - James R  
Year 3 - Gia  
Year 4 - Brogan  
Year 5 - Martin  
Year 6 - Simar



### NURSERY



Sara - for all round development and personal growth.

### MUSIC PERFORMERS OF THE WEEK



Gurshaun (Y10) – for completing his grade 2 drum exam to a high level

Kaka (Y9) – for a fantastic end of term performance despite only recently joining our school.

### ENGLISH STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the following Senior School pupils who won the Young Writing competition:

Zach, Ishika, Gurdeep, Aiden, Amira, Asiya, Davina, Ayesha and Nilesh.

## NOTICES AND COMING UP...



### SUMMER HALF TERM FUN CLUB

Bookings for our Summer Half Term Nursery & Reception Fun Club will go live on the Payments area of Cognita Connect next week. Fun Club will take place on Monday 30th May - Wednesday 1st June (inclusive). We will be open each day, 9am - 4pm, at a cost of £25 a day.

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



### SAVE THE DATE - PRIZE-GIVING

We are excited to come together and celebrate the successes from the Academic Year 2021-22 at our forthcoming prize-giving events on:

- Tuesday 5th July: Hydesville Nursery at 9am in the school hall and Reception at 2pm in the school hall.
- Wednesday 6th July for Years 1-6 at Bescot Stadium at 1pm.
- Thursday 7th July for Senior School at Bescot Stadium at 2.30pm.

More details will be sent out in due course but for now, please save the date....

### PREP SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

We enjoy opening our doors to parents and other members of the #Hydesvillefamily every Friday morning for our Prep School assemblies.

These weekly events are a great opportunity for us to come together as a school to perform and to celebrate our pupils' achievements, both inside and outside the classroom.

Do join us for refreshments in the dining room at 8:45am, before the start of the assembly at 9:00am.

You can check out the forthcoming timetable, so you can see when your child is taking part:

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/prep-school-assemblies-2/>



### ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

RJ  
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