



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

This is the final Newsletter of the year, and hence my last introduction.

When we reflect on what has been crammed into this week, it is little wonder that everyone is exhausted. We have had Sports Day activities for the various phases of the school through the week, and the level of competition and enjoyment have been frequently remarked upon. There was the highly impressive 'Jonny and the Chocolate Factory' show by the Prep Musical Theatre group led by Miss Bowdige and supported by staff and Senior pupils. There have been Prep reports going out and their Parents' Evenings, with the many successes of the children being reflected upon. Prep School have held a Science Fair full of spectacular models, whizzes and bangs! There have also been Careers interviews in the Senior School and interviews for next year's Head Boy and Head Girl. And today, we celebrate Hydesville's 70th Jubilee with a plethora of games, music, dancing, dressing up and historical reflections. As a week, it has been slightly busier than normal, but the pace will also increase with next week's Prize-giving celebrations. So much done and only seven school days to go!



It has been a joy to have the Newsletter to communicate with you over these past five years. My thanks to Ms Archer who puts the content together so effectively, and the many staff members who contribute the stories that fill its pages. As a reflection of the various things occurring in the school, it is always a very impressive read and shows how much Hydesville pours into a normal week for the children. Farewell for now...see you at Prize-giving!

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LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

EYFS: Reception

ARTISTS IN THE MAKING



Pupils have enjoyed designing their own fish and seaside pictures using paint and paintbrushes. For children in the early years, the opportunity to be involved in painting activities has a range of benefits – most obviously it can support their creative development, but it also helps to build their imagination, and their physical and social skills.



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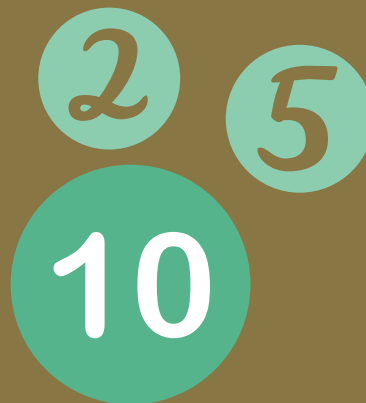
MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS

Pupils were very excited to design their own musical instruments. They used good listening skills and followed step by step instructions. The following day pupils were asked to write instructions on how they made their musical instrument using time connectives.



COUNTING IN 2'S, 5'S AND 10'S

Pupils have been practising counting in 2's, 5's and 10's. Pupils have been learning to count through written, practical and verbal word problems to fully give them the opportunity to fully apply their skills and knowledge.

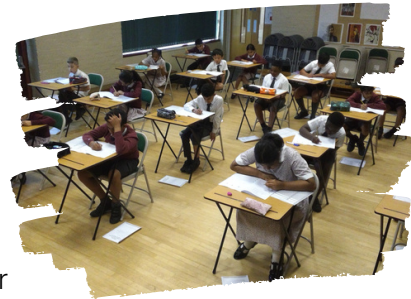


Prep School - Y5

LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

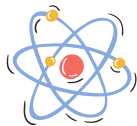
11+ PREPARATION RAMPING UP!

11+ preparations are continuing in earnest in Year 5 as they get closer to the examinations in September. This week, pupils have had the chance to experience what taking the 11+ examinations will be like in real life. The pupils sat a practice test in the hall using exam desks and keeping to strict timings. It was a positive experience and everyone coped well. Keep up the good work, Year 5!



We are delighted to announce that 70% of our Year 6 pupils who sat the 11+ exam in September 2021 secured offers of a place at grammar school for the next academic year.

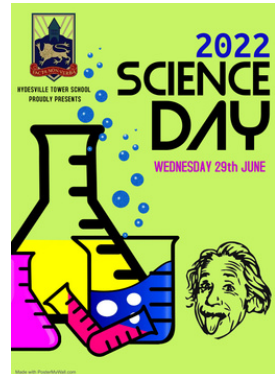
Find out more about how we prepare children for 11+ success here: <https://www.hydesville.com/prep-school/centre-for-excellence-for-11-preparation/>



CELEBRATING SCIENCE DAY

As Prep School have had Science Day this week, pupils in Year 5 decided to extend their science lessons too.

To support positive environmental change (something dear to Year 5), students looked at how they could repurpose plastic bags. They came up with some very creative ideas.



The photos (on the left) feature work by Laila and Lara, who created an apron - complete with handy pocket, Karam and Hanson, who made a skipping rope and Martin who made coasters.

Who would have thought you could do so much with a simple plastic bag!



AN UPDATE ON HUMANITIES

Lots of exciting and creative activities have been taking place over the Summer Term. Year 1 have been using photographs to explore shops in the past while Year 2 have been walking around the Arboretum to practise their map skills. Year 3 have been combining their knowledge of 3D shapes with historical knowledge to build Roman structures and Year 4 applied their understanding of Egyptian mummification to tomatoes! Year 5 have been exploring life in Victorian Britain whereas Year 6 have travelled to Ancient Greece.



LEARNING HIGHLIGHTS

SENIOR PUPILS MEAN BUSINESS!

Following the end of year examinations, pupils have been using their metacognitive skills to reflect upon their exams and considering what improvements can be made. Year 10 have worked brilliantly with this and there have already been improvements and progression made since. Pupils have then moved on and started learning about production processes, the quality of goods and services, the impact to businesses of these, customer service and ways of selling products. They have used methods such as teaching each other and researching within their lessons to develop a variety of skills.

Well done Year 10 and keep up the good work!

AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 8

Year 8 have been busy in the past week preparing for Hydesville Jubilee Day on Friday 1st July. They have been given the decade of the 1950s to represent on this day. Therefore, in History lessons Year 8 have been exploring daily life in the 1950s, examining aspects such as fashions, musicians, technology and food.



This has given them plenty of ideas for dressing up on Jubilee Day but also enabled them to make comparisons between 1950s and present day. The photographs show a range of the work that they have produced for a display in my classroom. I have been most impressed by their creativity and efforts.

Miss Thorne

Senior School



MONEY TALKS!

Over the last few lessons, Year 9 have been completing some activities on Money Week.

These included researching jobs and exploring their salaries, investigating financial jargon, calculating different mortgages given their APR, discussing the 'cost of living crisis' and completing a food shop with a budget in consideration of this.



Year 9 have enjoyed completing this and it has certainly opened up a great deal of discussion in regard to money, bills and current affairs. A great mini project. Well done!

SENIOR WORD OF THE WEEK

PARADIGM plural noun: paradigms

para- (Ancient Greek: beside) deiknunai (Ancient Greek: to show)

NOUN: a typical example or pattern of something

Who would use this word? Philosopher, Scientist, Economist, Politician, Linguist

COMPUTING: "The object-oriented paradigm is a new and different way of thinking about programming."

ECONOMICS: "It was a paradigm of economic productivity and well-being."

HISTORY: "The institutional arrangements of a particular society cannot serve as a paradigm for all others."

SYNONYMS: model, example, pattern, prototype, archetype, exemplar



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK



THIS WEEK! Alex - for being polite and well-mannered, demonstrating a fabulous role model.



LAST WEEK! Sienna - for trying hard with all her activities and coming into school with a happy face.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Talia - for her super effort in Literacy lessons.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

SUMMER HOLIDAY FUN CLUB

Bookings for our Summer Holiday Nursery & Reception Fun Club are now live on the Payments area of Cognita Connect. Fun Club will take place on the following days:

Wk1: Friday 22nd July
 Wk2: Monday 25th – Friday 29th July
 Wk3: Monday 1st – Friday 5th August
 Wk4: Monday 8th – Friday 12th August
 Wk5: Monday 15th – Friday 19th August
 Wk6: Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th August.
 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!



STOP, THINK, ACT



Keeping our children safe is of paramount importance to us and we have had some worrying reports from the general public recent about our pupils crossing the road outside/near our school which has caused some near misses.

Can we please respectfully remind parents that Broadway North is a red route, with no stopping allowed. As well as not being permitted, stopping outside school poses a significant risk to pupils crossing the road.

There are several alternative parking options detailed on our website: <https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/transport/>

Please also use the pedestrian crossing further along Broadway North. Thank you for your support and understanding.



ATTENDANCE WINNERS ARE...

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

Prep: RJ, 2S and 3BW (100%)

Seniors: 7A (99%)