



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY NEWS

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Welcome to #HydesvilleFamily News, our bi-monthly newsletter to keep you updated on all things going on at Hydesville.

Here we will share updates on what's been going on across Hydesville. 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.



A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach the end of the GCE mock examinations, I would like to start by saying well done to all the Year 11 pupils for perseverance. I know at times it may have seemed too much, but we all know we need to practice our examination skills to be the best we can in the summer term.

In Senior School it has been nice seeing so many pupils involved in the extra-curricular provision. As the year goes on, I hope more pupils will make use of the academic clinics available to help them in their studies.

The Senior School French trip has been extremely successful and sold out very quickly. Watch this space for more upcoming trips.

We have had to battle with the weather this week and as a result we have had to adjust after school clubs to make sure our pupils were safe. We are hoping everything will be back to normal next week.

Finally, thank you to parents who commented about uniform, I have meetings with the providers looking at the sizes of our PE kit.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend, keep warm.

Mrs Samra



We love to hear about what you're getting up to!

Send in your photos, news and updates to:

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WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Hydesville Nursery: Blue Group

AN INTRODUCTION TO BIOLOGY

Children in Blue Group have been busy learning and talking about their bodies. They looked at a range of x-ray images of different body parts before using art straws and creating their very own skeletons.

Following this they then drew around Roman before looking and labelling the body parts together.

From head to toe this was a great activity to support and encourage the children to become familiar and learn new body parts and to gain an understanding of how their body works and how we look after them.

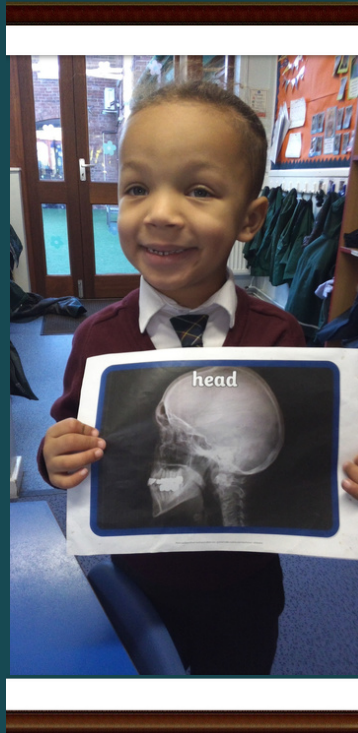
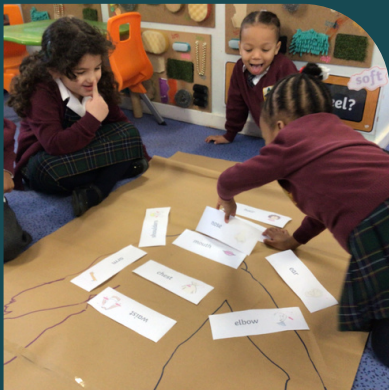
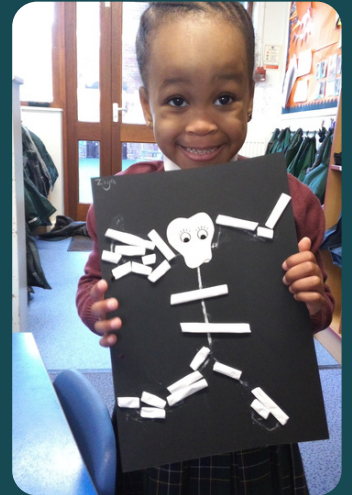
The children had great fun! Here are just some of the things they said about the lesson:

Ziya said: "Bones inside my body."

Roman commented: "This is a skull, inside my head."

Leah added: "Your wrist keeps your arm in your hand."

What clever children!



SOUND OF THE WEEK

Next week's Sound of the Week is 'U'.

Parents can help children to recognise and write the letter: "down one umbrella handle, up and down the other."



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Prep School - Year 1

Year 1 have had a busy start to the term. They are working so well with their English story, 'Leaf' and have been making predictions and talking about how the character is feeling at different stages in the story. Children have been researching and using some great vocabulary such as weeping, troubled, pensive, empty, and gratified!



In Music Year 1 have been very noisy learning about the long and short sounds made when playing the different instruments.

Mrs Brown was so impressed with the way pupils conducted themselves and how they were creating the wonderful pieces of music with different lengths of sound. They have also been using their very own iPads to create their own composition with long and short sounds.



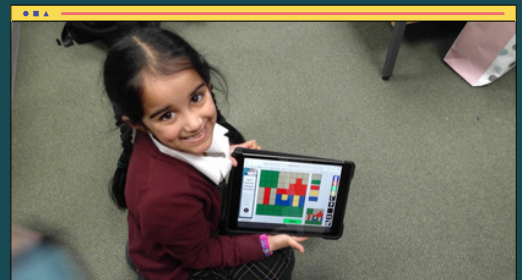
Despite the chilly weather, children wrapped up warm and went on a winter scavenger walk. They had great time looking for a long winter shadow, frost on the grass, winter flowers, an empty bird's nest and much more.....



In Maths pupils have been busy counting forwards and backwards to 20 and writing in numerals and words. They have been learning about Tens and Ones and have been great at using the Tens Frame to represent how many Tens and Ones are in the numbers given to them. Well done children!



In Computing, pupils have been re-creating beautiful Mosaics using pixels.



INTRODUCING MISS STAFFORDSHIRE PRINCESS...

We are all very proud of Zahra in Year 1 who has been awarded the title of Miss Staffordshire Princess.

Zahra is part of the school's eco-committee and is looking forward to helping to make a difference to the world with various charitable activities both in and outside of school.



Zahra

INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS UK



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Senior School

AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 7

It has been a pleasure for me to take over the role of Head of Year 7 this term and I have been delighted to see pupils making a positive start after the Christmas break and being happy to be united with their peers.

Last term the focus was very much on settling into the Hydesville family and getting familiar with teachers, the curriculum, routines and expectations. This term, as well as a focus on academics, I would like pupils to embrace our extra-curricular programme, trying out as many classes as they can. Participating in activities not only strengthens mental health in young people but also nurtures a sense of belonging. Please support us by encouraging your child to make the most of the extra-curricular activities on offer, including any leadership roles, to develop those all-important qualities that are vital in today's world.

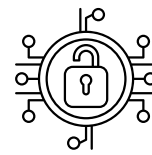
Please refer to your child's subject teacher for any subject related queries and form tutor for any general queries and concerns. However, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me should you have any further questions or concerns. You can email me on njah.khan@hydesville.com.

Once again, thank you for your continued support and I look forward to working with you.

Mrs Khan



The Alan Turing Cryptography Competition



January is the usual month for the start of Maths competition season and this year is no exception. The first event has just started and is now in its tenth year, the Alan Turing Cryptography Competition is aimed at secondary school children in the UK up to Year 11. You don't need to be a computer whizz or a mathematical genius — you just need to keep your wits about you and be good at solving problems! In his relatively short life, Alan Turing code-breaker, mathematician and founding father of computer science — made a unique impact on the history of computing, computer science, artificial intelligence, developmental biology, and the mathematical theory of computability. To get involved, head over to the competition website at https://www.maths.manchester.ac.uk/cryptography_competition/

ENGLISH SPEAKING SUCCESS

Gaining confidence in public speaking is an essential skill for work and life. Every year, we put a team of pupils forward to take place in the English Speaking Union's series of competitions, including Debating, Public Speaking and Performance. Just before the Christmas holidays, Harman, George and Jai battled against fierce competition from other local schools to earn a place in the second round of the Public Speaking category. With less than half an hour to prepare, Harman skilfully chaired a discussion, Jai posed thoughtful questions in one team, and George spoke articulately and in detail about professionalism in sport. We are now looking forward to entering the regional round in February.



We endeavour to prepare all of our pupils for these challenges through classroom debates and formal presentations, as well as learning poetry off by heart. This term, we hope to see many pupils from KS3 taking part in our Shakespeare monologue competition, which may earn them a spot on stage at the Globe Theatre!



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Kiyan – for making great progress in all areas.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Aaria – for working hard to improve her reading skills and attempting to work a little faster in her lessons.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Anthony (Y7) - for his excellent medieval music composition/improvisation full of expression.

PREP SCHOOL PUPILS OF THE WEEK:

- Y1: Isla
- Y2: Cataleya
- Y3: Briana
- Y4: Amaya
- Y5: Brogan
- Y6: Shaan



NOTICES AND COMING UP...

FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD!

At Hydesville, we value the importance of eating healthy. We encourage and support children to develop good eating habits which we hope continues into adulthood. When we eat well, we fuel our bodies with the important nutrients to enable us to learn. A good diet and nutrition also plays an important role in our mental health, physical and social development. We have been focusing on the importance of making healthy food choices at school.

The new menus are on our website [here](#). Pupil feedback is very important to us and we know the children love pizza, pasta, and fish day. These options are popular and will remain on the menu. Next week there are flat breads and wraps. Going forward if we do make a change, we will offer a taster the previous week.

In terms of portion size, pupils can ask for seconds of vegetables, sides, and salads so noone goes home hungry. Lunch is an important part of the school day and we want all our pupils to enjoy it. However we have a wide range of palates and we do try to make sure we provide enough options to meet everyones needs.

CAREERS WEEK - WE NEED YOUR HELP

Calling all members of the #Hydesvillefamily...we'd like your help to support National Careers Week (NCW) in March.

NCW runs from 6th – 11th March and focuses on providing careers guidance and supporting young people to develop awareness and excitement about their future pathways. At Hydesville we strongly believe that better-informed pupils results in better decision-making. We are looking for volunteers to come into school to:

- talk to pupils about their jobs and careers
- share advice and guidance on how to be 'employer ready'
- lead workshops on anything career related
- offer 1-1 mock interviews to students

If you are interested in being involved, please contact our careers teacher, Miss Fairbrother, on 01922 624937 or email danni.fairbrother@hydesville.com



The February Half Term Nursery & Reception Fun Club will take place from Monday 20th to Friday 24th February, from 9am - 4pm, priced at £25 a day.

Bookings will soon be live on Cognita Connect.