



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY NEWS

SPRING TERM 17TH FEBRUARY 2023

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

Can you believe we are halfway through the academic year! Where has the time gone? This half term we have had so many opportunities to complement our curriculum: Mental Health Awareness week, UK Internet Safety Day....the list could go on.

It has been lovely to welcome parents into school this week for our Valentine's Concert. All the pupils who participated were amazing. It takes a lot of courage to present to an audience so well done!

I would also like to give a special thank you to Laila Uddin in Year 6 and her team who raised over £170 for Pakistan Floods. This was a remarkable initiative they came up with all by themselves and should be very proud of their accomplishment.

In Senior School we have been focussing on kindness and respect. Teenage years can be quite challenging for some individuals but the staff at Hydesville are here to support pupils. We have also started the background training for Show My Homework and are hoping to roll it out to pupil's week beginning 6th of March and then the following week to parents.

Finally, a special thank you to the parents who joined us for our Friends of Hydesville meeting – they have brought lots of good ideas to the table so watch this space!

I hope everyone enjoys a restful, happy half term and we look forward to welcoming you on Monday 27th February.

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

SMILES ALL ROUND IN HYDESVILLE NURSERY!!

On Wednesday, Nursery and Pre-Prep were very lucky to have a special hands on experience when WS4 Dental Care team came to visit. The children sat and listened attentively and were able to learn about the importance of brushing our teeth and the consequences of poor hygiene. It was a very enjoyable experience and the children all received a dental pack to take home.

It doesn't end there – the children have been challenged with uploading a photo of themselves brushing their teeth on Tapestry, as part of their homework.



Following on from the visit, the children participated in the dentist role play, acting out the different roles and recalled the information that the dentist had spoken about these included

Leah said: "we have to brush our teeth for 2 minutes." Amana commented: "If we have to much soda and candy then it will make cavity on our teeth." Sahib added: "We have 20 teeth."



WHAT SHALL WE PLAY WITH TODAY?

The children have participated in a range of child-initiated play activities from being creative to construction play and mark making. These activities are based upon the children's individual interests and experiences. Through this play it supports children's creative and imaginative learning and developmental skills. This also enables them to learn first-hand experiences, allowing them to choose how to use their resources.



SOUND OF THE WEEK?

When we return after half term our sound of the week will be : 'f'



Can you think of any words beginning with this sound?

Our expert practitioners then build on the child-initiated activities, by extending further learning opportunities and enable sustained shared thinking to take place.

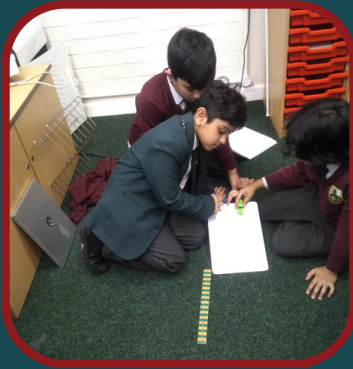
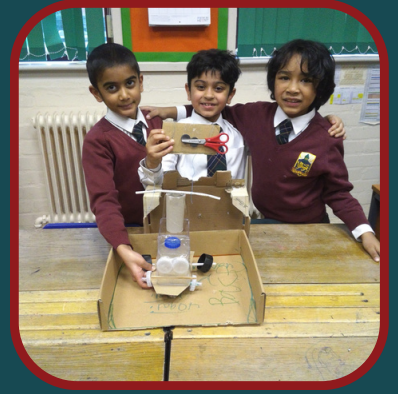
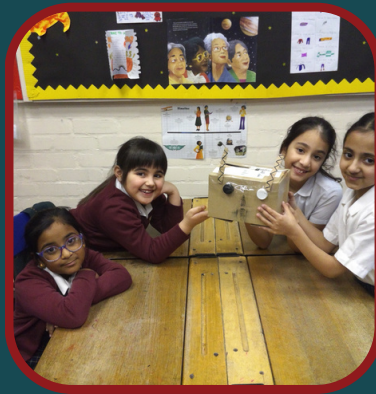
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Prep School - Year 3



Year 3 pupils have been busily engaged in a variety of STEM activities this term.

They have been designing and manufacturing a range of working models including rockets, robots and gliders. The children have followed the scientific process of making a hypothesis about the flight or movement of their model; collating data and then evaluating the experiment. Furthermore, they consider how they could improve on their existing model and its performance. Not only have they practised some important scientific principles they have had a lot of fun working together in teams.



In mathematics pupils in Year 3 have been studying measurement. They have understood concepts such as equivalence and conversion within the metric system. Subsequently, they have measured different objects around the school and measured the distance and speed of toy cars travelling down a ramp. Judging by the smiles on their faces they clearly enjoyed taking part in these activities.



English lessons this term have been linked to the Topic theme of space exploration. Pupils learned about the story of four black American women, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, Katharine Jackson and Dr. Christine Darden who overcame prejudice and discrimination to achieve prestigious careers in NASA. Without their skill in mathematics and engineering the moon landing would not have been possible. Pupils have used their imagination to create a new planet of their own and promoted it in a leaflet to persuade people to pay a visit.



ROUND UP FROM MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS

A big congratulations to all the performers - from elocution to singers and instrumentalists - who performed in this week's Valentine's Concert. Their performances made for a wonderful evening shared with parents and family and it is all thanks to their hard work behind the scenes preparing.

Today, Upper Prep had their first whole cast run through of the upcoming musical production, Shakespeare Rocks. We look forward to seeing them develop over the coming weeks as they polish their stagecraft in anticipation of the big shows on the 30th and 31st March. Watch this space for ticket news!



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Senior School

AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 8

Year 8 have made an encouraging start to the Spring Term. We have been focusing on being kind to each other and the impact of positive behaviour on themselves and those around them. We celebrated Children's Mental Health Week last week and pupils watched a presentation during an assembly, about the importance of positive wellbeing and ways on how to achieve it. I am pleased to see quite a few pupils in Year 8 are taking part in the extra-curricular activities on offer as it has many benefits including building confidence and strengthening mental health. PE staff have also begun a series of Team Building activities with Year 8, in our efforts to strengthen friendships along with giving them opportunities to build new ones.



I wish all the Year 8 pupils and parents a relaxing half term holiday.

Mrs Khan

SPOTLIGHT ON...MFL

The upcoming Paris trip has been the topic of conversation for many of the pupils this term. Places were increased to 50 to meet the demand and pupils are already making plans with their friends.

The trip is the perfect opportunity for pupils to learn about French culture and practise the French they have learnt. Year 8 have learnt how to ask directions this term and Year 7 will be learning how to order food in a restaurant and buy items at a market in the summer term.

Year 10 have been busy exchanging messages with their pen pals at one of our Cognita schools in Switzerland, ISZN and Year 11 are preparing for the forthcoming examinations and Year 9 will be starting GCSE content next term.

Bonne chance et buena suerte to Key Stage 4 linguists!



PUTTING E-SAFETY ON THE TIMETABLE

Within Computer Science lessons, pupils have been completing an array of topics ranging from computer crime and cyber security, databases, programming to online safety.



This week, pupils were given an assembly based on Safer Internet Day 2023 by our Year 10 Computer Science ambassadors. The theme for Safer Internet Day this year is 'Want to talk about it?', encouraging young people to talk about what they do online and further to this, reporting something should it be a concern to theirs, or others safety. The Year 10 ambassadors did a great job in the assembly and we hope that this was informative to the pupils involved.



Happy Safer Internet Day 2023!



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Gabriella- for taking time and care to apply great effort in all her activities with enthusiasm.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Ava - for trying very hard to follow the school rules and be kind to her peers and listen to her teachers. She has worked hard in all subjects, and everyone has noticed her excellent behaviour.

MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Haashim (Y7) - for a great performance leading the Prep Birthday Band on guitar!

SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



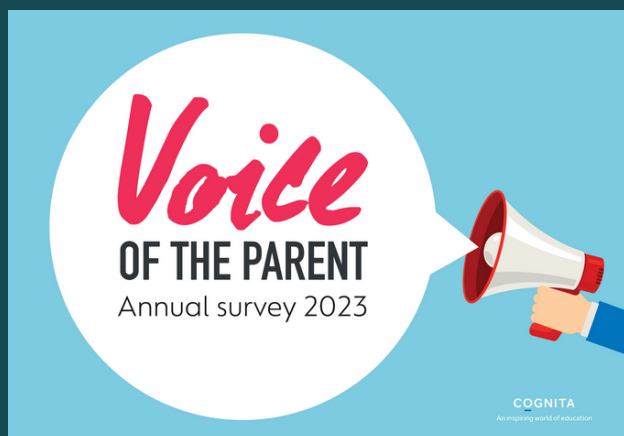
Jaya (Y9) - for settling in so well to Senior School.

NOTICES AND COMING UP...

WHAT IS YOUR JOB?

Calling all Hydesville parents...our Reception teachers are looking for people to share their professions with pupils. This will involve talking about your job role (for around 20 minutes towards the end of the school day) and the things you do at work. You are also welcome to show items such as specialist equipment (as long as they are child-proof!).

If you are interested, please email Mrs Down: katie.down@hydesville.com or Mrs Entecott: christine.entecott@hydesville.com
Thank you for your support!



Our parent survey is still open! Thank you to those parents who have already completed the survey and can we please ask those of you who haven't, to complete as soon as you are able to.

We thank you in advance for your invaluable feedback.

CHANGE TO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After the half term break, there will be some changes to our current Prep & Senior School after-school club programme.

Parents should check the payments area of Cognita Connect for up to date information.



Please note, the after-school club mobile number is: 07385 935856.

