



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

It has been a strange two weeks, from snow days to online learning.

I would like to say a big thank you to staff for providing seamless online learning last week.

Pupils from all age groups have experienced lots of extra-curricular trips this week, from the Senior School visit to the Globe Theatre and the badminton trip in Birmingham, to the Prep School visiting Enginuity and Dudley Zoo.

These trips are vital for pupils to experience learning outside the classroom.

My highlight has to be the Prep School Science Fair. Pupils had put a lot of effort into their experiments, all the way from Year 1 to Year 6.

I also have an update on 'Show my Homework'. This week we have been getting pupils ready with the app and we hope to share parent log-ins next week. Thank you to those parents who have been helping us with the pilot.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

*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

### HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY FROM YELLOW GROUP!

The children have celebrated their Mommies by creating some wonderful cards.

By painting their hands, the children made prints to create a bunch of flowers because what Mothers don't love flowers from their angels on Mother's Day.

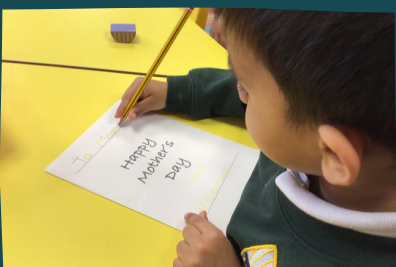


The children also had chance to practice their pencil control skills by tracing over words inside the card.

Jiya said: "I love my mum because she plays with me"  
Khushie added: " Mommy kisses my forehead"  
Veeran commented: " My Mommy hugs me, I love her"



We wish all the Mothers, Grannies and all our special family members a very happy Mother's Day!



### SOUND OF THE WEEK

Nect week's Sound of the Week is 'V'....



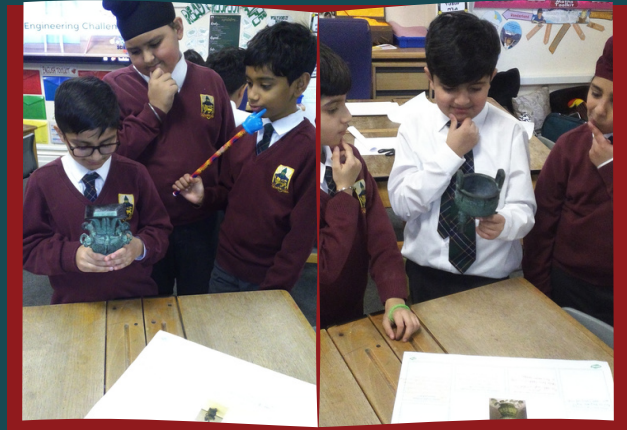
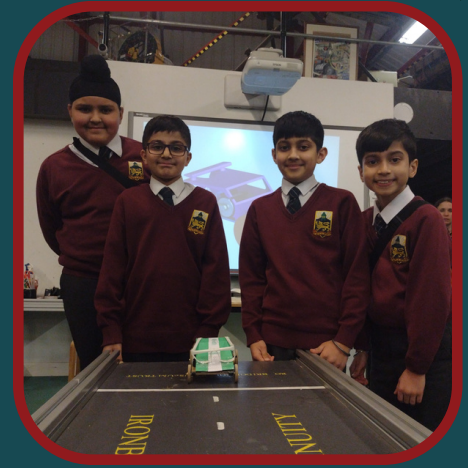
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## Prep School - Year 5

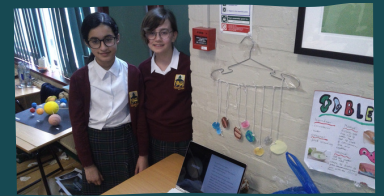


This week, as part of our STEM in science, Year 4 and 5 pupils went to 'Ingenuity', part of the Ironbridge Museums. The pupils had to use their ingenuity to fulfil the design brief of building a powered buggy that would travel down the track in the quickest time. In addition, pupils had to think of a team name, logo and sponsor for the event.

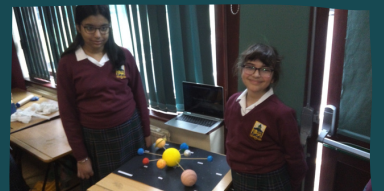
Everyone had a great time and Team F4 (Tegh, Karam, Yusuf and Yuvraj) built the winning buggy. They decided that Specsavers should be their sponsor and their idea of adding a pair of glasses to their design was obviously a winning combination!



In topic lessons, 5K have been studying the Shang Dynasty-an ancient Chinese civilisation. Recently, the pupils have been thinking about how archaeologists use evidence and their learning to make decisions about artefacts from the past and have tried to use these skills to work out what the purpose of these objects would have been. What do you think?



It has been Science Day this week and lots of the children in 5K took part. It was great to see so many brilliant science ideas in practice-well done. There were all kinds of experiments including; mixing cornflour and water (great fun!), baking powder and vinegar (explosive!) white board markers and water (unexpected!) and evidence of thinking that was 'out of this world' with models of the solar system and challenging questions to answer.



## ROUND UP FROM SPORT

Being part of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) has many benefits, not least because it gives our pupils the opportunity to compete in sports competitions.

Last week our Year 4 boys played in the Under 9 ISA football tournament.

Well done to the team who all played really well: Roman, Aveer, Amar, Haris, Reuben and Jaeveer.

A special mention must go to Aveer who played fantastically in goal. He made some great saves and some parents and teachers from other schools commented on how well he played.

Goals were from Haris, Jaeveer and Amar. Go Team Hydesville!



# WEEKLY ROUND UP....

## Senior School

### AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 10

Year 10 pupils have been demonstrating their philanthropic side this half term. Pupils have worked hard to organise and assist Miss Hamilton in running a number of charity events aimed at raising funds for those affected by the earthquakes in Turkiye and Syria. The break-time samosa sale was a complete sell out! Pupils also had the opportunity to purchase raffle tickets and participate in games to raise funds for this worthy cause. In total, Hydesville Tower School pupils raised £365. Miss Hamilton would like to thank both pupils and their families who were kind enough to contribute to this worthy cause. All proceeds will be split equally between the British Red Cross and Medecins Sans Frontieres (Doctors without borders). In addition to the events going on within the school, Year 10 pupils: Ayesha Khan, Safiya Awan and Sannah Faraz, took it upon themselves to set up a fundraising page for the victims of the earthquake and have already raised an additional £319. Their funds will be going to towards the Muslim charity Islamic Relief. If you would like to support the girls in their fundraising efforts, you can donate at the following link: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/earthquake-appeal>.

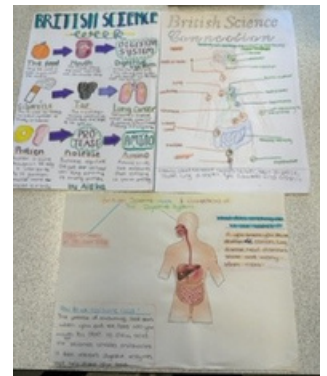
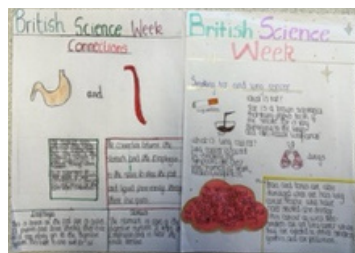
*Miss Hamilton*



### SPOTLIGHT ON...SCIENCE

In Science, pupils are celebrating British Science Week and the theme of 'connections'.

Year 7 & 8 have been looking at how the digestive system is connected and pupils in Key Stage 4 will be looking at space and how we and the universe are connected.



### SUPER SCULPTORS

It has been a wonderfully creative (and messy!) period in the art department.

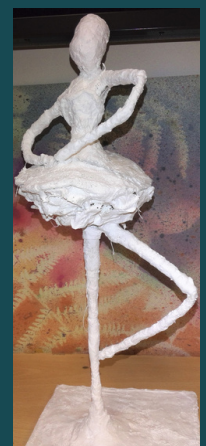
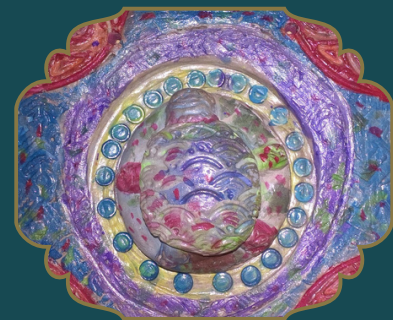
Year 7 have been exploring how to use texture and surface effectively in clay; they created some amazing pieces inspired by Aboriginal art.

Year 8 have created clay self-portraits inspired by the work of sir Jacob Epstein. It was great to see the pupils working so confidently with more unfamiliar materials.

Year 9 produced sculptures using wire and mod-roc; they showed great skill with their use of materials and created very imaginative designs.

Great work, well done to all!

Photos: (top) clay tile by Hashmeet in Y7, (bottom right) clay portrait by Annaya in Y8 & (immediate right) sculpture by Jaya in Y9.





## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



### NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK



W/c 6th March: Nihal, for trying hard and beginning to grow in independence

W/c 13th March: Veeran, for trying hard in all his activities and for being kind and helpful to others.

### RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Kallais, for showing improvements in all her lessons.

### MUSIC PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Avneet (Y6), for all round performing arts excellence: from Drama to singing and music composition.

### SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Blake (Y10), for developing his confidence completing open morning on his own between three subjects; Business, Computer Science and Maths.

### PREP PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Y1: Dylan  
Y2: Alexi  
Y4: Rishi  
Y5: Sam  
Y6: Fola



We regularly post school news and updates on our social media platforms - Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, and LinkedIn. Please click on the icons below to find out what's been happening, and read on for this week's social media round up....

## Social media round up



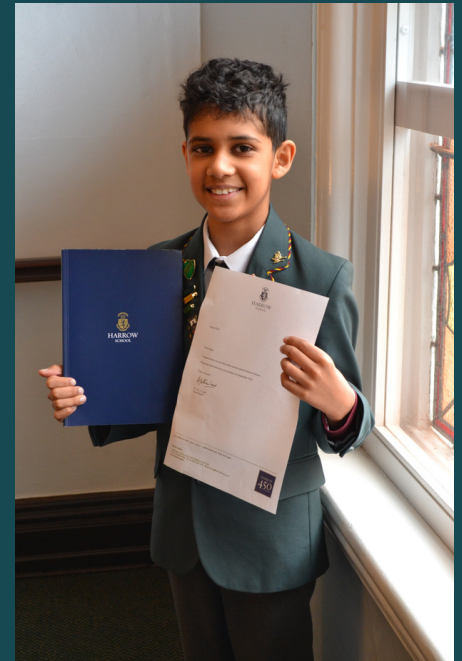
### SHAAN WINS SCHOLARSHIP TO HARROW

We are beyond excited to announce that Shaan in Year 6 has been offered a prestigious Winston Churchill Scholarship to attend Harrow School!

He will remain at Hydesville Senior School as an Academic Scholar until Year 9 and then will attend the world-renowned private school in Middlesex.

Mrs Samra said: "I would like to say how very proud I am of Shaan and his achievement in gaining the Scholarship. This is a testament to all Shaan's hard work and support he has received from his teachers. He is determined young man and an exceptional role model for his peers."

Read more about Shaan's success and the Winston Churchill Scholarship, which has recognised for his efforts as a keen environmentalist and eco-friendly blogger:  
<https://www.hydesville.com/hydesville-pupil-wins-place.../>



### ZAHRA'S BID FOR INTERNATIONAL JUNIOR MISS UNITED KINGDOM TITLE

We're very proud of Zahra in Year 1 who has been shortlisted as a finalist in the International Junior Miss United Kingdom competition in recognition for the amazing charity work she has been involved in.

Zahra is a mini volunteer at Joystreams – a community group that started in the pandemic - and has actively been engaged in organising workshops and events.

She has been a big part of the COP26 'saving the trees, leave no one behind' project and she remains a great advocate for the eco system, having participated in tree saving protests locally.

Zahra's impressive portfolio of voluntary work over the past two years has earned her a place in the International Junior Miss United Kingdom competition and will be judged at the final's week next month.

Read more: <https://www.internationaljuniormissuk.com/2023-uk-finalists>

Good luck Zahra!



## Social media round up

### NIHAL'S CBSO PERFORMANCE

Year 11 pupil Nihal took to the stage last week as part of the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra's (CBSO) youth ensemble, Project Remix.

As part of the orchestra, Nihal shone with his talented flute performance. Bravo, Nihal!



### PREPARING PUPILS FOR 11+ SUCCESS

Did you know we build preparation for 11+ success into our curriculum throughout our Prep School, with our experienced teachers delivering specific 11+ preparatory work to pupils from Year 2. This is why each year a significant number of pupils secure places at our local grammar schools.

Take a look at this video to find out more: <https://youtu.be/b3jgA7OPtYk>

Contact our Admissions Team on 01922 748817 or email [admissions@hydesville.com](mailto:admissions@hydesville.com) if you are interested in your child benefiting from 11+ preparation in our Prep School.

### CELEBRATING SCIENCE DAY 2023

Yesterday saw the return of Hydesville Science Day. The morning was devoted to a Science Fair, where children were invited to display their scientific interests by sharing a project created at home. The pupils had an incredible, fun-filled experience, while the judges were blown away by the variety and standard of the entries. We certainly met the scientists of the future!

While some classes visited the fair, others participated in a range of thrilling STEM activities with their teachers. The judges will now deliberate ahead of announcing winners in next week's assembly. Thank you to everyone for your support in making the day such a success!



## NOTICES AND COMING UP...

### YEAR 11 REVISION GUIDES

Pupils in Year 11 will shortly be receiving individual, personalised revision packs, containing lots of useful hints, tips and documents to help the with revision ahead of their GCSE exams.



### KS2 INFORMATION EVENT - 23RD MARCH



Parents with children in Year 2 are invited to our KS2 Information Event at 9am on Thursday 23rd March. This event will give parents more information about give you the opportunity to find out more about their child's transition into Year 3 and beyond (Key Stage 2), including changes in the curriculum, routines and expectations.

### HYDESVILLE CHALLENGE LAUNCHING SOON!

We will shortly be launching details of the Year 6 Hydesville Challenge. This year promises to be bigger and better than ever, with an action-packed programme including a sponsored walk, an enterprise project and even a 3-day expedition to Blenheim Woods in Oxfordshire.

Year 6 parents...watch this space!

### PREP SCHOOL MOVIE NIGHT

The date of the Prep School Movie Night has changed...it will now take place on Tuesday 4th April from 4pm to 6pm.

Letters have gone out to parents via Cognita Connect today.

