



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

Welcome back after the half term break!

It has been a busy week with World Book Day and British Values themes this week.

The children looked fantastic on Thursday and the teachers had gone over and beyond to set up an imaginative writing room to get the pupil's creative side flowing.

Nursery have engaged in an afternoon of celebrating British Values with an afternoon tea.

Year 2 stood confidently presenting in today's assembly.

Senior School staff have been busy training on our new school app 'Show my Homework'. This will be ready to launch in a few weeks – Watch this space!

Finally, we look forward to opening our doors to prospective Hydesville families at tomorrow's Open Morning. Thank you to parents for their support with allowing their children to give up their Saturday morning to help us. We really do appreciate it.



*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....

## Reception



This week in Reception, children have been reading the story book 'Aliens Love Underpants' and completing lots of work based around where they might find aliens.

Some children looked at the different planets and put them in order and some even tried to name the different planets. One group decided to make a porthole from a space ship by cutting a circle out from a paper plate and covering the edges in foil before colouring in the inside circle and adding little aliens.

Another group made their own 2D spaceships using a variety of different shapes. The majority of children could confidently name all the shapes and explain what shape they needed next.

Another activity that challenged Reception children was to match the sentences to the different pictures. It was amazing how many pupils could read the sentences all by themselves. They all thoroughly enjoyed all these activities!



Reception children really look forward to their Tuesday afternoon dance lesson where they learn to follow a dance routine and how to create several dance moves.

The pupils enjoy listening to a piece of music and practising different ways of moving to the music.

There is always lots of laughter heard throughout their dance lessons and the children thoroughly enjoy 'showing their moves' to their friends.



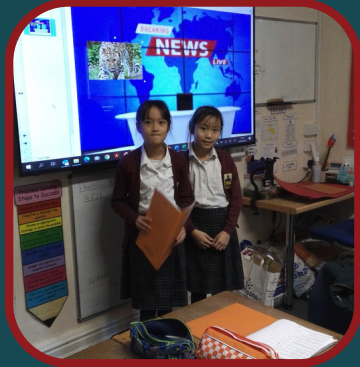
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## Prep School - Year 4

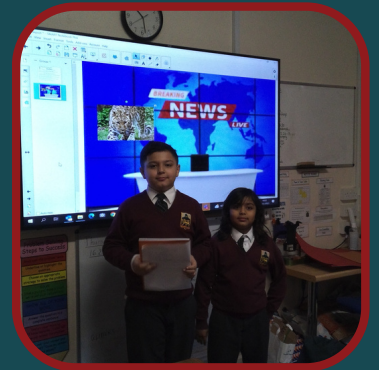


Year 4 pupils have enjoyed taking part in various STEM activities.

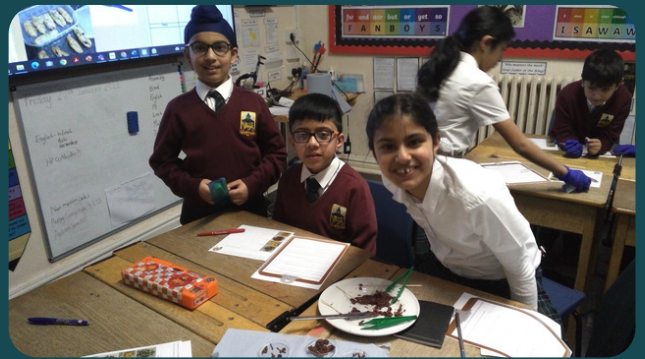
They all worked hard to design and make the best glider to enter the whole school glider competition. They then went on to develop their gliders and made another set of gliders using different materials. They considered how the factors: lift, thrust, gravity and drag would impact their design, they also looked at different wing shapes. They used their knowledge from making the previous gliders to help them create their new designs. They had a lot of fun testing their gliders to see which ones flew successfully and the furthest.



English lessons in Year 4 have been linked to our topic on the Stone Age. Pupils have enjoyed reading the text 'Stig of the Dump'. In one of the lessons children worked with partners to write a script for a news report about an escaped leopard, they then presented their news reports to the class.



Another part of our history topic on the Stone age which the children enjoyed was the experience of being archaeologists and investigating Stone age poo to find out more about the Stone age diet. They wore protective gloves and tweezers to find out what was inside the pooh then they needed to identify what type of food it was. They got stuck into the messy task and discovered 'fish bones', 'leaves', 'berries' and 'seeds'.



In maths children have been learning about perimeter. They created their own rectilinear shapes and then challenged their partner to work out the perimeter. They created some complicated shapes!

## UPDATE ON AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

The Prep School After School Club programme has changed for this half term, with handball now being offered on Mondays (Year 3 & 4) and on Thursday (Year 5 & 6).

Pupils in Year 2-6 have been working with our gymnastics coach in extracurricular gymnastics club. The children are having a great time exploring the different equipment and learning the different key movements. They are making amazing progress and we look forward to seeing them develop throughout the rest of the term.

All Prep School After School clubs are currently full and parents can sign their child up to the Summer Term over the holiday. Next term we will be offering cricket.



# WEEKLY ROUND UP....

## Senior School

### AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 11

I am broadly pleased with how Year 11 have carried themselves this academic year, despite the challenges of mock examinations and sixth form applications, as we continue to support them in understanding the importance of good classroom behaviour in consolidating excellent academic achievement. Boundaries need to be clear and expectations need to be high at this stage, and the Year 11 pupils are cooperating with staff and peers to make the best of the final legs of their GCSE preparation. Some have even said to me they would rather come to school than have two weeks off for Easter break! 😊

We will shortly be issuing further guidance on revision techniques and ways in which you can support learning at home. I hope you find it useful.

*Mrs Odunjo*

### SPOTLIGHT ON...RS

KS3 pupils have had a busy half term learning about the main beliefs and practices of religious and non-religious world views. In Year 7, pupils are currently undertaking a project on the Jewish festival of Passover. They are eagerly creating a 'Passover guide' to help gentiles - non jews, learn all about this important festival.

Year 8 have just concluded a unit of work on a non-religious world view - Humanism. Pupils were visited by local Humanist Bill Green. Pupils had the opportunity to 'pick his brains' about the reasons why he does not believe in God.



In Year 9, pupils are currently half way through a unit on Sikhi. On Thursday pupils enjoyed Miss Hamilton's version of langar and devoured lots of yummy vegan treats whilst discussing how the main teachings of Guru Nanak are reflected in this Sikh tradition.

### MEANWHILE, IN PSHE....

We place a huge emphasis on strengthening the knowledge, skills, and connections to keep children and young people healthy and safe and prepare them for life and work during weekly personal, social, health and economic (PSHE) lessons.

This term, mental health and pupil wellbeing has been on the agenda for pupils in KS4. Year 10 created some group pieces exploring how we can look after ourselves.



Year 7 have been learning about family and friendships, discussing the range of families that people belong to as well as the importance of having genuine friendships based on supporting each other and shared interests.

Kiratdeep created a particularly good piece of work summarising some different types of families.

Well done Kiratdeep!



## PUPILS OF THE WEEK

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



### NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Ayva - for always following the Golden Rules and for working incredibly hard across all areas of the curriculum.

### RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Ava - for working more independently during lessons.

### PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Zak (Y6) - for the excellent progress made learning 'Three Little Birds' on the keyboard before the half term break.

## PREP PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Y1: Veer  
Y2: Ishani  
Y3: Arvind  
Y4: Jasmine  
Y5: Tina  
Y6: Oliver



## SENIOR PUPILS OF THE WEEK



Dexter, Leo and Hrishikesh (Y7) for offering to help duty staff at lunchtimes.

## NOTICES AND COMING UP...



### OPENING OUR DOORS

We're opening our doors to prospective families tomorrow (Saturday, 4th March) for our All School Open Morning.

Thank you to those parents who have given permission for their child(ren) to join us for the event. Our pupils are our greatest ambassadors and their support at our open events is invaluable.

Please also spread the word about our open event to any colleagues, friends and family who might be interested in their child joining the #Hydesvillefamily. Hydesville parents are also very welcome to come along, especially Year 6 families, as the event will give you the opportunity to find out more about our Senior School.

### SENIOR PUPILS - FANCY TRYING HANDBALL?

Handball is a new after school club we are offering this term. The Prep School clubs are full but we do have spaces still available for senior pupils. The club takes place on a Tuesday after school and is FREE OF CHARGE!

Please reserve your child's place on Cognita Connect.



### YOU SAID, WE DID...

Following parent feedback, this term we have introduced a number of new extra-curricular activities - including academic clinics, homework club for Seniors and a new after-school programme for Prep & Seniors.



See Cognita Connect for more details.....

### NEW MENUS..YUM!

The school website has been updated with this half term's lunch menus.

Our lucky pupils will be tucking in to lots of tasty and nutritious meals, with much variety on offer.

Please take a look at the menus here:  
<https://www.hydesville.com/school-life/chartwells-nutrition/>



#### UPCOMING FIXTURE:

**Tuesday 7th March - U9 ISA football tournament at Wyre Forest.**

**Good luck #TeamHydesville!**

