



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 to the summer term, It's been great to welcome back the pupils this week.

I would also like to say a warm welcome back to Miss Jenkins, our Head of Senior School, who returns from maternity leave.

For our Year 11s, this is the final push and we would like to remind all pupils we are here to support them. Intervention clubs will continue and homework club is available until 4:30pm.

It was lovely going out with the GCSE geographers and Year 4 this week to Carding Mill Valley. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the pupils field work skills. I was very proud of the exemplary behaviour and manners witnessed.

We have a very busy summer term with lots of events planned for all our year groups.

We look forward to sharing many of these events with you over the course of the term, all the best for a restful 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....

All School round up

NURSERY'S NEW TOPIC

Hydesville Nursery's topic this term is Growth and New Life. As part of the theme, children have been talking about what they want to be when they grow up.



Here are some of their comments:

Sahib said: "I want to be a policeman so that I can arrest people and eat donuts."

Angelica added: "I want to be a vet because vets help animals and I want to help baby tigers."

Maheera commented "I want to be a police lady because I can chase bad guys and put the bad guys in jail."



WELCOME BACK MISS JENKINS!



We are delighted to announce that Miss Jenkins has returned from maternity leave. She said:

"I am delighted to re-join the Hydesville community following my most wonderful maternity leave with my daughter. There are both new and familiar faces, and I look forward to learning of pupils' ventures, both past and present. I re-join during a bustling term for the Senior school as we prepare for the Year 7-10 Examination Week and Year 11 GCSEs, whilst outside of the classroom, we will celebrate pupils' talents and successes in events which include Sports Day and Prize Giving.

"Although I have been away from the community for the last year, returning to Hydesville feels like returning home. I now look forward to continuing to lead the Senior school to excellence alongside Mrs Samra and my remarkable colleagues."

EASTER REVISION

Well done to Year 11 pupils who attended the Easter revision session for English Language. It was great to see so many pupils attend during their holiday time to boost their revision practice ahead of their GCSE examinations this term. They are committed and determined and we wish them all the very best!



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



NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Hannah – for growing in confidence and for working incredibly hard.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Kira – for her excellent effort and hard work in all lessons.

SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Aden (Y8) - for good manners.

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Social media round up



With the better weather on its way (hopefully!) the PE department have now launched their summer term sports.

Year 7 played tennis at Streetly Tennis Club on Monday. The lesson gave them a chance to try a new sport, get to grips with forearm and backhand swing, and to practise their rallying skills. They all did really well, especially Leo and Dexter who impressed the tennis instructor.

Well done all!



Prospective Hydesville Nursery parents and children aged between 2 and a half and 4 years old are invited to bring along their favourite cuddly toy and join us for a Teddy Bear's Picnic in our outdoor classroom on Friday 19th May.

Places are limited, so booking is essential. Please call us on 01922 624374 or email admissions@hydesville.com

A magnificent, themed picnic will be provided and children are invited to come dressed in a teddy bear-inspired outfit.

On Wednesday, our senior geographers, along with our Chief Geographer (our very own Mrs Samra!) traversed the hills of the Long Mynd - an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty - for their GCSE rivers fieldwork.

Did you know that the river that flows through Carding Mill valley has a name, The Ashbrooke? Geographers classify it as a river, whereas the layman will simply refer to it as a stream.

River or stream, our senior pupils put theory to good practise when they measured channel depths and widths, investigated changes in the discharge of the river along its length, and compared sediment load at the upper, middle and lower courses of The Ashbrooke.

The day wasn't just about studying, however, as the intrepid group also had chance to also enjoy the spectacular landscape, with the good weather on their side!

Mrs Odunjo is particularly proud of all the pupils, who conducted themselves with respect and had regard for the public and the environment.



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It won't be long until Year 11 pupils leave Hydesville and continue their educational journey at their chosen sixth form destination. This week, we have been helping pupils prepare for their next steps with some mock interviews. Thanks to our very own Mrs Samra along with Mike Williams from Walsall College and Mike Smith from Apprenticeship Works who helped put our pupils through their paces. They learnt lots about how to handle interview questions, and gain tips on what sorts of questions they will be asked on.

We wish all of our Year 11 all the best in securing the sixth form destination of their choice.



It's been a week of geography trips at Hydesville. Pupils in Year 4 also visited Carding Mill Valley on Wednesday, to finish off their study on rivers.

They started the day by completing some sketches and watercolour paintings of the valley, with many including the river and its meanders and some of the many sheep who call Carding Mill their home.

After lunch, they went invertebrate dipping with the groups finding many mayfly and dragonfly nymphs along with some water snails, a freshwater shrimp and even some fish eggs!

Finally, the pupils studied the velocity of the river in different parts of the it and discussed why the flow of the river varied at different parts of its course.

A fun – and educational day – was had by all!

Pupils and staff across the school showed their support for the fight against food waste as part of Stop Food Waste Day.

Following a Prep School assembly which shared the ideas from the Eco-Committee, pupils were encouraged to select their food carefully and talk to the lunch staff about the size of portion they would like.

Members of the Eco-Committee made a pledge to inspire others to waste less and monitored how much food was being wasted.

The campaign was also supported by Mr Long and the Chartwells catering team. Mr Long is pleased to report that our food waste has decreased over the week. Yesterday, we calculated 20kg less waste than previous days. Well done everyone in helping reduce our impact on the environment!



NOTICES AND COMING UP...

GOODBYE (FOR NOW) MRS TOWNSEND!

At the end of the Spring Term, we were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Townsend who has left us to have a baby. She will return as soon as she is able, so children will be able to continue with their extra-curricular ballet and dance lessons.

In Mrs Townsend's absence, Miss Fahey will be teaching dance during curriculum time.

We wish Mrs Townsend lots of luck with her impending arrival!



CELEBRATING THE KING'S CORONATION

**NON-UNIFORM DAY
FRIDAY 5TH MAY 2023**

**NURSERY & PRE-PREP: DRESS AS
KINGS, QUEENS, PRINCES, OR
PRINCESSES**

**RECEPTION - YEAR 6 & YEAR 7, 8
& 11: WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE**

**YEAR 9 & 10 WHO ARE ATTENDING
LONDON SCIENCE TRIP:
WEAR PE KIT**

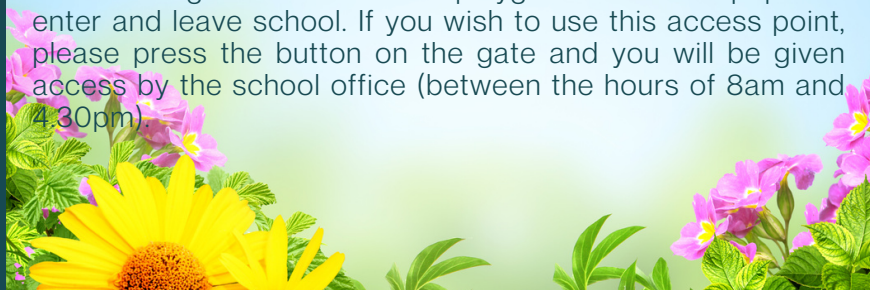
**YEAR 9 & 10 WHO ARE NOT
ATTENDING LONDON SCIENCE
TRIP:
WEAR RED, WHITE & BLUE**

PREP SCHOOL CLUBS

Thank you to all Prep School parents for limiting your bookings on our extra-curricular clubs. We are happy to now open any remaining spaces on all free clubs. Please see your Cognita Connect account for availability.

With the weather getting warmer, parents may wish to park in Buchanan Road - where there is ample free parking - and bring their children into school via the Arboretum.

We have a gate from the main playground to allow pupils to enter and leave school. If you wish to use this access point, please press the button on the gate and you will be given access by the school office (between the hours of 8am and 4.30pm).



SUMMER TERM DATES

**SUMMER 1:
MONDAY 24TH APRIL -
FRIDAY 26TH MAY**

**SUMMER HALF TERM HOLIDAY:
MONDAY 29TH MAY -
FRIDAY 2ND JUNE**

**SUMMER 2:
MONDAY 5TH JUNE -
THURSDAY 13TH JULY**

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