



HYDESVILLE
TOWER SCHOOL

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY NEWS

SPRING TERM 4TH APRIL 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

It doesn't seem long ago I was wishing families a Happy Christmas and New Year and now the Easter holidays are here!

I hope your child's Spring Term has been a happy and successful one.

As well as the teaching and learning which takes place in our school every day, it has been great to see the wealth of trips and activities which have taken place this term, including visits to London, Dudley Zoo and the Black Country Museum.

We are delighted that children in our school can benefit from these inspiring and enriching experiences.

Thank you to everyone who attended parents' evenings over the last couple of weeks. I hope you found it useful to see your children's books and be able to meet with the teachers. It was lovely to see so many of you drop by to see me as you arrived or as you left, with such kind words about our school and all that we are doing. This means so much to us. Equally, if you have any concerns or worries, we are always here for you.

For Year 11 this will be a stressful time in the run up to the final exams. I hope they found their revision guides useful. There will also be Easter revision classes to help with catch up and preparation for examinations. These are extremely beneficial for last minute catch up, or the chance to fill any gaps there might be in knowledge. I wish all of Year 11 the best of luck as they start the run up to their exams.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming the children back on Monday 24th April.

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

HOP TO IT!



Nursery children wholeheartedly threw themselves into the Easter spirit when they used their artistic flair to make their own Bunny masks. Lots of rhythm and movement to music was demonstrated when they acted out the Sleeping Bunnies rhyme.



HATS OFF TO NURSERY CHILDREN!



Our celebrity judges - Mrs Samra and the Easter bunny - had a tough job with judging Hydesville Nursery's Easter bonnet competition. There were some fantastic creations! The winners were:

Green Group - Angelica
Red Group - Faith
Blue Group - Rudhra
Yellow Group - Lorenzo
Orange Group - Royal



EASTER GREETINGS FROM GREEN GROUP

Children in Green Group demonstrated artistic flair and fabulous design work as they made cracking little Easter Cards for their families.

Hoppy Easter everyone!



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Prep School - Year 6

In science, Year 6 are currently completing their light unit. This week, pupils were given the question How do we see? and challenged to demonstrate their understanding using only the objects around them. In each demonstration, pupils were asked to label the light source, light ray and direction of travel, object and the viewer. In the next lesson, pupils were given the question Can we see around corners? and tasked with constructing a periscope to prove that it is indeed possible! Challenging, fun and hands-on learning!



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Item	Price	Item	Price
Bagel	£0.25	Bagel	£0.19
Coke	£0.70	Coke	£0.40
Flake	£0.37	Flake	£0.41
Scotch	£0.54	Scotch	£0.45
Apples	£0.28	Apples	£0.26
Tea bags	£0.08	Tea bags	£0.08
Pears	£0.58	Pears	£0.61
Nappies	£0.56	Nappies	£0.34
Crates	£0.60	Crates	£0.58
Swingers	£0.34	Swingers	£0.33
Roll	£0.62	Roll	£0.52
Sub Total	£4.33	Sub Total	£4.76



As part of their Fractions, Decimals and Percentages unit in maths, Year 6 were set a challenge with a real-life context: Tesco or Aldi – which is the cheapest supermarket? Pupils were tasked with applying their knowledge in a rich task to calculate the best value items across the two supermarkets. After much calculation, the results were in – Aldi was the cheapest supermarket across our selection of items by a mammoth £0.07! In calculating this, the pupils not only extended their calculation skills, but acquired a broad range of essential life skills too.

ROUND UP FROM ART & DT

Year 3 have been learning about Graffiti, Street and Pop art and some of it's most famous artists. They have enjoyed creating their own name tags in Graffiti style, creating work influenced by their knowledge of the Vikings, they have made beautiful longboat collages and designed and decorated their own Viking shields.



Year 4 have been learning about the history and style of Indian art and it's many artists. They have worked together to create a group piece and have each used their drawings skills to re-create a Mahabubani style drawing before using inks to add colour.



Year 6 have been learning about the artist Salvador Dali and his surrealist style of art. They have re-created a version of his melting clock from clay, painted a water colour version of his 'The Elephants' and drawn the artist complete with flamboyant moustache.



Year 5 have been working on their drawing and building skills this half term. Mrs Samra was very impressed by the elephants they built using old newspapers and art roc. They have each been well painted and individually decorated by their owners.

Pupils in Upper Prep took to the stage last week to perform 'Shakespeare Rocks,' a hilarious but factually correct take on the life and times of William Shakespeare. We're sure parents will all agree, the performance was amazing! The cast rose to the challenge of taking on roles of humorous historical characters, giving the audience an amusing glimpse into the life and times of the poet and playwright, and how he came 'To Be'.

Shakespeare Rocks!

A huge thank you to Mr Hill-Jayne, all our wonderful Upper Prep staff, site team and most importantly the children. Their hard work behind the scenes and on the day really did make Shakespeare Rock. Well done all!

Watch this space! We'll be back next year for an equally impressive - if not more impressive - show....



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Senior School

AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF KS4

It's been another exciting term for Key Stage 4 with pupils in Year 10 having begun 'The Diana Award Mentoring Programme' which collaborates with professional volunteer mentors to deliver mentoring interventions and careers skills development for young people aged 11-18. The programme also places emphasis on social action, with mentees and volunteer mentors working together to plan and develop social action projects tackling issues that directly impact young people and their community.

With just six weeks left until the start of the GCSE exams, Year 11 have received some long awaited information about study leave this week. The proposal should cater for all pupils whilst also providing support in school with some Easter revision sessions planned, as well as the Year 11 timetable running as normal should pupils need teacher input. It has also been lovely to hear about some of the Sixth Form offers that have been made, they make all the pressure worthwhile. Good luck to our Year 11 pupils for their upcoming exams.

Mrs Bhadda

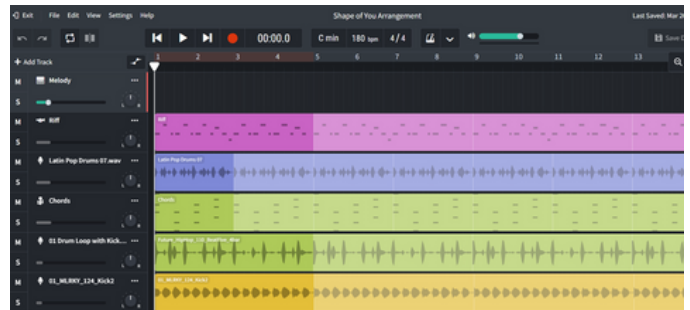


SPOTLIGHT ON...MUSIC

In music, **Year 9** have been putting the finishing touches to their rearrangements and remixes of Ed Sheeran's Shape of You. The first learnt to play the chords and riff then arranged it according to the structure of the song, before tearing it all apart and reconstructing their own versions and arrangements.

Year 8 have just completed their hip hop projects. The journey they have come on is impressive, with some pupils even exploring different rap flows within their songs and rapping in different languages.

Year 7 too have been on a journey, from prehistoric times all the way up until the Romantic era (17-98-1837), following the developments of music, composers and styles. They have created some great Baroque fanfares and classical themes accompanied by chords, as well as learning to play Pachelbel's Canon along the way.



SPORT FOR ALL!

Pupils in Years 7 & 8 had the opportunity to watch top class badminton players at the YONEX All England Open Badminton Championships earlier this month. It was a great day of world class action; they all really enjoyed themselves!

Senior School pupils have also have been working hard on developing their cricket skills this term. To finish this term off we had a house skills competition where pupils had to bowl, catch and play a game to earn points for their house. In the Year 7 competition, Bradford won all three challenges. Well done Bradford!





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



NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Maheera - for always applying herself and putting 100% effort into all of her activities.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Khayyira - for working very hard in all her subjects and is beginning to recognise some words and sounds on a daily basis. All the staff are so proud of her.

SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Devinda (Y8) - for having good manners and speaking very well in assembly.

END OF TERM AWARDS: PREP SCHOOL

HOUSE POINT WINNERS - 50, 100, 150, 200 & 250 POINTS



ACCELERATED READER WINNERS



MATHS CHALLENGE PARTICIPANTS

- Rishi
- Jaeveer
- Jasmine K
- Amaya



Well done to the following pupils for leading on a charity fundraiser to raise money for the Turkey & Syria Appeal. Prep School raised £212.23

- Roshan
- Jasmine P
- Leyli
- Idrees
- Amaya
- Kadii



END OF TERM AWARDS: PREP SCHOOL

SCIENCE DAY WINNERS

Science model winners:

KS1:

1st Place - Zephrr
2nd place - Idrees
3rd place - Yusuf

KS2:

1st Place - Nadal
2nd place - Hamza
3rd place - Arjun

Poster competition winners:

- Maya - KS1
- Simran - KS2



PUPIL VOICE MODEL MAKING CHALLENGE WINNERS

Lower Prep - 2J



Upper Prep - 5K



SPRING TERM HOUSE WINNERS

1st place - Dilke
2nd place - Hatherton
3rd place - Bradford



END OF TERM AWARDS: PREP SCHOOL

TIMES TABLE CHALLENGE BADGE WINNERS

BRONZE

- Dawuud
- Saranya
- Nirvair
- Avaani
- Ishani
- Tracy
- Reuben
- Subhan
- Hamza
- Sneha
- Taio



SILVER

- Aveer
- Haris
- Nyran
- Karamveer
- Amar
- Karmandeep
- Leyli
- Veer
- Yusuf
- Avaani



GOLD

- Hannah
- Jaeveer
- Kadii
- Agamdeep
- Shadman
- Kasim
- Arjun
- Gia
- Karum
- Oliver



DIAMOND

- Jasmine P
- Dylan
- Rishi
- Dhiyan
- Tegh
- HaTeegh
- Anthonson
- Laila
- Amar
- Laila



HALL OF FAME

- Simran K - 8th place (1 min 25 secs)
- Kairon - 9th place (1 min 32 secs)



END OF TERM AWARDS: KS3

YEAR 7 - ART AMBASSADORS



- Leo
- Zoya
- Susannah
- Rathan
- Lily
- Maaya
- Hashmeet
- Aisha A-R

YEAR 8 - ART AMBASSADORS



- Priya
- Annaya

ANTI-BULLYING AMBASSADORS



- Dexter
- Rishi
- Aminah
- Anisa

WELL-BEING AMBASSADORS



- Harleen
- Jaya

FORM CAPTAINS



- 7A - Leo
- 7B - Arjan
- 8A - Priya
- 8B - Rohan
- 9A - Haseeb
- 9B - Safa



END OF TERM AWARDS: KS3

SCHOOL COUNCIL



- 7A - Susannah
- 7B - Haashim
- 8A - Harleen
- 8B - Hamza
- 9A - Rayah
- 9B - Leo



Well done to the following pupils for achieving bronze badges for 300 house stars:

Year 7:

- Susannah
- Armaan M
- Mayna
- Maaya
- Preet
- Zoya
- Hashmeet

Year 8:

- Zakariya
- Harleen
- Annaya
- Priya
- Samraaj
- Alice
- Radin
- Tanvir
- Rohan
- Musa
- Davina

Year 9:

- Shona
- Anaiya
- Safa
- Shria



END OF TERM AWARDS: KS3

Well done to the following pupil for achieving silver badges for 500 house stars:

- Rayah



HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS



Year 7: Leo
Year 8: Annaya
Year 9: Rayah

FORM AWARDS

- 7A - Lily
- 7B - Zoya
- 8A - Harleen
- 8B -
- 9A - Jaya
- 9B - Jamie



EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUB AWARDS: CODING CLUB



- Rayah
- Bilal
- Shria
- Yasin



- Harshith
- Jamie
- Dilan
- Safa

END OF TERM AWARDS: KS3

ISA MONOLOGUE COMPETITION WINNERS:



- Armaan – highly commended
- Harleen – second place

ISA ART COMPETITION WINNERS:



- Susannah – 2nd place, fashion accessories category
- Alice – 1st place, textiles category

ACCELERATED READER

Well done to the following pupils for completing their target point scores this term:

- Rayah
- Leo
- Anisa A
- Haashim
- Armaan
- Abdur
- Zakariya
- Haris
- Aden



- Harleen
- Samraaj
- Anya
- Radin
- Annaya
- Devinda
- Preet
- Priya



END OF TERM AWARDS: KS4

YEAR 10 - ART AMBASSADORS



- Avneet
- Parneet
- Sukhmani

CHARITY AMBASSADORS



- Sannah Y10
- Ayesha Y10
- Safiya Y10

Well done to the following pupils for achieving bronze badges for 300 house stars:



- Ore
- Davina
- Kaka
- Niles
- Blake

FORM CAPTAINS:

- 10A - Ishika
- 10B - Ameen
- 11A - Arun
- 11B - Akaal

SCHOOL COUNCIL:

- 10A - Ore
- 10B - Davina
- 11A - Cedric
- 11B - Georgia

FORM AWARDS:

- 10A - Maya
- 10B - Davina
- 11A - Amira
- 11B - Georgia



HEAD OF YEAR AWARDS

- Year 10 - James
- Year 11 - Harman

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



Last Friday, Prep School pupils had some special visitors in school to talk to them about safety.

PC Adams gave a talk to the pupils about road, cycle, and water safety to ensure that the children are able to make the most of their time outside during the warmer months, whilst keeping safe.

He was joined on this visit by a dog handler from the police force, who brought along a drug sniffer dog named Stanley. Pupils got the chance to watch Stanley at work they heard about how to be safe around dogs.

But the excitement didn't stop there....the children were able to sit in a squad car and then an officer on a police motorcycle arrived, and some pupils even tried out the bike!



The confidence and talents of our pupils continues to make us proud.

On Sunday, Priya in Year 8, performed a beautiful violin recital for some housebound patients who had afternoon tea at the Fairlawns Hotel in Aldridge.

They were amazed at her playing and confidence given she is only 12 years old.

What a lovely thing to do, Priya, we are all very proud of you!

Thank you so much to Maureen, Kath, Cynthia, Ruby, Kerry and Robert for giving up their time to help us. It was so lovely to watch the children engage with the visitors, and everyone enjoyed the experience!



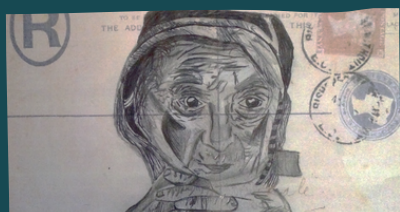


Social media round up

It is so lovely to hear about how our pupils support each other, whether it be in the classroom, or in their endeavours outside of school. Last week pupils in Year 1 came together to show their support for their friend, Zahra. Zahra is a young advocate for the eco system, having participated in tree saving protests locally.

To show their support for Zahra's campaigning, her classmates got together and made a poster for Zahra to take on her demonstrations.

Well done, Year 1, thank you for being such kind and supportive friends!



There's only one word that describes this amazing artwork created by our talented artists in Year 9....WOW!

The class are examining the work of Mark Powell who creates intricate biro drawings on different surfaces and Mrs Shaw was blown away with quality of these pupils' work.

A huge well done to Shona for her elderly lady drawing, to Eeshal for her bird artwork and to Jaya for her bee picture.

What stunning work!

We are holding our next second hand uniform sale in the School Hall on Thursday 20th April, 10am - 12 noon.

A range of pre-loved branded and non-branded uniform items will be available, including blazers, jumpers, trousers, dresses and school coats.

We have both Prep and Senior School uniform on offer, and will be asking for a small donation of £5 per item taken, which will be donated to the #FriendsOfHydesville fund.



SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

Thursday
20th April

10.00am - 12.00noon

#Hydesvillefamily



Social media round up

Hydesville Nursery children hopped over to the garden on Monday, in anticipation of the getting into the Easter Eggstravaganza spirit!

Special clues were followed - including lots of bunny footprints - to lead the children to the outdoor classroom, where the naughty bunny had hidden clues and prizes around the garden and prizes for clues solved.

Amongst the many activities to explore, the children engaged in making easter baskets and bunny ears to wear. Hoppy Easter everyone!



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Prep School Extra-Curricular Clubs – Summer Term 2023

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We are excited to announce our Prep School Summer Term Extra-Curricular Clubs Programme: <https://tinyurl.com/vr5hyk27>

All clubs will go live on Cognita Connect for bookings at 5pm on Friday 14th April.

Free clubs will start w/c 1st May 2023, and paid clubs will go live w/c 24th April 2023.

Yesterday's Lower Prep Easter Hat parade was a fitting end to the Spring Term.

Thank you to all the parents and members of the Hydesville family who came along to show their support.

It was a fabulous event – with musical performances, elocution, singing and lots of catwalk parading!



NOTICES AND COMING UP...

SUMMER TERM MENUS

Where possible, we like to involve our pupils in ongoing enhancements across Hydesville.

Over the past few weeks Mr Long and Mrs Samra have been getting feedback from pupils about our lunch menus. Following this feedback, we have designed new Summer Term menus. They are now live on our website. Do please take a look by clicking on the Chartwells logo opposite.

Our lucky pupils are in for some tasty lunches next term!

Chartwells



POLITE PARKING REQUEST...

Can we respectfully ask parents and carers not to park on No 1 Broadway when picking up and drop off children. This is a private car park and must not be used.



Can parents also NOT Park on the Head's House. Thank you for your co-operation.



Bookings are now open for our Easter Fun Club for Nursery & Reception children. We are offering two weeks: Wednesday 12th to Friday 14th April and Monday 17th to Friday 21st April. Places are limited so hurry to book your place via Cognita Connect.



Can we politely remind parents of their duty of care to report a pupil absence no later than 9:30am.

Our office team are currently having to call quite a few parents every day and often parents do not answer. This could lead to a safeguarding concern.

Thank you for your understanding.

