



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 another busy week here at Hydesville. Pupils have had lots of opportunities, with Year 4 and 5 pupils visiting the theatre on Tuesday.

Our Year 6 pupils completed their woodland walk as part of the Hydesville Challenge. Following the walk, I had a call from a local resident to positively praise us for how wonderful our children are! It was so lovely to receive her lovely feedback, and to hear how pupils' manners and enthusiasm shone through really impressed me. She couldn't praise the children enough as to how they engaged in conversation and how competitive and enthusiastic they were. That they were a credit to us! This is fantastic to hear, and I am too very proud of you all.

Over in Senior School, Year 10 pupils have been visiting Sixth Forms at King Edwards foundation schools. I would like to say thank you to Miss Fairbrother for organising this as part of the careers programme.

Finally we will all be part of a momentous historical moment this weekend with the King's Coronation. It was lovely to see so many pupils in red, white and blue.

The sun kept shinning enabling pupils to enjoy our garden party to celebrate this moment.

I wish everyone 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....

EYFS: Hydesville Nursery

AS TALL AS A GIRAFFE. AS SMALL AS A MOUSE



On Wednesday Blue Group looked and talked about how tall they are. They used their height chart to measure each other and compare their heights as a group.

From completing this activity, children were able to establish that Leah was the tallest, measuring 138cm., followed by Aayah at 132cm, Roman at 129cm, Ziya at 126cm and Rudhra measured the shortest at 123cm.



WHEN I WAS A BABY

For part of Nursery's 'growth and new life' topic children have been talking about when they were a baby. They looked at photographs of them as a baby and asked their friends to look and guess which picture belonged to each of them. Can you see the resemblance?

LET YOUR IMAGINATION RUN WILD



During child – initiated play children had the opportunity to have freedom within their play to support and enhance their creative and imaginative learning, as they investigate and explore within their learning.

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



SOUND OF THE WEEK

When we return next week our sound will be : 'qu' – 'give a royal wave'. Can you think of any words beginning with this sound? Please support and encourage your child with activities based around this sound and read the weekly sound book uploaded to Tapestry.



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Prep School: Year 1

Year 1 were set a challenge of designing, baking and evaluating their own cake designs for their Easter Project. Mrs Brown and Mrs Mavi could not believe the creativity that Year 1 shared. The cakes looked delicious!



Year 1 pupils really do enjoy sharing their Travelling Bear Adventures with their peers and this Bank holiday Weekend Travelling bear in 1M went on an adventure with Harnam and with Isla in 1B. What awesome adventures they had, Lucky Bears!

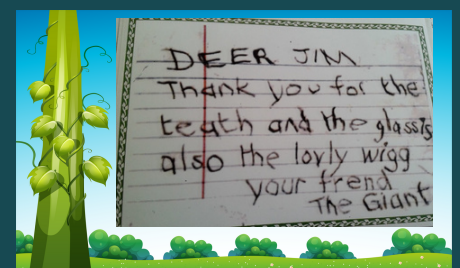
In PE Pupils have been busy practising their running, jumping and throwing skills in preparation for the Hydesville Prep School Sports Day. "You can do this!".....Team spirit was certainly in the air!



In Maths children have been busy counting in 2s, 5s and 10s. They have been brilliant at making equal groups and this week they started off learning about 'Arrays'.



In English the pupils have been brilliant at editing the letter sent from the Giant down the Beanstalk. Year 1 gave the Giant some great tips on how to improve his letter.



WEEKLY ROUND UP....

Senior School

FUN - AND LEARNING - WITH DRONES

Last week, pupils in Year 8 and 9, alongside Year 10 Computer Science pupils, completed a code and drone workshop. The workshop encouraged pupils to consider skills that they would need within an engineering environment and gave them a breadth of information of all the different areas of industry that engineering can be utilised within. Pupils were able to code drones with different scenarios and constrictions, allowing them to think both logically and creatively.

All pupils conducted themselves well and were a credit to the school. They had a great deal of fun as well as a productive experience. Well done all!



AN UPDATE FROM KEY STAGE 3

The summer term is always a busy and exciting time at Hydesville especially in key Stage Three. We kick off the term with the Year 9 pupils going on the science trip to London to visit the National History and Science Museums. Pupils worked their way around each of the museums taking part in workshops and developing their understanding.

Later on in the term, the Year 7 and Year 8 pupils will visit the Magna Science Adventure Centre to challenge their understanding in science.

Back in school, pupils are hard at work preparing for the end of year exams. They have now received their examination timetables and can start to plan their revision timetables. Exam week is excellent practice for our pupils for their GCSEs when they come to Year 11.

Mr Lawrence
Key Stage 3 Co-ordinator



A MESSAGE FROM MRS BOOTH.....

As GCSE examinations loom for Year 11, as well as internal assessments for Years 7-10, it's important to consider the positive impact that reading can have on your mental health. Independent reading for 20 minutes at least 3 times a week has a dramatic impact on vocabulary and comprehension skills, but can also aid better relaxation and sleep – especially during periods of anxious revision!

In addition, re-reading familiar texts can help you to spot new and interesting connections: particularly useful for the higher level analysis and evaluation skills as part of pupils' English Language and English Literature courses.

Before I begin my maternity leave, I'd like to wish Year 11 the very best for their future examinations and I have given them each a bookmark to remind them of the many positive benefits of independent reading.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
KEEP
READING**

CELEBRATING THE KING'S CORONATION



Coronation fever hit Hydesville today! We had a fantastic day of celebrations, including a party picnic lunch outside, lots of cake, a non-uniform day, and a whole school performance of the national anthem.

Fun activities have taken place across the school. Prep School took part in dance workshops and Year 7 & 8 have been debating this week's Votes For Schools Question, does the Coronation reflect the UK today? Mrs Shaw has also been impressed with Dilan's (Y9) and Alice's (Y8) artwork for the ISA coronation art challenge.

We hope all staff, pupils and members of the #Hydesvillefamily enjoy the Coronation weekend ahead. We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday.



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

NURSERY STAR OF THE WEEK



Ruby - for trying very hard in all her activities and for being a kind and helpful member of the group.

RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Sohan - who has worked extremely hard to show an improvement in his maths and reading skills. He is always eager to have a go at answering questions and sharing his thoughts on a topic.

SENIOR PUPIL OF THE WEEK



Safa - outstanding manners and behaviour. She consistently acts as a role model to all and goes above and beyond to support her peers.

PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Dexter - for excellent leadership supporting others in the newly formed rock band and quickly learning his part.

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



On Friday, Reception had a special visit from our violin and recorder teacher, Mrs Harvey.

Children had the opportunity to experience the instruments and learn about the various parts, as well as facts and key vocabulary. It was lovely to see how keen they all were!

We are pleased to announce that we have places available for violin and recorder lessons for the coming academic year, so should you be interested in pursuing lessons for your child, please do get in touch with Mr Hill-Jayne via joe.hill-jayne@hydesville.com.

Please note, violins can be provided by the school, but they are in limited supply so provided on a first come, first served basis.



Our first #WowWednesday post of the Summer Term includes successes in martial arts, swimming, reading, writing and Maths.

Well done to Harneave, Waris, Rutendo and Karter for achievements in karate, to Leyli for her fundraising efforts last term, to Jaeveer for making it to the grand final in a maths challenge and to our accelerated reader winners – Kasim (Rising Reader Award), Sophia (Independent Reader) and Eisa (Ready Reader).

A huge Hydesville well done to Jorah for being selected as 1 of only 5 winners from 5600 entries for a Young Writers Award. Jorah's amazing story has been chosen to be published in 'The Magic Door.' This is truly amazing, Jorah!

And last but not least, a special mention goes to Harnam who bravely stood up in front of the whole of Prep School and read a poem she had written about her best friend. Harnam's teacher was so impressed with Harnam for writing such a fantastic poem!

Pupils made the most of the nice weather at lunchtime today.

Senior pupils enjoyed lunch outside on the picnic tables, whilst Prep pupils had lots of fun playing with their new playground toys.

Let's hope the sunshine is here to stay for the bank holiday weekend ahead...



NOTICES AND COMING UP...

11+ APPLICATIONS: YEAR 5 PUPILS

Year 5 parents may already be aware that the 11+ application process has changed and there is now only one registration required.

The portal to register your child for the 11+ exam opens on Tuesday 9th May at 9am.

You can register by visiting <https://westmidlandgrammarschools.co.uk/>

The portal will close on June 30th at 4pm.



BANK HOLIDAY: MONDAY

A reminder that school is closed on Monday 8th May for the Bank Holiday to commemorate the King's Coronation.

We look forward to welcoming pupils back to school on Tuesday. Have a lovely, long weekend!

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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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Teddy Bears' Picnic

Prospective Hydesville families are invited to:

Nursery Stay & Play Session
Friday 19th May 1.30pm to 3.00pm

2½ to 4 year olds and parents welcome!

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Places in Hydesville Nursery are filling fast for September 2023, so if you have a child who is aged 3 or 4, or is approaching Nursery age, please do contact us to ensure we have your child's name down for a place.

When brothers and sisters attend Hydesville at the same time we provide a:

- 5% reduction against the fees for the second child
- 10% reduction against the fees for the third child

Prospective Nursery families might also like to come to our Teddy Bears' picnic on Friday 19th May. Please contact Mrs Passi on admissions@hydesville.com or call 01922 748817 to find out more.

A reminder that study leave for Year 11 pupils starts from Monday 15th May, which is also the formal beginning of the GCSE exams.

A letter to parents explaining about study leave expectations was sent to parents last month. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Good luck Year 11!