



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 lovely welcoming everyone back this week and having children talk about their half term. The sun is shining which is always a bonus.

Year 11 are ready approaching the end of their examinations and I know all their hard work will be worth it.

Staff and pupils have been busy. A big thank you goes out to Mr Burnham, Miss Crump and Miss Matloob for taking the pupils to Blenheim Woods.

On Wednesday afternoon I found Nursery in the Fairy Garden. It was lovely to see the children showing independent skills and helping each other.

*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*

## AN UPDATE FROM **YELLOW** GROUP

This week in Yellow Group the children are learning about the lifecycle of a butterfly. We listened to the story about the Very Hungry Caterpillar, discussing the different types of foods he ate and if they were healthy. We were able to sequence the life cycle through pictures, from being a little egg on a leaf to being a caterpillar, then a cocoon to turning into a lovely fluttery butterfly.

Children also collaged beautiful butterfly pictures. We are very excited because we have real caterpillars and will be able to watch the life cycle unfold in real life and can't wait to release our butterflies into the garden very soon.



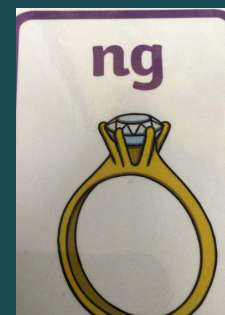
Yellow Group have also have been checking on the progress of their beans to see if they have grown. We were very pleased to see how big they are growing. We also checked on our own heights using the height chart but discovered we are still the same size.

These activities have helped the children learn about growth and change, different sizes and how to care for plants, animals and ourselves.



## SOUND OF THE WEEK

Next week sound is 'ng', as in the sound at the end of 'ring', Please support and encourage your child with activities based around this sound and read the weekly sound book uploaded to Tapestry.



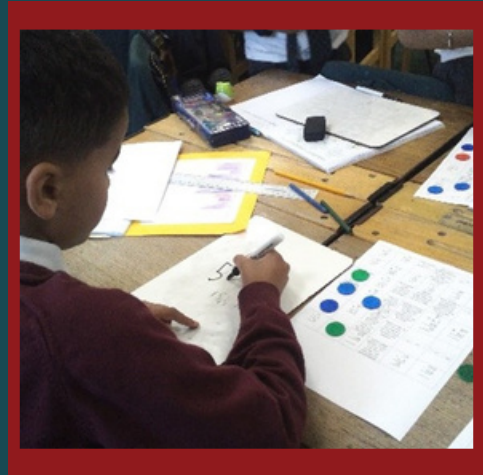


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## Prep School: Year 3

Pupils thoroughly enjoyed playing four-in-a-row, maths style! They had to complete 3-digit addition and subtraction problems and obtain 4 correct answers in a row, all whilst trying to block their opponents.

There were some very competitive players!



In English, Year 3 have started a new topic on Roman mythology. They started with reading and acting out the myth 'How Ganymede became Cupbearer to the Gods of Mount Olympus'.

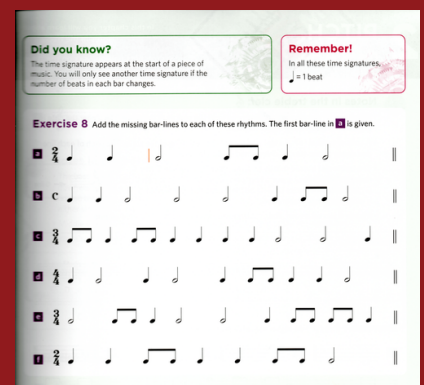
Year 3 have also begun their new science topic on plants. For the first lesson, pupils discussed what they already know and what they would like to find out. They then looked at a variety of plants and identified the different parts.



## PREP SCHOOL PUPILS IN FINE TUNE

This week Year 4 have been counting beats and learning all about note durations. Using their knowledge of note values they solved mathematical problems to determine missing notes or bar lines. Next week they will be moving onto identifying pitches on a stave.

For the rest of Prep, we have been gearing up for Prize Giving, with the introduction of our whole school songs in singing assembly. We can't wait to show all the friends and family in a few weeks time.



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## Senior School

### COUNTDOWN TO PARIS!

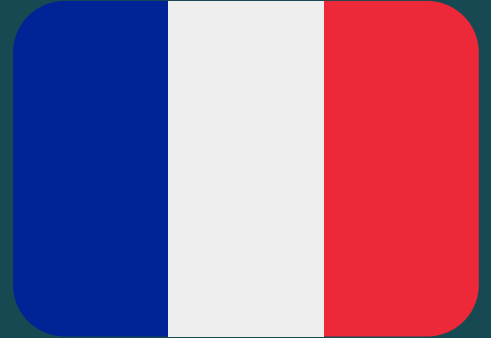


With the end of year exams complete, the upcoming Paris trip continues to be the topic of conversation for many of our pupils. Mrs Dhadda was able to visit the accommodation during her recent visit to France and she was really pleased with the facilities.

In preparation for the trip, Year 7 will be learning how to order food in a restaurant, buying an ice cream and purchasing items at a market.

This week, Year 8 have been learning how to give opinions about their clothes, and Year 9 are starting a project on French speaking countries. Classes continue to keep in touch with the Swiss school, ISZN. Year 10 will be recording presentation about where they live to share with them this term.

Year 11 pupils are pleased to have finally completed their French GCSE exams. Well done to all the pupils for a fantastic effort in languages this year.



### AN UPDATE FROM THE HEAD OF YEAR 7

I can't believe we are in the final half term of the year. It only feels like two minutes ago when I was welcoming Year 7 into Senior School. I have been impressed with how well they have settled into life at Hydesville, continually growing and developing as the year has progressed. They handled their end of year examinations very well. I appreciate it was daunting for them, but their approach and conduct throughout was commendable.

The focus for this half term is on finishing the academic year with the commitment and dedication shown throughout the year. Parents will receive their child's full report at the end of the term. It will also be a half term of trips, residentials and end of term celebrations, including the Prize Giving ceremony on July 6th. I look forward to meeting many of our parents and carers then.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

*Mrs Khan*

### RECYCLED FASHION

Our Senior School Head of Art, Mrs Shaw, is super impressed with this beautiful, recycled dress created by a group of talented Year 9 pupils for the Independent Schools' Association (ISA) recycled art challenge.

Rayah, Shona and Anaiya have given up a number of lunchtimes to create the piece and they have been wonderfully positive and creative throughout. Well done girls!



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

## NURSERY STARS OF THE WEEK



Gabriella - for working incredibly hard, being a positive role model and always being well behaved (26.5.23)

Ocean - for settling into Nursery life and trying hard in all the activities (9.6.23).

## RECEPTION STAR OF THE WEEK



Maya - for excellent effort in writing.

## PERFORMER OF THE WEEK



Deniz (Y7) – for working hard and persevering to overcome the challenges he has faced with music dictation.



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## *Social media round up*



This week we reported on Year 5 & Year 6's trip to Blenheim Woods. Mr Burnham kept us updated:

"Year 5 and 6 have safely arrived and set up camp in the glorious Blenheim Woods. And what a view! The pupils have been immediately set to work, building fires to barbeque their lunch. Woodland survival is soon to come...."

"Since our arrival at camp, the tribes have had the opportunity to construct survival shelters, design tribal flags, apply camouflage make-up and enjoy smores around the campfire."

"Following a night under canvas, pupils were fed a nutritious cooked breakfast before learning camp songs, watching a salmon being prepared and honing their first aid skills."

"Teachers are currently awaiting SOS rescue from a plane crash site..."



We are currently recruiting for a number of positions across Hydesville.

Please see our website for more information and to download an application form: <https://www.hydesville.com/about-us/job-vacancies/>



### **JOB VACANCIES:**

- **PE COACH**
- **TEACHER OF GEOGRAPHY**
- **LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR**

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Due to the GCSE exams in the school hall, we are sadly unable to hold Prep School Award Assemblies, although we are excited that they will re-start from the end of June!

Thank you to parents who have still been sharing their pupils' achievements with us, we love hearing what the children have been up to outside of school. Please keep sending photos and news in to [sarah.archer@hydesville.com](mailto:sarah.archer@hydesville.com)

This week's [#WowWednesday](#) post includes achievements for the following pupils:

Siblings Zak (Y8) and Zahra (Y1) took part in the Birmingham Cancer Research UK run.

Harneave in Y2 received her Green Blue Peter badge for showing how much she cares about nature, the environment and sustainability by submitting a poster she created about looking after trees. Harneave also received a gymnastics badge and a Talent for Writing certificate.

Waris in Y1 received a certificate from the ISA Young Storytellers Competitions.

Brothers, Jared (Y3) and Jorah (Y1), completed a Football Camp with West Bromwich Albion over the half-term break, they both received a trophy for winning in their respective age groups. Jared also earned a Bronze Gymnastics Proficiency certificate and badge.

It sounds like it's been a busy couple of weeks for the [#Hydesvillefamily](#), well done to you all!



## NOTICES AND COMING UP...

### UPCOMING SPORTS FIXTURES

Monday 12th June - Yr 6 ISA cricket festival at Old Vicarage School.

Monday 12th June - Yr 8 cricket festival at The University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus).

Friday 16th June - Yr 5&6 rounders and cricket v Mayfield Prep School.

Monday 19th June - GCSE PE festival at The University of Wolverhampton (Walsall Campus).

Thursday 22nd June - Yr 7 mini tennis v St George's School.

Monday 26th June - U9 and U11 mini tennis v Highclare School.



### GOLD FOR HYDESVILLE SPORT!

We are delighted to announce we have achieved the Gold School Games Mark award for our commitment, engagement and delivery of competitive school sport for the 2022/23 academic year

Read more: <https://www.hydesville.com/gold-for-school-sport-at-hydesville/>



### PRIZE GIVING 2023

We are excited to announce the details of this year's Prize Giving ceremonies.

Children in Pre-Prep and Reception will celebrate their event in school at 9am on Tuesday 4th July. Pupils in Years 1 – 6 will return to Bescot Stadium for their event at 1pm on Wednesday 5th July, and it will be the turn of the Senior School at 1pm on Thursday 6th July. This event will also take place at Bescot Stadium.

More information – along with an opportunity to reserve tickets – will be sent out via Cognita Connect soon.

We look forward to celebrating with the #Hydesvillefamily next month!



**CANCELLED**

Due to low numbers, we sadly need to cancel the Gala Dinner. We understand parents have other commitments.

We will look in the future to organising another event.