



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

AUTUMN TERM 6TH OCTOBER 2023

### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

The children have certainly been busy these past couple of weeks. Global Be Well Day was celebrated on Friday 29th September when pupils came off timetable for the day and were encouraged to undertake a variety of activities focusing on well-being. I have to say pupils seemed to have the most fun in the afternoon at the Arboretum.

Thank you so much to each and every family that came out to our Open Morning on Saturday. We would especially want to thank all of our pupils for their support; they served as excellent representatives for the school.

A special mention to Yuvraj, Nilesh and Ore for their speeches and Kaka, Kiran and Priya for their musical skills.

Finally, yesterday was World Teachers Day and I just wanted to take the time to recognise the hard work and dedication of all our teachers and also special thanks are due to my leadership team for their drive and determination.

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:

[info@hydesville.com](mailto:info@hydesville.com)

#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Global Be Well Day*

On Friday 30th September the school stopped lessons as we celebrated the importance of Global Be Well Day. All staff and children came dressed in their sports and leisure clothes. The Prep School started with an assembly led by Mrs Dhadda who talked about the different parts of the Wellbeing charter and this discussion led to the importance of looking after our physical and mental wellbeing and people around us.

During the morning the whole school completed activities based around mindfulness, digital wellbeing and sleep activities. Some completed yoga activities and colouring mindfulness pictures and worry bags.

The afternoon was spent having lots of fun completing the water fun run which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and several members of staff got soaked by the P.E staff and helpers. Also, all of Prep made their own fruit kebabs and Upper Prep had food workshops with Chartwells.

The Senior School children raised money for a worthy charity by selling samosas, providing/creating glitter tattoos which were very popular with the younger children and of course having two sumo suits and playing football and chasing their teachers around whilst they wore them.

Senior, Prep and Nursery children helped to raise money for the Charlie Waller Trust. The charity was set up by Charlie's family after he tragically took his own life. It was created to raise awareness around depression and to ensure young people are able to understand and look after their own mental health. Senior pupils had the chance to hear Haleem's story about his battle with depression and how he got through this difficult time in his life.

Giving our time to charity and helping others is one of the 6 contributors to well-being from the Cognita Be Well Charter. The charity ambassadors helped to organise the various activities on the playground, and raised £387.00!

Senior pupils learnt about how media and technology affect their values, thinking traps caused by online activity, changing tech habits and how tech companies try to keep young children online. Senior pupils also learnt about the importance of good sleep habits for their academic success, mental well-being, and physical health.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Black History Month*



Black History Month 2023 is a national occasion to recognise and celebrate the invaluable contributions of black people to British society. This year, the focus for Black History Month is designed to celebrate the exceptional achievements of black women. This year's theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Within school the senior pupils have celebrated this topic in assembly and had the opportunity to participate in a number of activities throughout the month of October including a Black History Film Club focusing on the success of Venus and Serena Williams in the film King Richard and learning about the thrilling and inspirational life of an iconic American freedom fighter Harriet Tubman. The film Harriet tells the extraordinary tale of Harriet Tubman's escape from slavery and transformation into one of America's greatest heroes. Her courage, ingenuity, and tenacity freed hundreds of slaves and changed the course of history. Additionally, pupils have been encouraged to enter the National Black History Month Poetry Competition 2023 and complete an in-school quizsheet.





# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Nursery & Pre-School*



Last weeks star of the week was Laidan for trying hard in all areas of learning.



This weeks star of the week goes to Jiya, for applying 100% effort into all she does.



On Wednesday 4th October, Nursery children experienced a very hands on approach when Mo from Animals in Hands came in to visit the setting.

Mo brought in a variety of different animals to include a rabbit, guinea pig, chinchilla, a fat tailed gerbil, a bearded dragon, a hedgehog, a stick bug and a tortoise.

Varying levels of self-confidence and good listening skills were displayed when the children took the opportunity to hold and handle the animals. We learnt interesting facts, for instance tortoises can live for up to 100 years.

A fabulous experience which is a contributing factor towards wellbeing.

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep School*



On Tuesday 26th September, Year 5 visited Cadbury World, as part of their study on chocolate. They learnt all about how chocolate came to Europe, how chocolate is made and how this process has changed over time. However, the most interesting part of the trip (apart from eating the melted chocolate and visiting the shop) had to be the talk on the Aztecs they took part in. Pupils were fascinated to learn all about how scientists test to see if Aztec codices are genuine, how much chocolate the Aztecs really ate, Aztec hieroglyphs and much, much more!



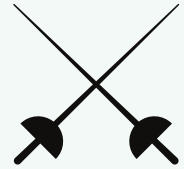
We would like to say a huge congratulations to Hydesville Tower pupils; Saranya and Kartar, for taking part in their first Karate competition recently and competing in the Kata category.

They train under Sensei Paul here at Hydesville in Wado Kai Karate.

We would like to say a special well done to Saranya as she won a bronze medal.

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Prep School



Year 3 and 4 have started a new block of fencing on Wednesday afternoons. Its great to see new and interesting sports added to our PE curriculum. Our current block of fencing is now fully booked but look out for the new sign up in January.



The theme of this weeks Prep School assembly was poetry performances. It was our chance to celebrate National Poetry Day, which this year focuses on the theme of refuge, and share some of our favourite poems with our parents, with some written by our pupils themselves. We would like to say a huge well done to all that took part.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Senior School*



Senior pupils celebrated National Poetry Day this week by completing a range of exciting activities. KS3 pupils took part in a poetry scavenger hunt competition, searching the school for poems relating to this year's theme 'Refuge'. Staff also shared their favourite poems by displaying them outside their classrooms or reading extracts during lessons.

Pupils also practiced creative writing during English lessons, writing poems to be entered into the Young Writers Poetry Competition. Good luck to all those pupils who have entered.



We would like to say a big congratulations to Leo, who recently competed in the Compnet UK National Championships in Brazilian Jiu-Jit Su and won by submission, which lead to Leo capturing a gold medal. This is a huge achievement as Leo has only been practising BJJ for 6 months. Leo is a dedicated martial artist, and also practices the arts of Thai Boxing and Wrestling, and trains diligently.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Senior School



Year 9 were excited to visit the WBA ground to attend The Real Apprentice Event 2023, organised by The Apprenticeship Works. This is an annual careers showcase, featuring interactive & educational fun from 30 Training Providers & Employers from across the region. Experts were on hand to discuss Apprenticeship & Pre-Apprenticeship opportunities as well as offering guidance on careers and alternative pathways to our students.

In the Senior School we are delighted that the following pupils have been nominated as Form Captains, School Council Representatives and Eco-Committee Representatives for this academic year. Each pupil was nominated within their form groups.

Form Captains will work closely alongside their Form Tutor supporting their form group in a host of different activities during form time.

School Council representatives gather ideas from their form groups and meet with Miss Jenkins each half term to share suggestions for the Senior School.

Eco-Committee representatives work with the Prep School Eco-Committee representatives on initiatives for the whole school. We are delighted that Shaan D, the founder and creator of the Eco Committee has now joined us in the Senior School in Year 7.

### Form Captains

#### Form-Form Captain:

1H SH Amreen Y  
2K SK Susannah B  
3S CS Ryan S  
4C SC Zara M  
5D PSD Ameen Y  
6S ES Amrit S  
7O AO Simran D  
8W PW Kaka L  
9H NKH Safa M  
10C RC Rayna S

### Eco-Committee Representatives

#### Form-Eco Committee

#### Representatives:

1H SH Sukhmandeep K  
2K SK Kieran B  
3S CS Ajan B  
4C SC Shaan D  
5D PSD Mikail C  
6S ES Parneet K  
7O AO Hargun L  
8W PW Maya V  
9H NKH Isa A  
10C RC Jobanpreet S

### School Council Representatives

#### Form-School Council

#### Representative:

1H SH Aleena A  
2K SK Aryan D  
3S CS Anthony W  
4C SC Jayani S  
5D PSD Safiya A  
6S ES Ishika P  
7O AO Maya V  
8W PW Devinda R  
9H NKH Jaya S  
10C RC Ryan S



# AWARDS

*Week ending: 06/10/23*



Year 1 Chloe M  
 Year 2 Harnam L  
 Year 3 Saranya S  
 Year 4 Ayanda M  
 Year 5 Anaya B  
 Year 6 Brogan E-T

## *Reception Star of the Week*



Joshua H – for excellent effort and behaviour in all lessons.

Year Group	Name	Award
Reception	Kamsi M Joshua H Idris K Amana I	House Points x 25 each
Year 1	Arjun B	Lamda - solo introductory stage one - distinction
Year 3	Saranya S	Wadoki Karate Championships Bronze medal
Year 4	Layla H Jayden B Maven N-H	Lamda merit award Lamda distinction award Hour of coding successful completion
Year 10	Leo S	Brazilian Jiu Jit Su Championships gold medal

# CHRISTMAS CARD DESIGN COMPETITION

2023



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# KEY DATES

October 2023

## October

Monday 2nd Oct	Black History Month Whole School - Poetry Week
Tuesday 3rd Oct	Reception -11 flu vaccinations 9.00am-12.30pm
Wednesday 4th Oct	School individual and class photographs Animals in Hands visits Nursery
Thursday 5th Oct	National Poetry Day (Mrs Sharkey)
Friday 6th Oct	Nursery Stay & Play 1.30-3pm
Tuesday 10th Oct	Whole School - World Mental Health Day
Wednesday 11th Oct	Y7 & New Starters' Settling in Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thursday 12th Oct	Harry Potter World Book Day (Mrs Sharkey)
Monday 16th Oct	Senior Cross-Country Week
Wednesday 18th Oct	Years 3, 4 and 5 Beaudesert Residential ( 18th to 20th Oct) Y11 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm by appointment

## Prep School Assembly Schedule

Below is the timetable for the **Friday assemblies** so you can see when your child is taking part, the assemblies will take place in the school hall at 9.05am. Please note, the different days for the Nativity and Christmas assembly. We are keen to award any certificates or trophies your child may have received so please forward these to your child's class teacher in advance. Parents are welcome to attend the assemblies from **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October**, and can join us for a complimentary coffee morning at 8.45am in the dining hall beforehand.

Date:	08/09/23	15/09/23	22/09/23	29/09/23	06/10/23	13/10/23	20/10/23	10/11/23	17/11/23	24/11/23	1/12/23	06/12/23	07/12/23
Class	Mrs Samra	Mrs Chand/ Mrs Kenton	Mrs Chand	No assembly	Miss Crump	Mrs Watson	No assembly	Mrs Majithia	Mrs Kenton	PC Adams	Mr Leslie	N & R	Y1/Y2
Theme	Our School Values	Pupil Leadership Roles	British Values	Global Be Well Day	Poetry Performance	Black History	KS2 Residential Trip	Remembrance Day	Anti-Bullying	Road Safety	Peter Pan (Drama & Musical Theatre)	Nativity (Wednesday)	Christmas Performance (Thursday)
Audience	Internal	Internal	Internal	Internal	Parents	Parents	Internal	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents	Parents



# KEY DATES

*October 2023*



## **Senior School Open Event**

We will be holding a Senior School Open Event at 5.30pm on Thursday 19th October. This will be an opportunity to find out more about joining Hydesville Tower Senior School.

At the event we will launch our year 7 Scholarship Programme and you will have the chance to ask questions and find out more about our hugely successful Senior School including our small class sizes, outstanding pastoral support and our GCSE success.

# KEY DATES

*October 2023*



The poster for the Hydesville Tower School Nursery Taster Session features a dark teal background with a red wavy border at the top and bottom. At the top left is the school's crest and name. A circular inset at the top right shows a teacher reading to children. The title 'NURSERY: COMPLIMENTARY TASTER SESSION' is in large, white, hand-drawn letters. Below this, three paragraphs of text describe the nursery's environment, the opportunity for parents to see the nursery, and the chance to meet the Head of Nursery. A cartoon lion is on the left. The date and time are listed in white capital letters. At the bottom, a circular inset shows a teacher with children, and another cartoon lion is on the right. Contact information is at the bottom right.

 **HYDEVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL**

**NURSERY: COMPLIMENTARY  
TASTER SESSION**

Our exceptional teaching nursery provides a happy and nurturing environment in which children are sensitively and expertly prepared for school life.

We would love you to come along to see for yourself what makes our nursery so special and invite your child to join us on a complimentary session.

Our sessions are an ideal opportunity for your child to experience our nursery without obligation.

Meet our Head of Nursery, Mrs Smith, where there will be an opportunity for a tour after the session.

\* Our invitation is open to parents and children aged between 30 months and four-years-old.

**FRIDAY 20TH OF OCTOBER AT 9.30AM TO 12NOON**

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TEL: 01922 624 374  
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## POLITE REQUEST



We have been contacted by a local resident regarding the length of parking times. Can we please respectfully ask parents/carers to be mindful of the residential streets and ensure they are not blocking drives for a long period of time.

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# TERM DATES

2023/24

## Academic Year 2023/24

The dates below are for the 2023/24 academic year, beginning in September 2023 and ending in July 2024.

Please note, all dates are inclusive.

Term/holiday	First Day	Last Day
Autumn Term 1	Wednesday 6th September 2023 (for Nursery, Prep & Year 7 only)	Friday 20th October 2023
	Thursday 7th September 2023 (for Y8 - Y11)	Friday 20th October 2023
Autumn Term Holiday	Monday 23rd October 2023	Friday 3rd November 2023
Autumn Term 2	Monday 6th November 2023	Friday 15th December (1.30 pm)
Christmas Holidays	Monday 18th December 2023	Friday 5th January 2024
Spring Term 1	Monday 8th January 2024	Friday 9th February 2024
Spring Half Term Holiday	Monday 12th February 2024	Friday 16th February 2024
Spring Term 2	Monday 19th February 2024	Friday 22nd March 2024
Easter Holidays	Monday 25th March 2024	Friday 12th April 2024
Summer Term 1	Monday 15th April 2024	Friday 24th May 2024
Summer Half Term Holiday	Monday 27th May 2024	Friday 31st May 2024
Summer Term 2	Monday June 3rd 2024	Thursday 11th July 2024

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