



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.

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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our final newsletter.

The final days of this term seem to have flown past so quickly. I am always amazed at how busy the Summer Term is and how much we can pack into the last few weeks! I would like to take the opportunity to thank all the parents and carers for the continued support given to the school.

So, with a blink of an eye we are about to say goodbye to the 2022/23 academic year. We are about to watch as current Year 6 and Year 11 voyage towards the next phase of their education and growth and we wish them all the best.

It has been lovely seeing so many parents over the last few weeks at Sports day, Prize Giving and Year 6 assembly.

Tuesday was move up day and all pupils had lots of fun activities. As I met them in the morning it was lovely to see them all grow in confidence and smiles over the day. At the end of the day it was nice to meet so many parents, and for them to meet each other and to become part of the friendly Hydesville community.

Examination results will be issued for GCSE on Thursday 24th August – we look forward to celebrating pupils' success on these days. Autumn Term begins on Wednesday 6th September for Year 7 pupils and Prep School.

Senior School pupils return on Thursday 7th September. Please ensure your child is fully equipped to make an excellent start to the new term and that their uniform is correct.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you in September.

Mrs Samra

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Our School Values



A Value is a principle that guides our thinking and our behaviour. At Hydesville, every individual is valued for who they are and what they contribute to the school. Values are intended to support the personal, social and spiritual development of every pupil throughout the school.

As mentioned in prize giving over the past academic year we have been conducting a consultation on the values of our school. Consequently, I have thoroughly enjoyed spending time talking about our values with pupils and colleagues to get their perspective generating our ideas and virtues into three simple words.



Ambition

- Be Hardworking
- Be Determined
- Be Aspirational

Opportunity

- Be Involved
- Be Confident
- Be a Role Model



Respect

- Be Kind
- Be Polite
- Be Inclusive



#Hydesville Family



EYFS: Prize Giving



Prep School: Prize Giving



Congratulations

Senior School Prize Giving





Senior School

I have thoroughly enjoyed witnessing the successes both academic and extracurricular within our Senior school this term, which we celebrated together at Prize Giving last week. I look forward to working alongside our newly appointed Senior school pupil leadership team in the next academic year as we continue to embed excellence within our school. This week pupils and staff will enjoy the end of term celebrations together in our annual end of year rewards assembly. I wish all pupils a restful summer break in which they will spend some time dedicated to their studies in preparation for the next academic year. Thank you to parents for your ongoing support this academic year and we look forward to discovering what the next academic year has in store.

Mrs Jenkins

Wimbledon themed week in PE and games sessions from reception through to year 10



This term Year 7 French pupils took their lesson outside to experience a role play with a difference! In preparation for the Paris trip, Year 7 pupils practised how to order ice cream in French. Not only were they able to practise the French they might use when ordering, they were treated to actual ice cream! Pupils had to choose their flavour, the number of scoops and whether they wanted a cone or a tub. Merci beaucoup Madame Dhadda!





Senior School Paris Trip

This time last week, Mrs Dhadda, Miss Fairbrother, Mrs Khan, Mr Lawrence and Miss Eynon had the pleasure of accompanying 48 excited pupils on an unforgettable trip to Paris.



The journey began with an early departure from school at 4:30am on Sunday 2nd July. After a smooth ferry crossing, they arrived safely in Paris in time for dinner and a spot of football.

🏰🎢 Day 1 - Disneyland where laughter is timeless, imagination has no age and dreams are forever ✨

Disneyland lived up to its well-deserved reputation! C'était magique! Children and staff had 9 hours to explore both parks, with their array of rides to suit the adrenaline junkies to the risk averse.

Everyone loved the culinary delights on offer too, Mrs Dhadda was overjoyed to find the Mickey Mouse pizza 🍕 for lunch 😊. The feedback from pupils and staff was overwhelmingly positive. It truly was a day filled with pure joy and laughter.





Senior School Paris Trip

Day 2 - Exploring Paris!

After a breakfast croissant 🥐 the group embarked on an exciting day of sightseeing, starting with a scenic walk from the Place de la Concorde, along the famous Champs Elysées, to the iconic Arc de Triomphe.

Lunch was then enjoyed at the beautiful Trocadéro Gardens, with stunning views of the Eiffel Tower. Next stop was the panoramic views from the top of the Montparnasse Tower, 210 metres high with breathtaking views over Paris.

Finally, the group embarked on a picturesque cruise along the river Seine, which was almost cancelled due to the famous designer Chanel booking out the Bateaux Mouches for Paris Fashion Week! Bateaux Parisiens to the rescue! Escaping the rain 🌧️ they admired the notable landmarks such as the historic Notre Dame Cathedral, the world-renowned Louvre Museum, and, of course, a spectacular view of the Eiffel Tower from the top deck before the heavens opened! Despite the soggy coach journey back to the campus, the boat trip was certainly a highlight for all.

The next day, as the group prepared for their final journey home, Mrs Dhadda and all the accompanying staff felt very proud of our pupils and their excellent behaviour during the trip. The journey was filled with the sharing of cherished memories together. Not an easy task for staff amidst the media news but so so rewarding 😊.





Senior School Paris Trip



Prep School

As the school year comes to an end, I would like to reflect on all the fantastic things the Prep School has accomplished and celebrated. I am proud of how we established high expectations right away. I have thoroughly enjoyed teaching in a variety of year groups as well as managing the More Able and Talented programme. Amazingly, regardless of where they began or what challenges they faced; all our pupils strived to offer their best effort. It has been wonderful to see how they have grown intellectually and individually, displaying rising self-confidence. My personal favourites have been our assemblies and performances since they perfectly showcased the bright personalities of all our pupils. It was encouraging to witness how fast our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils stepped onto the stage to present their Christmas plays in the autumn term, and how they only became better as the year went on. Shakespeare Rocks, our Key Stage 2 drama, had several outstanding and unforgettable performances as well. The pupils have thoroughly enjoyed and taken advantage of our trips to educational destinations like Thinktank, Botanical Gardens and Blenheim Woods. Furthermore, our Year 6 pupils have enjoyed the activities and experiences of the Hydesville Challenge which has helped equip them for their secondary education. To close, I would like to give a special mention to all our Hydesville staff who have worked incredibly hard as a team to give our pupils the best opportunities, and to our parents for their continuous support.

Mrs Chand

Year Six leavers assembly

Having performed a rip-roaring show that was the Leaver's Assembly, Year 6 are ready to move on to pastures new. We would like to take this opportunity to wish each and every one of our wonderful pupils all the very best as they move forward into the next chapter of their educational journeys. The staff will be left with some fantastic memories, particularly the parodies of themselves - some were scarily accurate!





Prep School Timetables Challenge

Congratulations!



Aisha
Jared
Eisa
Nadal
Seerat
Lilianne
Kartar
Anaya
Roshan
Aydin
Jayden
Ayandai

Subhan
Jemima
Karam
Arjun
Tracy
Daawud
Taio
Briaha
Nirvair

Karmandeep
Simran
Avaani
Veer
Karamveer
Aveer
Jaanvi
Leyli
Nyran
Avi
Haris
Alisha
Amar
Dhian 3BW

Yuvraj
Shaan
Zayn



HALL OF FAME
Jasmine – 7th place
Dylan – 10th place

Prep School Summer Dance

Thank you to Mrs Chand
and her team for
organising the Summer
Dance the pupils
thoroughly enjoyed it !



Year 6 Prom

Prom Night

Thank you to our Year 6 Parents for organising the Year 6 Prom.



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Prep School - Year 5 & 6

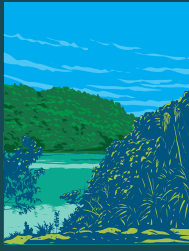
Despite the rain, Years 5 and 6 had a wonderful time at the West Midlands Safari Park on Monday.

There was a 'safari' through the animal enclosures where pupils could see a range of exotic creatures interacting in a natural environment. A particular favourite were the giraffes who took a liking to the coach mirrors-apparently these are very tasty! It was an exciting trip through the wild and everyone loved seeing the animals up close.

After the excitement of the safari, there were even more adventures to be had including encounters with free-flying bats, minibeasts and fish in the aquarium.

Great fun was had on the rides and no one noticed the rain after the water rides! All-in-all a fantastic day with friends and memories made!





Prep School - Year 3-4

We arrived at Twinlakes at 11 am on a warm but windy morning. We headed off in groups to the numerous rides – helter- skelter, go karts, rollercoasters and trampolines. After a leisurely lunch at the picnic area we enjoyed even more rides before making our way to the splashpad. The Year 3 and 4 pupils and Miss Crump had a whale of a time in the water. We all arrived safely back at Hydesville in the sunshine after our fabulous fun day out.





Prep School - Year 1

A Visit to the Botanical Gardens.

On Monday we went on our end of year trip to the Botanical Gardens in Birmingham. Our trip started off with an animal handling session where we had to use our courage to touch and handle some rather unusual animals, such as an African snail, a Madagascar hissing cockroach, a bearded dragon a corn snake and a tenrec.

We impressed Miss Ruth with our knowledge about reptiles, amphibians, insects, mammals, carnivores, herbivores and omnivores.



After handling the animals it was very important that we washed our hands. With our hands nice and clean we enjoyed our picnic in the gardens.

After lunch we went for a walk and saw some unusual plants that are not common garden or wild plants, including a banana plant and cacti.

We enjoyed watching the enormous koi in the pond. One even kept bobbing up to say hello to us!

Next we went for a walk to the butterfly house. We were fascinated to see lots of beautiful, large butterflies.

Some of us were even fortunate to have one land on us.



Nursery

On Thursday 29th June Nursery embarked on their school trip to National Forest Adventure Farm.

Fun was had by all, as the children participated in a variety of activities. The children planted a bean and learnt about what plants need to grow in the 'Healthy Plants, Healthy People' workshop, followed by the 'Pest or Friend' challenge, where the children had to establish which insects and animals are good or not good for plants and their growth. The children enjoyed a tractor ride where they had to spot the scarecrow along the bumpy ride and dug for dinosaur fossils in the Jurassic discovery sand area. The action packed day took its toll on the coach at the end of the day, and opportunities were taken for a little power nap before arriving back to school.



Well Done

Congratulation to Sneha who performed with her M3 Studios theatre group on Sunday in the Prince of Wales theatre.

What a great show they put on !
She performed as an acrostic cat





Well Done

Congratulation to Idris for helping the local community with an NHS engaging event at Walsall arboretum. The event focussed on a health lifestyle,





School Uniform

Uniform is an important part of a school's identity. It reinforces who we are as a community and helps allow pupils to feel pride in their school. It also helps prepare pupils for life after school where many will have to dress smartly for work.

Although many of our pupils and parents abide by the school uniform policy, we have had a number of interpretations of what is, and is not acceptable uniform. We would therefore like to clarify our expectations for pupils and parents.

Shoes should be black polishable leather or simulated leather, please see examples :



Please find a link to our Uniform policy on our website.

<https://www.hydesville.com/parents/school-uniform/>



If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

For Prep School only :

It will be Summer Uniform until Friday 29th September 2023.



NOTICES AND COMING UP...



See you in September

Term begins Wednesday 6th September for

Year 7 and Prep School: 8:45am

All other pupils start on Thursday 7th September.

'we still have a few limited places for September intake so get in touch if you know someone who would like to join our Hydesville family'

Applications for September 2024 now being received



OPEN MORNING

Saturday 30th September 2023

10:00am - 12noon

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