



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



#HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

AUTUMN TERM 10TH NOVEMBER 2023

A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

I hope this message finds you well. As we embark on the second half of the Autumn term, I am delighted to extend a warm welcome to both returning and new members of our school family.

As we look ahead, our mission remains clear - to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment where every pupil can flourish. We will continue to focus on academic excellence, character development, and fostering a sense of belonging.

I encourage you to engage with our school activities and events, as your involvement is a key ingredient to our collective success. We are excited about the opportunities that lie before us and are dedicated to shaping a future that our pupils can be proud of.

Thank you for your continued support, and I look forward to the great achievements and memorable moments that this term promises to bring.

Warm regards,

Mrs Samra

We love to hear about what you're getting up to! Send in your photos, news and updates to:

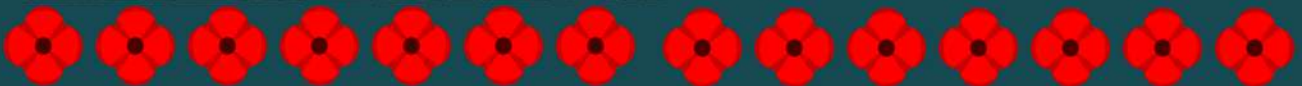
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Remembrance



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Nursery

Children in Nursery have been learning about the meaning of Remembrance Day, and that a red poppy symbolises remembrance, hope for a peaceful future and commemorates the soldiers who fought and died in war. In honour of this day, the children have been completing a number of creative activities throughout the week. During circle time, we sat and conducted a 2 minutes silence to commemorate this very important day.



WEEKLYROUND UP

Reception



**HAPPY
DIWALI**

Reception enjoyed a Diwali dance
this week



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Year 4 Assembly



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Prep



Hydesville pupils decorated beautiful Diwali cards to take home to loved ones.



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Prep School

Year 1 trip to the Leather Museum

As a stunning start to our new topic about Toys, Year 1 went on a visit to the Leather Museum.

They began their visit by making a Chinese Dragon puppet out of leather.



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Prep School

Year 1 then went on to look at some toys from the past

Automata – mechanical toy that makes the sound of horses clip clopping.



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Prep School



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Prep School

Zoetrope – spin it and you can see a moving picture



Year 1 then examined the skins of an alligator and cobra



Pupils spent the final part of the day making their own keyring out of leather with gold leaf blocking.

AWARDS

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

Nursery star of the week



Lorenzo – Trying hard and developing his listening

Reception star of the week



Ayva S – For excellent effort and progress in all areas of learning



Year 1	Aaria H
Year 2	Jeevan M
Year 3	Lilianne F
Year 4	Amrit K
Year 5	Veer B
Year 6	Avaani K

House Points

Reception	Maheera I - 25
Reception	Ayva S -25
Reception	Sahib P -25
Year 3	Anaya S
Year 3	Nusaybah Y
Year 3	Humdan S
Year 3	Harneave D
Year 3	Saranya S
Year 3	Sophia U
Year 4	Alexi D

HEADTEACHER'S AWARDS



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HOUSE POINTS







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AWARDS








Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards

	Dhian B	Swimming Kombat Federation Certificate
	Ayanda	Martial arts
	Maven Kadi Cataleya	Blue Peter Badge
	Zaydan R	Football Trophy and Medal

AWARDS



Congratulations to the following pupils who have received awards

	<p>Shyla Gillam-Jones</p>	<p>Swimming</p>
	<p>Rutendo Munetsi</p>	<p>Martial arts</p>
	<p>Harnam Lalli</p>	<p>'Seva' award for service to her community, washing dishes at the Coventry Temple.</p>
	<p>Umar Mullan-Makda</p>	<p>Taking part in Football Club</p>
	<p>Mahan Lalli</p>	<p>Blue Peter Sport badge 'Seva' award for service to her community, washing dishes at the Coventry Temple.</p>

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Senior School



Congratulations

ART



Congratulations to Shria Patel for achieving Second Place: for her piece on Changing face of fashion

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SPORTS



The year 7 football team played Football vs St Georges on Thursday at the Walsall Campus. The game was the best game I have seen all year with both teams playing excellent football and moving the ball very quickly. All the boys played well but the standout performance was from Zak who controlled the game from the centre of midfield.

REMINDER



Reminder - Duke of Edinburgh Meeting -
Monday 3:45 - Mrs Khan's Lab

THE YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER CHALLENGE

2023



In honour of World Mental Health Day on 10th October, we invite students aged 12-18 to enter our competition, The Young Photographer Challenge. Students should submit a photograph, along with a short caption, depicting how they show resilience. Creativity is highly encouraged!

The competition is free to enter and for each submission we shall make a donation to YoungMinds, the youth mental health charity.

DEADLINE : 5PM, 17TH NOVEMBER 2023

We all experience a great amount of physical and mental growth on a daily basis, as we are constantly faced with new situations and challenges. Being resilient gives us the ability to tackle these head-on and progress forward from any setbacks with confidence and a positive mindset!

Need inspiration? Think - how do you show resilience? If you are faced with a difficult situation, what do you do to tackle it?

- Allowing time for fun outside of school, by seeing friends, enjoying nature and relaxing, so we can keep a positive mental attitude in harder scenarios.
- Practicing mindfulness, so we can understand when we are stressed and learn how to act on it.
- Recognising when you have overcome a difficult challenge and how you have learnt from it and grown as a result.

The winning photograph will receive an in-person place on a one-day immersive experience of their choice! Our shortlisted entries will also be shared across our social media and featured on our blog.

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CUT YOUR CARBON

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The Prep School Eco-Committee will be launching a campaign in November called 'Cut Your Carbon'. It has been launched by Keep Britain Tidy. Hydesville pupils Shaan (Y7) and Roshan (Y3) have been working with Keep Britain Tidy on 'Cut Your Carbon' and star in their campaign video.

The campaign involves pupils attempting 9 steps to cut carbon at home. They will be sent home with a tick sheet of activities, which they will return to school once they have completed to earn a certificate. We will then collate the number of activities completed and enter a competition run by Keep Britain Tidy.

All pupils are challenged to complete 9 activities that will reduce their carbon footprint during November.

E - SAFETY

At National Online Safety, we believe in empowering parents, carers and trusted adults with the information to hold an informed conversation about online safety with their children, should they feel it is needed. This guide focuses on one of many issues which we believe trusted adults should be aware of. Please visit www.nationalonlinesafety.com for further guides, hints and tips for adults.

Top Tips for SETTING BOUNDARIES AROUND GAMING

If your child loves video games, then you'll probably be aware that how long they spend gaming – and what they're actually playing – can occasionally become a source of concern or conflict. The UK's trade body for interactive entertainment, Ukie, has recently launched a campaign to promote safer and more responsible gaming among young people – with parents and carers helping by setting sensible and fair boundaries. Our guide has tips on key areas where you could agree some healthy ground rules for your child's gaming activity.

PROMOTE SAFER GAME CHOICES

Deciding which online games are OK – and which should be avoided – is tricky. Some titles allow children to cooperate or compete with strangers, which creates potential risks. Watching your child play online for a while could provide more insight into a particular game, while the parental controls on most consoles allow you to limit who can chat to your child or send them friend requests. Remind your child of the hazards around strangers online when you discuss this boundary with them.

ENCOURAGE REGULAR BREAKS

Help your child understand the need to take regular breaks, playing in shorter bursts rather than marathon sessions. Bear in mind that some games (such as role-playing games) require time investment from the player, while others (online team games, for example) can't be stopped or paused at a moment's notice. A quick break every hour or so is good practice, and you could suggest some things to do in these breaks, such as having a drink of water or getting some fresh air.

AGREE SPENDING LIMITS

There's no doubt that gaming can be expensive, and younger players often don't realise how much paying for digital items and subscriptions can add up to. Many young gamers love to buy new skins or upgrades for their character, so you could settle on a fixed amount that your child is allowed to spend on in-game items each week or month. This sort of boundary will not only help your child to manage their expectations but will also make you more aware of the price of these items.

DISCUSS AGE RATINGS

Children often ignore the age ratings on games – or are unaware they even exist. If you're happy with your child playing a particular game even though it's rated above their age, then establish that as a boundary: emphasise that you've made an exception, and talk about what age ratings mean and why they're important. You could add context to this boundary by browsing games' boxes together while shopping, discussing why some games might have earned certain age ratings.

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CENSORED

FACTOR IN FRIENDS

If your child is a keen video gamer, the chances are that they'll have other gamers among their social circle, too. When friends visit, do they instantly dash to their console or computer? You could put boundaries in place before their guests arrive by agreeing on a length of gaming time. Bear in mind, though, that they may try to extend this once they're together. Try coming up with activities or challenges for them during screen breaks – if they join in, they earn a little extra time on their game.

ENJOY GAMING TOGETHER

Setting time aside to play video games together can be an enjoyable bonding exercise. Undeniably, some young gamers may be less enthusiastic about a parent or carer joining in, but it can be a productive way of encouraging them to share their hobby with you. Setting goals or tasks might be useful: if they love Minecraft, choose something to build together; if Fortnite's their favourite, ask to try out some of the fun game modes, like Prop Hunt, which don't require high skill levels.

TALK ABOUT EMOTIONS

Help your child to monitor their emotions as they play. Discuss what is (and isn't) an acceptable level of competitiveness to show while gaming. Are they allowed to trash talk other players, for example? Can they notice when they get angry if they lose? Do they think these emotions are healthy? Some games can provoke anger, but others can bring joy, humour and the thrill of overcoming a challenge. Try to steer your child towards games that tend to produce these more positive feelings.

BE PREPARED FOR TROLLS

A frequent problem when gaming online is other players who are deliberately troublesome. Make sure your child knows how to report and block someone who makes their experience a negative one. Between you, decide if or how they should deal with these online trolls. Talk about where your child's boundaries are in terms of what they think is acceptable: what behaviour by other users is merely frustrating, and what crosses the line to become upsetting or abusive.

Meet Our Expert

Donal Lipscombe is a writer specialising in technology, video gaming, virtual reality and Web3. He has also written 15 guidebooks for children, covering games such as Fortnite, Apex Legends, Valorant, Roblox and Minecraft. With work published by titles like PC Gamer, Kotaku, Pocket Gamer and WOTW, he has reviewed more than 500 games and products over the past year.

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KEY DATES

November 2023

November

Monday 6th Nov	Pupils Returns after half term
	Year 1 Leather Museum Trip (TBC)
Tuesday 7th Nov	Nursery parent consultations on School Cloud
Wednesday 8th Nov	Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm by appointment
Friday 10th Nov	Remembrance Day
Monday 13th Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Tuesday 14th Nov	Year 6 - Haden Hill House - Home Front Experience (TBC - DB to confirm)
Wednesday 15th Nov	Reception-11 flu catch up vaccinations 9.00am-12.30pm & School Council Meeting - LJ
	Prep School Parents Evening 4:00 pm – 6:30pm (Yr1 – Yr6)
Thursday 16th Nov	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm by appointment
Friday 17th Nov	Nursery - Mad Hatter's Tea Party 2.30pm
	Y11 GCSE Geography Field Trip
	Whole School - Children in need (<u>non-</u> uniform day)

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 6th 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

December 2023



This year, we would like to invite pupils (Nursery to Y11) to come to school wearing a festive jumper on Thursday 7th December in exchange for bringing in an item suitable for tombola gifts at the Christmas Fair.

Donations can include chocolate and toiletries or any other items that you feel are appropriate. We respectfully ask for no alcohol products please.

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December 2023



A festive poster for a Christmas Fair. The background is a deep red with a string of warm white lights at the top. A large, decorated Christmas tree with gold stars and red ornaments stands on the right. Several wrapped gifts in various colors are at the base of the tree. The text is in a white, elegant script font.

Christmas Fair
Save the date

Wednesday 13th December
4:15 to 6:15 pm



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A poster for a Christmas concert. The background features sheet music with various notes and clefs. Large, vibrant red bows are placed over the music. The text is in a clean, dark green sans-serif font.



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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL PRESENTS
A FESTIVE CELEBRATION:
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

**CENTRAL HALL METHODIST
CHURCH, WALSALL**
THURSDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2023
AT 2: 30PM

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