



# HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



## #HYDESVILLEFAMILY WEEKLY

AUTUMN TERM 20TH OCTOBER 2023

### A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parent/Carers,

It has been a fantastic half term in school and it's hard to believe that we've already reached half term break. The pupils have impressed us with their hard work in all subjects. It is great to see so many pupils participating in all the opportunities that Hydesville make available to them.

It's hard to think that we've already arrived at half term break after a terrific start to the academic year. We were impressed by the pupils' diligence in all of their classes. It's wonderful to see that so many pupils are taking advantage of the opportunities Hydesville provides for them.

The sports department has made unrelenting efforts to enhance the number of competitive fixtures and involve more students.

I'd like to congratulate the music department on receiving the Music Mark.

Well done to all the pupils, the art department has once again made us proud in the midlands ISA art competition.

Finally a big well done to Miss Crump, Mrs Kenton, Mr Leslie, Miss Gibbons and Miss Majithia for attending the Beaudesert residential with our pupils.

I wish everyone a wonderful holiday and look forward to seeing you back on Monday 6th November.

*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)

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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Nursery & Pre-School*



*Nursery Star of the Week*



Lorenzo

For trying hard and developing his listening.



The wellbeing of our pupils is integral to life at Hydesville. We want to do all that we can to ensure that everyone in our school community is thriving not only socially and emotionally but also physically.

As part of this aim, this week we have offered all Reception children a hearing test, carried out by a Cognita Consultant nurse, Helen. The tests are simple and made child friendly by inviting each child to play the 'Listening' game.



While most children will be fine, we will be able to identify any potential issues at an early stage to ensure the right support and resources are swiftly put into place. This is key in maintaining the confidence of our young students as well as their overall enjoyment of learning.

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Nursery bake off*



Nursery children excelled themselves this afternoon when showcasing their culinary skills in the annual Bake Off.

Mrs Samra made a special guest appearance to judge the competition and determine the Star Bakers.

We were blown away by the wonderful contributions from all of the children.

Thank you to all parents and children who uploaded their Tapestry photographs.



Star Baker: Lorenzo



Star Baker: Khushie



Star Baker: Saroop

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Prep School



For Enrichment this half term a group of children from Year 4 and 5 tie-died and adapted t-shirts, hoodies and hats. The group were very imaginative and added pockets, flowers, fringing, letters, ears and tails. We think they did a great job and thought you might like to see the result.



As Black History month continues, our Prep pupils paid tribute to some very influential women during assembly. This year, the focus for Black History Month is designed to celebrate the exceptional achievements of black women. The theme of 'Saluting our Sisters' highlights the crucial role that black women have played in shaping history, inspiring change, and building communities. Our prep pupils had the chance to talk about some amazing women and how they have impacted society.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Prep School



On Tuesday, Year 6 visited the magnificent Haden Hill House as part of their WW2 studies in humanities. After being greeted at the entrance by Bill and Co, pupils participated in the Home Front experience, role-playing and exploring the topics that affected British children in WW2, namely evacuation, air raids and rationing of food and clothing. The pupils immersed themselves within the interactive learning, coming away with enhanced knowledge and a renewed respect for the hardships faced by children at the time.

Back at Hydesville, Year 6 also did some ration book baking of rock cakes as part of their WW2 learning.



# WEEKLYROUND UP

## *Prep School: Beaudesert Residential*



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## LAMDA AWARD



Congratulations to Shaan for achieving the LAMDA Level 2 Award in Communication at Grade 5 with Distinction.



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# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Senior School



To our budding Duke of Edinburgh students, we hope you have had a restful and rejuvenating summer and have settled into the new term. We would like to take this opportunity to celebrate the success of our Year 11 pupils last year. We have received a certificate to show the number of hours our young people spent working on their Skills Section for their Bronze award.

# WEEKLYROUND UP

## Senior School



Our Year 7 pupils have been studying plant and animal cells in their biology classes this week. They were required to create a model of the various organelles as part of their homework because it would be utilised as a visual aid for a demonstration. Bravo, 7a! You guys put up a great deal of work, and Rajan in particular, your models were amazing.



Senior School pupils had the opportunity to celebrate Harry Potter Book Day within extra-curricular activities.

Pupils took part in Harry Potter themed crafts at lunchtime and the English department showcased Harry Potter films during the Film and Media after school club.



There were also themed activities during extended form time for pupils to take part in.



# ISA ART COMPETITION

*Midlands region*



We have exciting news from the ISA art competition (Midlands region), as four pupils have won prizes with their fabulous artwork.

Brogan E-T placed second in the KS2 sculpture category with her piece entitled 'Elephant on Parade'.

Avneet K received second place in the KS2 fashion category with her 'Medusa Mask'.

Shona B also placed second in the KS3 sculpture section with her figurative piece entitled 'Heart on her Sleeve'.

Huge congratulations to Shria P for coming first in the KS3 fashion category with her tote bag entitled 'Changing Face of Fashion'. Excitingly, this piece now goes through to the national finals which will be judged next month.

Well done to all!

# SPORTS

## Round up



### Year 4 Football

Both the Year 4 boys' and girls' teams played two competitive football games against Mayfield School.

### Year 8 Football

Hydesville vs St. Georges:

The Year 8 boys played football against St. Georges. Both teams played well and enjoyed the contest.

### Year 9 Football

Hydesville vs St. Georges:

Hydesville A 3-2 St. Georges

Hydesville A 2-2 St. Georges

Hydesville B 3-0 St. Georges

Hydesville B 3-2 St. Georges

All Games were played competitively with Hydesville having the edge over the 4 games played. A stunning goal from El-Roi M being the pick of the bunch which saw Year 9 win 3-0 in the game.

### Year 10 Football

Hydesville vs St Georges:

Year 10 boys participated in two football matches against St. Georges. Hydesville were victorious in both games winning 2-0 and 1-0 excellent defensive displays saw Hydesville not concede a goal across both the matches.

Hydesville vs High Clare

The Year 10 boys also played football against High Clare School in a thrilling competitive game that saw an exciting 5-5 draw, with 4 goals from Sukhsimran S and 1 goal from Ibraheem K respectively.



# SPORTS

## Round up



### Year 8 Girls netball

Year 8 girls participated in a closely fought netball game against St. Georges both teams performed well.



### Year 9 badminton

Year 9 took part in a badminton tournament against St. Georges which they were victorious in.



### Year 9 basketball

Year 9 played two games of competitive basketball winning one and losing another leaving it all tied between the Hydesville and St. Georges basketball teams.



### Year 9 table tennis

Year 9 played a friendly game of table tennis matches against St. Georges.



### Cross country trials

Good luck to Jia M in year 7 and Susannah B in year 8 who have been selected to compete at the cross country county trials after both scoring high bleep test scores. The girls are excited about the opportunity to represent the school in the county trials.

# MUSIC MARK

## *Award*



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We are pleased to announce Hydesville Tower has received the Music Mark Award.

This has been awarded by Walsall Music Hub in recognition of a willingness to strive to continually improve music provision at Hydesville Tower School.

We have been credited with valuing music education as part of a broad and balanced curriculum and have a strategy in place for music provision for all children.

Benefits of being a Music Mark school include access to new resources, events, training and national music research updates.

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# 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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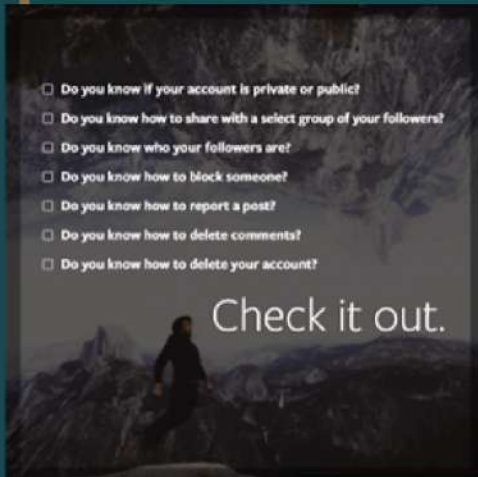
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# E-SAFETY

## Instagram



- Do you know if your account is private or public?
- Do you know how to share with a select group of your followers?
- Do you know who your followers are?
- Do you know how to block someone?
- Do you know how to report a post?
- Do you know how to delete comments?
- Do you know how to delete your account?

Check it out.

### Do you know how to share with a select group of your followers?

Instagram Direct lets you send a photo or video to a select group of people. Posts won't appear in Feed, search or your profile. Posts sent with Instagram Direct can't be shared through Instagram to other sites like Facebook or Twitter. You also can't tag people or use hashtags in these shared posts.

To send photos/videos with Instagram Direct:

Take a new photo/video or upload one from your camera roll.

Add optional effects, filters and a caption.

Tap **Direct**. You'll see some features appear in green when you're using Instagram Direct.

Tap the names of people you want to send the post to (up to 15 people).

Tap **Send**.

### Do you know how to block someone?

When you block someone, they can't see your profile or posts. To block or unblock someone:

- 1 Go to their profile by finding them in your followers list or by searching for their name or username.
- 2 Tap their username to open their profile and then tap (Android) or (Apple/Windows) in the top right hand corner.
- 3 Tap **Block User**.

To unblock someone, follow the steps above and then tap **Unblock User**.

### Do you know how to delete comments?

You can delete comments you've made, including photo or video captions, as well as comments other people have left on your posts.

To delete a comment or caption:

- 1 Tap below the photo
  - 2 Swipe to the left over the comment or caption you'd like to delete
  - 3 Tap and then choose if you want to **Delete** or **Delete and Report Abuse**
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- 1 Tap below the photo
  - 2 Tap and hold the comment or caption you want to delete
  - 3 Choose if you want to **Delete Comment** or **Delete Comment and Report Abuse**

### Do you know how to delete your account?

When you delete your account, your profile, photos, videos, comments, likes and followers will be permanently removed.

To delete your account:

- 1 Log into [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com) from a computer
- 2 Click your username in the top right and then select **Edit Profile**
- 3 Click **I'd like to delete my account** in the bottom right

Keep in mind that we can't reactivate your account, and you can't sign up with the same username again after the account has been deleted. If you don't want to delete your account but want to change who can see it, you can set your posts to private or block people.

### Do you know how to report content?

If you see something that's not following Instagram's Community Guidelines (ex: nudity or self-harm), you can report a photo or video right from the Instagram app or when you see it on [instagram.com](https://www.instagram.com):

- 1 Tap (iPhone & Windows Phone) or (Android) below the post
- 2 Tap **Report Inappropriate**
- 3 Select why you're reporting the post

If you want to report someone that is impersonating you or someone you know, you can do that right from the Instagram app.

- 1 Go to their profile by finding them in your followers list or by searching for their name or username.
- 2 Tap their username to open their profile and then tap (iOS) and (Android).
- 3 Tap **Report Inappropriate**.
- 4 Select "I believe this account violates Instagram's community guidelines" to report an account.

### Do you know who your followers are?

If you have a public account, anyone can follow you and see your posts. If you have a private account, you have to approve every request to follow you and people will only be able to see your photos or videos if you approve them as a follower. Every so often, it's helpful to take a look at your followers and do a spring cleaning of sorts. If you'd like to remove someone that is following you, you can block them, as described on the next page.



### Do you know if your account is private or public?

Instagram has a simple privacy setting: you either share your posts with anyone (a public account) or only share with people whom you have approved to follow you (a private account). We encourage people to think before they share, whether they have a private or public account.



# CUT YOUR CARBON

2023



**CUT YOUR  
CARBON**

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.

# AUTUMN FUN CLUB

2023



HYDESVILLE  
TOWER SCHOOL



30th October until  
3rd November 9am – 4pm

Children require a  
Healthy Packed Lunch

Book your place now on Cognita  
Connect - limited availability!

For Further information email :  
[Laura.willis@hydesville.com](mailto:Laura.willis@hydesville.com)

Our fun clubs are a great way to learn, be creative and have lots of fun.

Activities include:

- Arts and Wooden Crafts
- Junk Modelling
- Sensory activities
- Bird feeders
- Outdoor Classroom
- Painting
- Face painting
- Water and Sand Play
- Glitter Tattoos
- Tie-dying
- Movie afternoon
- Indoor / outdoor games
- Cooking
- Story telling
- Inventions
- Life-sized board games

Open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2

# KEY DATES

November 2023

## November

<b>Monday 6th Nov</b>	<b>Pupils Returns after half term</b>
	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 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

# 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

Have a wonderful  
half term. We look  
forward to seeing  
you on the 6th of  
November.

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