



#HYDESVILLE FAMILY WEEKLY

SPRING TERM 22ND MARCH 2024

A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

The spring term is almost over, and when you are having a good time, the time truly does fly by. Every section of the school has been extremely busy as usual, and pupils have had many opportunities to participate in activities beyond the classroom.

Pupils in year 11 are nearing the end of their time at Hydesville, and I hope they use the Easter break productively for their revision as they prepare for their GCSEs.

I would especially like to thank Mrs. Wilson and the Prep Team for planning the wonderful musical *The Pied Piper*, which allowed the pupils to showcase their acting prowess and made us all very happy. Our summer term is filled with exciting events, and we can't wait to welcome the pupils back again on Monday, April 15th.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a nice Easter holiday and Happy Vaisakhi and Happy Eid to our families who are celebrating.

Mrs Samra

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AWARDS

Congratulations to the

Star of the week

Nursery



For growing in confidence



For growing in confidence

Well done!

Reception



For his excellent understanding
in mathematics

Well done!

AWARDS

Headteacher's Commendation

W/C 11/03/2024



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AWARDS

Headteacher's Commendation

W/C: 18/03/2024



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AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received
awards week ending 15th March

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Arjun B (Y1)		 200M
Ameera A (Y1) Amanat J (Y1)		 England Puffin Award
Dylan M (Y2)		 20M
Jorah D (Y2)		

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received
awards week ending 22nd March

Rutendo M (Y2)		 15M
Noor Z (Y3)		 5/10/15/20/25/50/75M
Muizz I (Y3)		
Abu A (Y3)		 Puffin swimming award

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following pupils who have received
awards week ending 22nd March

Jayden B (Y4)		 Rainbow Distance Award 800M
Jared D (Y5)		 Rainbow Distance Award 200M

AWARDS



Congratulations!



Congratulations!



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A W A R D S

French Awards
Spring term star pupils...

Ayva S - RECEPTION

Amanat J- Y1

Isla K and Harnam L - Y2

Sneha S and Zaydan R - Y3

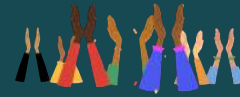
Arjun K and Amrit K - Y4

Arjun P and Anaya B - Y5

Brogan ET and Tegh M - Y6

HOUSE POINTS

James C
Roshan
Kasim
Tracy
Hannah



50

Maya P	Jaden TM
Kartar L	Rudhra K
Seerat K	Nivair
Avaani K	Roshan
Sneha S	Roman
Hamza M	Jasmine K
Nyran N	Arjun
Marven N H	Gia
Arjun K	



100

Hamza M	Marven N H	Joshua H
Sneha S	Alisha	Ayva S
Muizz I	Asir E	Nirvair
Aydin A	Cataleya	Sophia
Seerat K	Nirvair N	Haearnave
Harneave D	Zaydan R	Lilianne
Amrit K	Layla H	Abu
Karamveer K	Avi K	
Jacob J	Kamsi M	



150

Jayden B	Saranya
Dylan K	Hearnave
Dhian B	Zaydan
Arvind B	Nirvair



200

WEEKLY ROUND UP

Nursery

Solihull play town trip

Last week Nursery children embarked on a very exciting adventure as they set off from school onto the coach which took them to Solihull play Town.

There was a huge variety of engaging areas for the children to explore, which included a fire station, doctor's surgery, builders yard, supermarket, beauty salon and a cafe.

The children wholeheartedly threw themselves into the various roles taking their imaginative skills to the next level and making connections with the learning theme, 'People Who Help Us'.

Through such imaginative play experiences, children learn critical thinking skills, build expressive and receptive language, whilst increasing their social interaction skills.



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Nursery

Nursery and Reception children had a special visit from our local police. PCSO Cockrill came along with PCSO Ryan and PCSO Fishwick to talk about their role and staying safe in the community.

The children had the opportunity to listen and ask questions, as well as sharing ideas about the police officers role. An important lesson from our visitors is that the children have learnt that there are other adults who they can always turn to for help, such as: the police, fire and ambulance services.

The invaluable experience also gave the children a real insight of what the Police force actually do, not just putting the bad guys in jail.



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Nursery



Easter Eggstravaganza

Nursery children hopped over the outdoor classroom for an Easter Egg Hunt.

They followed the Easter Bunny's footprints and used their investigative skills to solve clues to lead to their individual prizes. A variety of other Easter craft activities were explored.

Whilst the children were busy getting creative, the Easter Bunny came along to surprise them. The children were so excited, they invited The Easter Bunny back for the afternoon where some special HTS celebrity judges came to decide who had made the best Easter hat. All the children received a chocolate egg from the Easter Bunny and there was a certificate for the best hat.

Our winners are: Khushie from Green Group, Bella from Blue Group and Samira from Yellow Group.

Well done to everyone for all your fabulous creations!



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Nursery

Easter Eggstravaganza



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Prep School

A giant visits Hydesville!

This week there have been some strange events happening in Year 1.

The children were very excited to find that a beanstalk appeared in the classroom and some very large items of clothing were left behind. We thought these belonged to a giant.

Later we found that the giant had written a letter to Year 1 to ask them to return his missing clothes.

We will be writing a report about these strange events next week... stay tuned!



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Easter Bonnet Parade



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Prep School

ISA Poetry Competition

Saranya in Year 3 has been shortlisted for the ISA Poetry Competition 2023-24 with her poem, 'I hope...' (see below)

The judges feedback for this group was:

'There was a large entry for this age group. So much beautiful imagery and clever form and poetic devices. It would be wrong to single out any particular poem for special mention. All you clever pupils deserve a special mention for all your efforts in bringing such enjoyment to your readers'.

I hope...

In the sky so blue and white, I
hope the sun shines, warm and
bright. Filling our lives with pure
delight, Our hearts with
sweetness and light.

I hope the gardens and the
trees, Always give us freshness
to breathe. Birds sing tunes-
joyful and free, And every
moment is a sweetness spree.

I hope every night's moon comes
with a glow, Our sweet dreams
dance like a river's flow. The
stars in the sky twinkle and
grow, Our life is full of happiness
and no sorrow

With hugs and smiles big and
small, Love and friendship
surround us all. I hope the world
is a peaceful place, Where
everyone lives with beauty and
grace.



Well done!

WEEKLY ROUND UP

Prep School

All pupils had to write a poem based on this title.

Also, a well done goes to Asees (Y6), Simran K (Y6), Siddak (Y5), Dylan K (Y4), Jasmine K (Y5), Asir (Y4) and Sneha (Y3) who all took part in this competition.



Well done!



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Prep School

Year 5 & 6 National Space Centre

On Thursday 14th March, Year 5 and 6 pupils embarked on a thrilling adventure to the National Space Centre in Leicester! As part of science week, it was the perfect opportunity to delve deeper into our solar system studies. The excitement crackled in the air as we explored interactive exhibits, learning about rockets, astronauts and the wonders of space exploration.

A highlight was definitely the Sir Patrick Moore Planetarium. We settled back in our comfy seats, captivated by a dazzling show that showcased the planets, moons and celestial bodies that make up our cosmic neighbourhood. The immersive experience brought the vastness of space to life, sparking awe and curiosity amongst the pupils. With so much knowledge swirling around us, we're sure this trip will ignite a lifelong passion for space exploration in many young minds!



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Year 5 & 6 National Space Centre



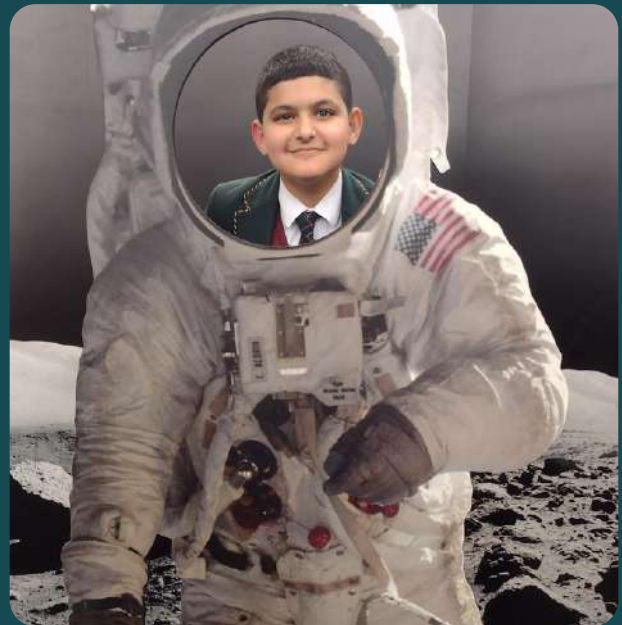
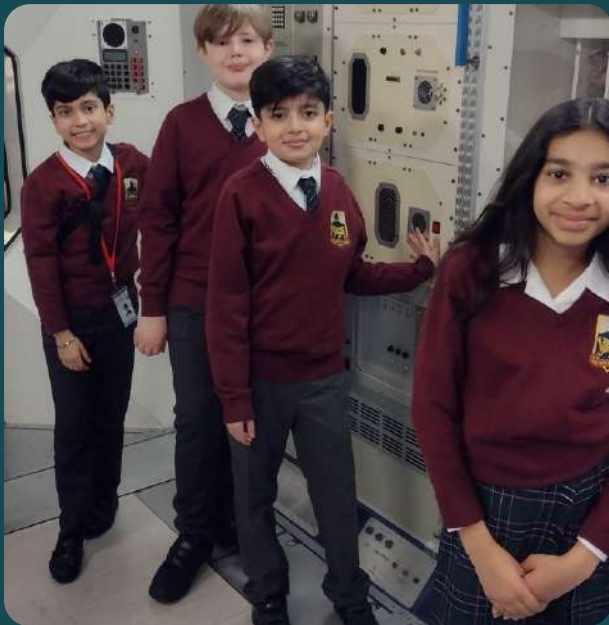
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Prep School

Year 5 & 6 National Space Centre



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Prep School

THE PIED PIPER

This week at Hydesville saw a fantastic production from our prep school performers of 'The Pied Piper', mischief met melody as our talented cast brought this classic tale to life.

With a toe-tapping tune and a mischievous grin, our Piper led the audience on a merry chase through a town plagued by pests and poor decisions. With a dash of humour and a pinch of mischief, we proved that even in chaos, there's always room for a little song and dance.

We would like to thank Mrs Wilson, the upper prep team, and of course our gifted children for their hard work, as well as our Hydesville parents who came along to show their support!



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Prep School

Badminton

Year 7 and 8 enjoyed a visit to the Utilia arena Birmingham to watch the Yonex all England badminton championships.

Pupils had the opportunity to observe both single and double games, and see many nationalists compete at a high level.



WEEKLY ROUND UP

Senior School

British Science week

Exciting news from science, as British Science Week kicked off on Friday 8th until Sunday 17th March.

The theme for this year is 'Time', and all pupils will be researching and completing tasks on 'Time' throughout the week in all areas of the secondary curriculum, as well as science.

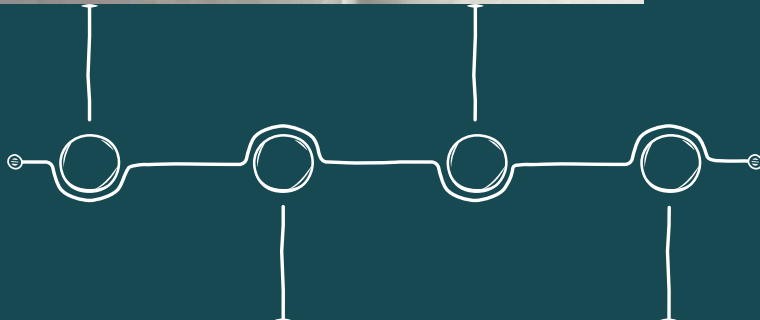
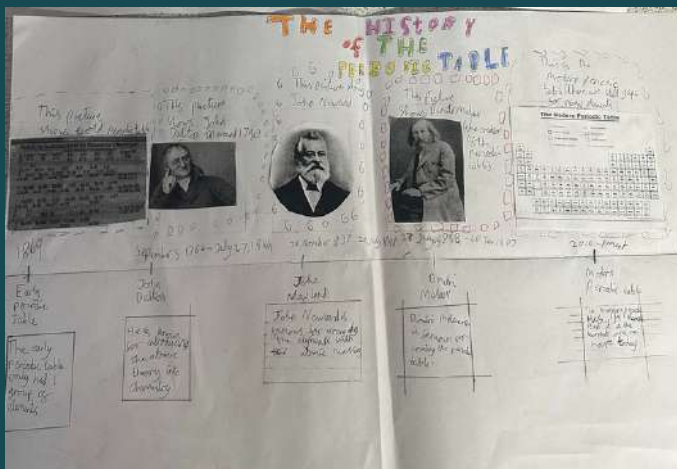
Year 7 will be busy making slime and taking part in the 'Rocket' competition with a fantastic prize.



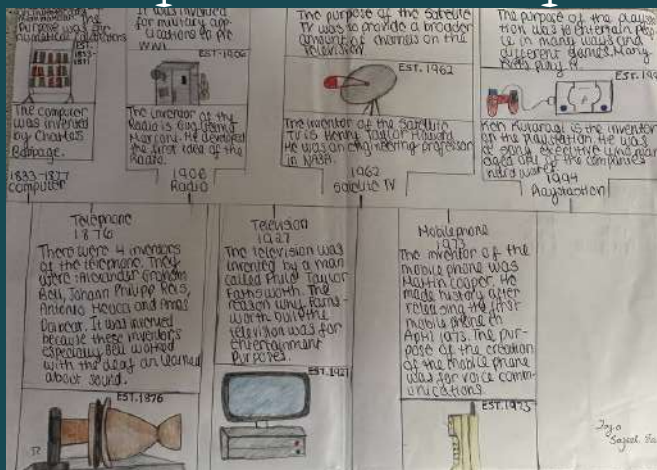
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British Science week



Theme of 'Time'



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Senior School

British Science week

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM & LONDON SCIENCE MUSEUM

Also to celebrate this amazing week, pupils in year 8 & 9 were taken to The Natural History Museum in London where they saw how things have evolved over time, and then they visited the Wonder Lab where they were able to explore and take part in a number of activities.

Pupils enjoyed looking at fossils in the Natural History Museum and meeting T-Rex. In the Science Museum, pupils enjoyed watching an amazing 3D film 'A Beautiful World', then took part in various practicals in the Wonder Lab, finishing with a live Rocket show.



WEEKLY ROUND UP

PSHE / CAREERS

Our senior pupils had the opportunity to have a taster morning at Walsall college to experience a college life setting, and were also fortunate to take part in post 16 lessons on topics they were specifically interested in, such as: health and social care, business and law and sport.

All sessions were very informative, interactive, and questions regarding the various career pathways were answered along with grades needed to apply.



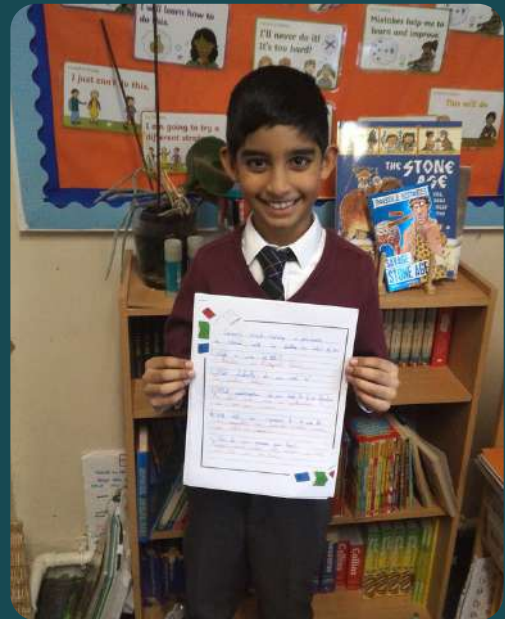
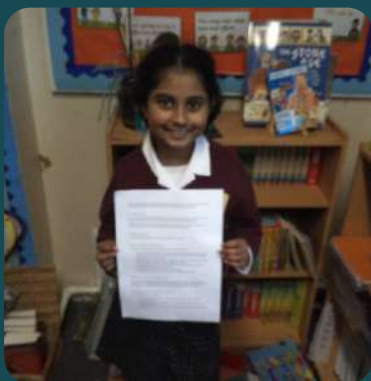
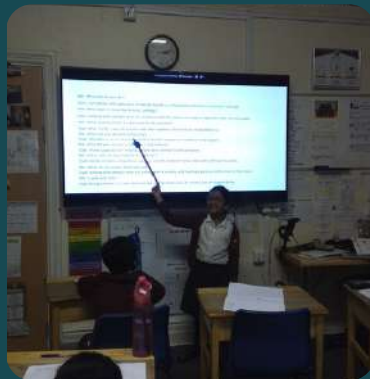
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PSHE / CAREERS

Meanwhile, our prep school pupils have been working hard on their careers homework projects, and have even presented their work to the class.

In Year 4 Jayden has been busy creating his own video for or recent Career's week, where he visited his parents' Optician's practice, and was able to conduct his own interviews, have a guided tour, and gain insight into the skills and qualifications required to be successful. His communication, confidence, and presentation skills were truly outstanding.

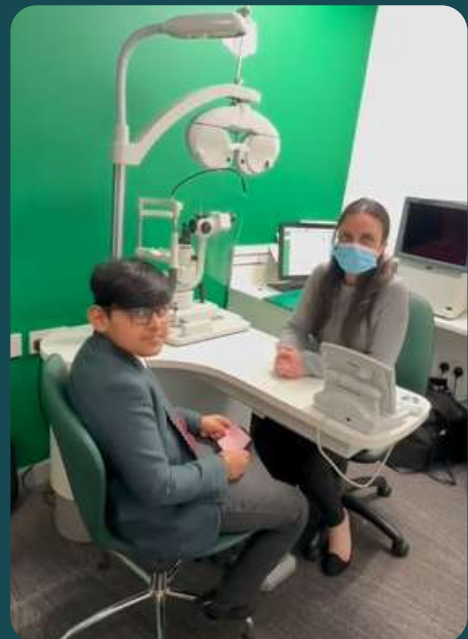
Well done to all of our pupils!



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PSHE / CAREERS

Jayden's day at the Opticians....



WEEKLY ROUND UP

GEOGRAPHY

Year 7 have been studying settlements this term. They have been learning about why we choose sites for towns and cities as well as the characteristics of cities in different parts of the world. In the last few lessons we have looked at the issues cities like Mumbai are having with an ever increasing population. As part of their assessment each pupil built their own slum dwelling and explained how it could be improved to make the occupants lives better.

I think you'll agree, they did a great job.





SPORTS ROUND UP



In the realm of physical education, the past term has been nothing short of exhilarating. As the term comes to a close, it's an opportune moment to reflect on the array of activities and accomplishments that have characterised our time together in the gymnasium and on the field. From the depths of swimming pools to the thrill of cricket pitches, we've embarked on a journey of skill-building, teamwork, and sheer enjoyment.

We kicked off the term with a splash as we delved into the art of swimming. With strokes refined and confidence bolstered, pupils navigated the waters with grace and determination. From perfecting the freestyle to mastering the butterfly, each lesson brought forth newfound aquatic prowess.

Next on the agenda was the quintessential sport of cricket. Amidst the crack of bats and the thud of balls hitting the wickets, pupils honed their batting, bowling, and fielding skills. In the summer term these skills will be transferred onto the cricket pitch.

With racquets and shuttlecocks in hand, we ventured into the fast-paced world of badminton. Swinging, smashing, and volleying, pupils embraced the sport with fervour, showcasing their agility and precision on the court. Similarly, netball courts buzzed with energy as players maneuver with finesse, passing and shooting towards victory.

Handball and tennis added new dimensions to our physical education repertoire. From the rapid passes of handball to the precision serves of tennis, pupils embraced the challenges with gusto. These sports demanded not only physical prowess but also strategic thinking and quick decision-making, culminating in exhilarating matches and moments of triumph.

Beyond individual skill-building, our term was punctuated by spirited house events. From intense badminton showdowns to dynamic multi-skills competitions and exhilarating swimming relays, pupils showcased their talents while fostering a sense of camaraderie and healthy competition among the houses. Each event was a testament to the collective effort and sportsmanship of our school community.

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Senior School



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Congrats!



HARVEEN H

**Key Stage 4 Pupil of
the week**

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Congrats!



**Senior Performer of
the week**



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Congrats!



HAIDER A

**Senior Sportsperson
of the week**



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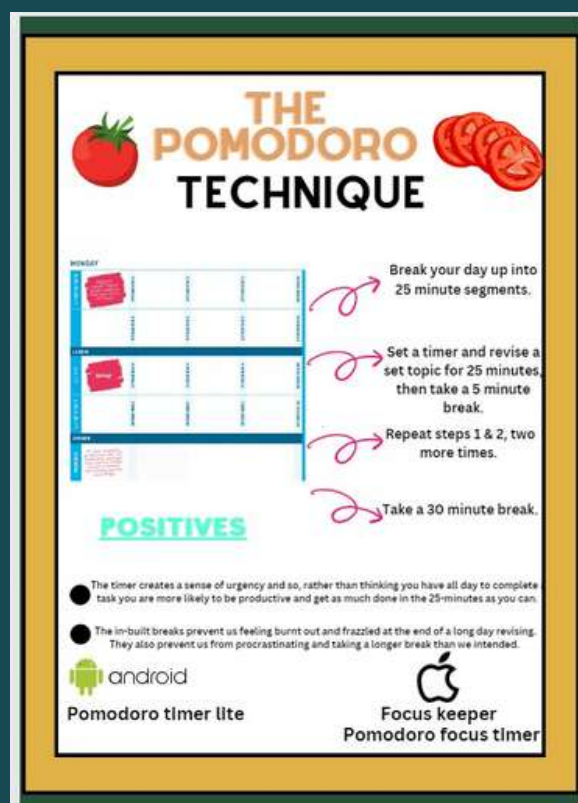
Senior

Head of Year 11

As the academic year progresses, Year 11 pupils find themselves swiftly approaching the culmination of their time at Hydesville Tower School.

It's an exciting yet bittersweet moment as we reflect on the memories made and the growth experienced throughout their journey here. With just a few short months remaining, it becomes imperative to emphasise the importance of effective revision.

All pupils will meet with Miss Hamilton prior to the Easter break to review revision strategies which will help them to achieve academic success. Take time as parents, to review these revision strategies with your child as parental involvement in a child's education has been found to be positively associated with a child's academic performance.



THE POMODORO TECHNIQUE

Break your day up into 25 minute segments.

Set a timer and revise a set topic for 25 minutes, then take a 5 minute break.

Repeat steps 1 & 2, two more times.

Take a 30 minute break.

POSITIVES

- The timer creates a sense of urgency and so, rather than thinking you have all day to complete task you are more likely to be productive and get as much done in the 25-minutes as you can.
- The in-built breaks prevent us feeling burnt out and frazzled at the end of a long day revising. They also prevent us from procrastinating and taking a longer break than we intended.

android Pomodoro timer lite

Apple Focus keeper Pomodoro focus timer



BLURT

What is blurring?

Blurring is a form of active recall, a technique where you actively retrieve information from memory. Blurring involves writing down all the information you can remember on a topic (it doesn't matter about the order or if it's correct at the start) then going back to your notes to find out what you've missed or got wrong. Then you study the topic again, paying extra attention to the parts you didn't remember the first time and keep repeating this process until you remember everything you need to know for your exam.

HOW TO BLURT

- 1 Get your notes in order.
- 2 Revise your notes e.g read through them, get someone to test you on them etc. Build up your confidence on the topic.
- 3 Blurt - write out everything you know about the topic without looking at your revision notes, exercise books etc.
- 4 Mark your work and add in everything you missed out in a different colour.
- 5 Repeat steps 2,3, 4. At step 2 pay particular attention to the information you missed whilst blurring EG the all the information which is in a different colour.

SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

Summer Term Calendar

Date 2024		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	15-Apr	Pupils return to school/Eid-al-Fitr		
Tues	16-Apr			Y7&8 Football session & tour Aston Villa 9.00-1.00pm DF
Wed	17-Apr		Y5 & Y6 Planetarium	Planetarium Years 7 to 9 9.00am-3.45pm DF
Thurs	18-Apr			
Fri	19-Apr		Curriculum Plans issued to parents	Curriculum Plans issued to parents Big Maths Quiz PW
Mon	22-Apr	Earth Day (Eco)	Clubs to commence/Eco Day (Earth Day)	Earth Day (Eco)L
Tues	23-Apr	St George's Day	St George's Day	St George's Day
Wed	24-Apr			GCSE Art Examination AM
Thurs	25-Apr		Y6 Sponsored Walk (Hydesville Challenge)	GCSE Art Examination AM
Fri	26-Apr			GCSE Art Examination AM

SUMMER TERM

KEY DATES

Mon	29-Apr			
Tues	30-Apr		Y5 11+ Information Meeting	French GCSE Speaking Examinations PD
Wed	01-May			
Thurs	02-May		Y4 Mummy's Head Workshop (TBC)	Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Fri	03-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Mon	06-May	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week	May Day Bank Holiday/Deaf Awareness Week
Tues	07-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Wed	08-May			Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10)
Thurs	09-May		Y6 Woodlands Adventure (Hydesville Challenge)	Y7-10 Examination Week (school hall for Y10) GCSE Examinations commence - School Hall
Fri	10-May			
Mon	13-May			HPV Year 8 vaccinations 9.00am-3.00pm
Tues	14-May		Y1 and Y2 Sandwell Valley RSPB	Y10 Trip to National Museum of computing- IH TBC

SUMMER TERM

KEY DATES

Wed	15-May			
Thurs	16-May		Y4 Egypt Workshop/Vesak Day/Y6 Cannock Chase (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	17-May	Teddy Bear's Picnic (afternoon)		
Mon	20-May	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week	Walk to School Week
Tues	21-May		Y3 Trip (TBC)	Y9 Ninja Warrior PM Games DF
Wed	22-May			Y7-10 France Trip Parents Meeting 4.00-5.00pm
Thurs	23-May		Y6 First Aid Course (Hydesville Challenge)	
Fri	24-May		QTrack (Summer 1)	Year 7 Full Report Issued to Parents
Mon	27-May	Bank Holiday	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Tues	28-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Wed	29-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Thurs	30-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays

SUMMER TERM

KEY DATES

Fri	31-May	Fun Club	Half term holidays	Half term holidays
Mon	03-Jun			Loudmouth Year 7 My Mate Fancies You (morning) AM ES, SH & DF
Tues	04-Jun			
Wed	05-Jun			
Thurs	06-Jun		Y6 Ninja Warriors (Hydesville <u>Challenge</u>)	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
Fri	07-Jun			
Mon	10-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	Y10 QMHS Visit 9am-11am DF
Tues	11-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	
Wed	12-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	All Catchup vaccinations R-Y11 9.00am-3.00pm
Thurs	13-Jun		Assessment Week & GL Tests	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
			Reception Trip to Patsy Pansy	
Fri	14-Jun	Mark making workshop (afternoon)	Assessment Week & GL Tests	

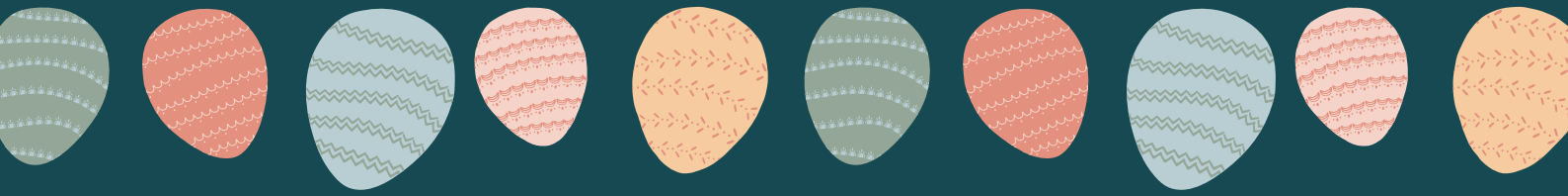
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			Y5 Blists Hill Trip	
Sat	15-Jun			Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition - Cannock Chase
Sun	16-Jun			Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Expedition - Cannock Chase
Mon	17-Jun			
Tues	18-Jun	N Parents Consultations	Y3 to Y6 Sports Day (a.m.)	
Wed	19-Jun			Y8 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	20-Jun		Y1 & Y2 Scootathon	1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings
Fri	21-Jun	Beach Party(afternoon)/Make Music Day	Make Music Day	
Mon	24-Jun		Reports to Parents/Y6 Condoover Hall Residential/ Y1 & Y2 Sports Day (am)	
Tues	25-Jun		Y6 Residential Condoover Hall (Hydesville Challenge)	Y7-10 Senior School Sports Day PM
Wed	26-Jun	EY Sports Day 2pm Astro	Prep Parents' Evening/Y6 Condoover Hall Residential	Y10 Careers Day BMET Sutton Coldfield DF
Thurs	27-Jun			1-1 Y10 Careers Meetings

SUMMER TERM KEY DATES

Fri	28-Jun	Trip to Wonderland Park		Year 9 Written Report issued to Parents
Mon	01-Jul			Loudmouth Year 9 Trust Me AM ES, SH & DF
Tues	02-Jul			
Wed	03-Jul	N & R Prize Giving (Morning)	N & R Prize Giving (a.m.)	
Thurs	04-Jul		Prep Prize Giving (a.m.)	Senior Prize Giving (PM)
Fri	05-Jul		Y1 - Y4 Drayton Manor Trip	Year 7 to 11 Progress Report Issued to Parents. Year 10 Written Report Issued to Parents
Sun	07-Jul			Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10
Mon	08-Jul			Paris Normandy Trip Y7-11
Tues	09-Jul	Moving up day/settling in morning	Moving Up Day/ Meet the Teacher	Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10 Y7&New Starters' Induction Day
Wed	10-Jul		Y5/Y6 WM Safari Park	Paris Normandy Trip Y7-10
Thurs	11-Jul		End of Term	
Fri	12-Jul	Planning and Preparation Day (Inset Day)		



Wishing our Hydesville family a holiday celebration filled with family, friends, love, and laughter!

See you next term!

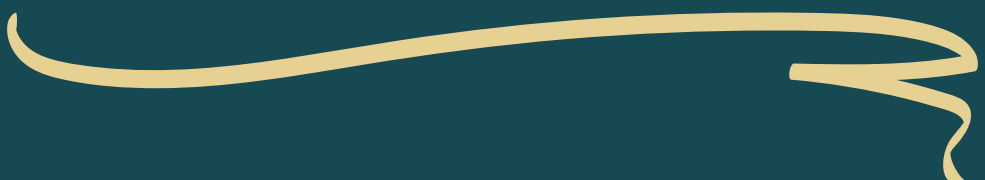




Eid Mubarak



We would like to wish a happy Eid Mubarak to our Hydesville community who are celebrating this special occasion! We hope that your homes are filled with peace, your hearts with joy, and your lives with prosperity.





HAPPY VAISAKHI



May the divine blessings of Waheguru
be with you on the auspicious
occasion of Vaisakhi.



*We would like to wish a happy Vaisakhi to our Hydesville community
who are celebrating this special occasion!*

