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Newsletter

Autumn
Term

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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



Spotlight



A Welcome from the Headteacher

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BLACK HISTORY MONTH



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Lilly & Susannah

**ISA Senior Swimming Regional
Competition – Midlands Championships**

WELCOME



*Upcoming
Events*



A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents/Carers

It's hard to believe that we have just one more week until half term – time really does fly when we're having fun! It has been a very eventful fortnight, filled with learning, creativity, and community spirit.

Our pupils performed eloquently in the assembly for National Poetry Day, impressing everyone with their confidence and expression. Across the curriculum, classes have also been engaging with activities to mark Black History Month, deepening their understanding of history and culture.

Year 7 pupils have been expanding their geography skills through hands-on fieldwork, bringing classroom learning to life. A special thank you goes to all the parents, carers, and staff who supported and attended our Quiz Night. It was a wonderful evening of fun and connection, beautifully hosted by members of our parent community.

I will be away on inspection from Tuesday to Thursday next week, but everything will continue to run smoothly in my absence. I look forward to catching up with everyone on my return.

Wishing you all a restful final week before the break.

Warm regards,

Mrs Samra

Tuesday 14th October

Year 1 Phonics & Reading Workshop

Wednesday 15th October

Year 11 Parents' Evening

Friday 17th October

2pm - Preschool Mark Making Workshop

Monday 20th October - Friday 31st October

Half term

Nursery School



Global
Be Well
Day COGNITA

For Global Be Well Day, our Nursery children took part in a range of activities promoting mental health and wellbeing – collecting leaves on a nature walk to create leaf people, enjoying bubbles, practising yoga, and sharing feelings during circle time with puppets. Supporting wellbeing in the early years helps children develop emotional awareness, resilience, and a sense of belonging – key foundations for lifelong learning and happiness.



Prep

Global Be Well Day and Culture Day

Our recent Global Be Well Day and Culture Day was a wonderful celebration of wellbeing and community, bringing pupils and staff together through the theme of “Connecting.” The day was designed to encourage everyone to build meaningful connections through food, art, play, nature and charity, and it truly captured the spirit of togetherness.

Throughout the event, pupils enjoyed making their own pizzas and learning about healthy eating and a balanced diet. This hands-on experience not only brought smiles to their faces but also helped them understand the importance of making healthy choices. In art, the children created vibrant bunting to represent different cultures, filling our school with colour and creativity.

Play was another key part of the day. Children connected with one another by sharing toys and games, showing kindness and teamwork as they played together. A peaceful walk in the Arboretum gave everyone the chance to slow down, breathe in the fresh air and appreciate the beauty of nature.

One of the most heart-warming elements of the day was our fundraising for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thanks to the generosity of our school community, we raised over £500 to support this important cause.

A highlight of the celebration was seeing children proudly wearing clothes from different cultures, sharing their heritage and embracing the diversity that makes our school so special. It was a joyful and meaningful day that reminded us all of the power of connection and the importance of looking after our wellbeing together.



PREP SCHOOL



Senior School



Every year, Global Be Well Day is celebrated across Cognita schools worldwide to remind our communities of the importance of wellbeing. This year, on Friday 26th September, our school marked this special occasion in conjunction with our annual Cultural Day – creating a vibrant celebration of connection, culture, and community spirit.

🌐 Theme: Connecting

The theme for 2025 was Connecting – connecting through food, play, music, culture, and helping others. Throughout the day, pupils enjoyed a wide range of activities designed to celebrate diversity, promote wellbeing, and strengthen our sense of belonging.

👕 Cultural Dress and Charity Support

Pupils attended school in non-uniform, with many proudly wearing traditional cultural dress or colours representing their heritage. It was wonderful to see the school alive with colour, laughter, and cultural pride.

To connect through helping others, a charity sale was held during the day, raising over £600 for Macmillan Cancer Support. Thank you to everyone who contributed so generously.



Senior School



🏆 House Activities and Competitions

Pupils took part in a variety of team-building and wellbeing activities, reinforcing the importance of connection and collaboration.

Highlights included:

👉 House Team-Building Challenges – the tug of war proved especially popular!

🏆 1st: Hatherton

🏆 2nd: Dilke

🏆 3rd: Bradford

🧠 House General Knowledge Competition

🏆 1st: Dilke

🏆 2nd: Hatherton

🏆 3rd: Bradford

The celebrations ended on a high note with a lively disco, where pupils came together to dance, laugh, and celebrate the connections they had made throughout the day.

As one pupil summed it up perfectly:

“After the disco on Global Be Well Day, many people said they loved the passion everyone had and how the whole school came together.”

This year’s Global Be Well Day and Cultural Day reminded us all of the importance of wellbeing, community, and cultural understanding. It was a day filled with energy, pride, and togetherness – a true celebration of what makes our school community so special.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



Our History Ambassadors are leading the way in celebrating Black History Month 2025!

This year's theme is: Standing Firm in Power and Pride.

On Monday 6th October, our senior pupils came together for an inspiring assembly on the vital role of Black people in both British and American history.

Year 8 are diving deep into the Transatlantic Slave Trade, soon moving on to the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s–60s—connecting perfectly to this year's theme. Every senior pupil will also create a biography poster celebrating a Black historical figure of their choice!

And that's not all... We're running an amazing line-up of activities and competitions throughout the month.



Nursery



Welcome to Red Group!

Meet the Children:

- Amber (3 years old) – Loves chicken and rice, favourite colour is pink, enjoys drawing and colouring.
- Kacper (4 years old) – Loves mango, favourite colour is black, enjoys playing with cars.
- Tara (3 years old) – Loves potatoes and egg, favourite colours are pink and purple, enjoys playing with unicorns and the hairdressing salon.
- Jovan (3 years old) – Loves cake, favourite colour is purple, enjoys playing with builders and cameras.

It's been a wonderful start to the term! The children are making new friends and each day is full of learning, creativity, and growth.

Art and Self-Expression

The children explored the art of self-portraiture. Using mirrors, they carefully observed their facial features and practiced following step-by-step instructions. We were impressed by how focused and thoughtful they were during the activity. Each child's unique personality shone through in their artwork, helping to build confidence, attention to detail, and self-expression.

Child-Initiated Play

Red Group children have been deeply engaged in child-initiated play, confidently exploring a variety of activities that spark curiosity and imagination. Some enjoyed water play, experimenting with pouring, filling, and measuring. Others were drawn to Halloween-inspired activities, making delicious pumpkin pie. Creative expression flourished at the art table, with children freely exploring painting using a range of colours and materials. These self-directed experiences allowed the children to lead their own learning, develop independence, and build essential skills across different areas of development.



Prep

Our Prep pupils have been busy producing some fantastic artwork this term, exploring a wide range of themes and techniques.

🎨 Year 3 have been learning about the rainforest and created vibrant, rainforest-inspired collages in the style of Henri Rousseau.

🖌️ Year 4 have been studying portraiture and the structure of the face, producing striking half self-portraits.

☀️ Year 5 have taken inspiration from Aztec culture to design bold and colourful sun and moon artwork.

🇯🇵 Year 6 have explored Japanese art traditions, each creating their own beautiful Notan-inspired piece. It's been a wonderfully creative term so far – well done to all our young artists!



ART



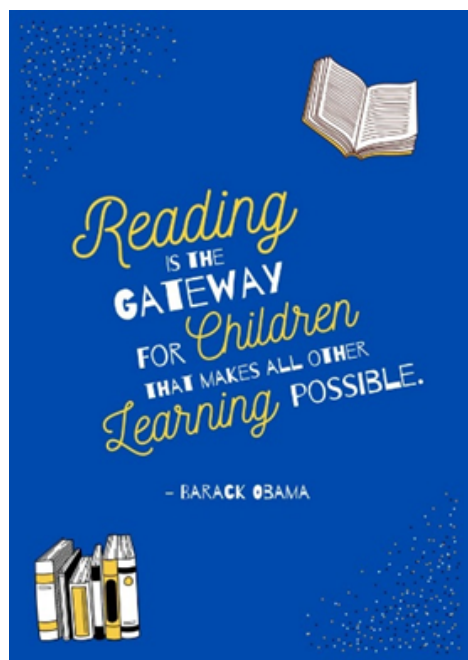
Prep

Book Drive Success!

A huge thank you to all our wonderful Hydesville families for donating to our recent Book Drive – it was a fantastic success! Our Book Club, Eco Committee, and Pupil Voice Team generously volunteered their time to organise and lead the event, and what an amazing job they did.

We were thrilled to receive such a diverse selection of books – covering all ages and genres – and we're confident these stories will inspire curiosity and a love of reading in their new owners. It's heart-warming to know that these books will continue their journey, being reused and enjoyed by others.

Thank you once again for your kindness and support!



Prep

Black History Month

Throughout October, children in Prep School have been learning about and celebrating Black History Month. Across all year groups, pupils have enjoyed listening to inspiring stories that share the experiences, struggles, and achievements of black people, past and present. Pupils have also been entertained and educated in an assembly on Black History from our Year 6 pupils.

From powerful picture books to real-life stories of courage and change, our children have taken time to reflect on the importance of equality, respect, and celebrating difference. They have also learned about influential black individuals from history.

These stories have sparked thoughtful class discussions and creative artwork, helping our children to understand the impact of these individuals and the importance of standing up for what is right.



Prep

Year 6 Senior Taster Day

Our Year 6 pupils took a big step forward with their first taste of life in Year 7! 🙌

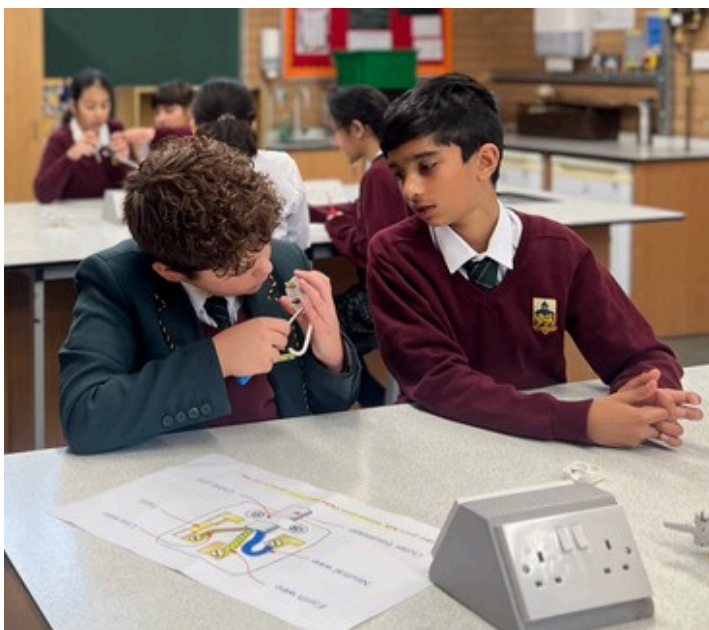
From inspiring lessons to meeting new teachers, they're all getting ready to shine in senior school ✨

We can't wait to welcome families to our Senior Information Event on Thursday 6th November, 5–6pm. Come and discover more about the academic journey of excellence for everyone at Hydesville! ❤️

✉️ Contact our Admissions Manager, Rachel Passi to find out more:

☎️ Call: 01922 624 374 | ✉️ Email: admissions@hydesville.com

👉 Don't miss out— Click the link to secure your place: <https://www.hydesville.com/open-days-and-visits/>



Good Luck!

 1st – Sienna (Year 8)

 2nd – Maya (Year 8)

 3rd – Amreen & Zara (Year 9)

Congratulations to all our talented entrants for their fantastic efforts and imagination!

Good Luck,
Kieran!

We wish our Music Scholar, Kieran B, the very best as he competes in the Birmingham Music Festival, one of Britain's leading music competitions. Good luck, Kieran – we're cheering you on!



Sixth Form Information Evenings – Upcoming Opportunities

We would like to share details of several upcoming Sixth Form Information Evenings. These events are an excellent opportunity for pupils to explore post-16 pathways, including A Levels, vocational courses, enrichment activities, university preparation, and career guidance.

Attending will help pupils gain a clearer understanding of their options and begin planning for the future with confidence.

Please remember that applications for post-16 study are not restricted to schools within your local catchment area. Pupils are welcome to apply to a range of providers. However, grammar schools do have specific entry requirements, which usually include achieving certain GCSE grades in order to access their courses.

Forthcoming Events:

- MPW Birmingham (Independent) – **Friday 8th November**
- Queen Mary's – **Wednesday 6th November, 5.00–7.00pm**
- Queen Mary's Grammar School (Grammar) – **Thursday 20th November, 5.30pm**
- St Francis of Assisi Catholic (State) – **Thursday 20th November, 6.00–8.00pm**
- Barr Beacon (State) – **Thursday 27th November, 6.00–8.30pm**
- Blue Coat Academy (State) – **Thursday 11th December**

We strongly encourage pupils and parents to attend any events that may be of interest, as these evenings will provide valuable insights to support informed decisions about the next steps beyond GCSEs.



IMPORTANT!

SPORT

Lily and Susannah Shine at the ISA Midlands Swimming Championships

Lily and Susannah proudly represented the school at the recent ISA Swimming Championships for the Midlands. The competition was intense, with both girls tackling the demanding 100m races (that's four lengths!) against some of the region's strongest club swimmers. Although neither progressed to the National Finals, they competed with outstanding determination, spirit, and good humour – a fantastic display of resilience and sportsmanship.



First Annual Hydesville Conkers Competition – A Smashing Success!

The grand finale of the first-ever Hydesville Conkers Competition took place this week, bringing plenty of excitement and friendly rivalry.

Dylan (Year 4) and Arvind (Year 6) went head-to-head in a tense final match, cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd of spectators. After some fierce competition, Arvind emerged as this year's Conquering Champion! The house competition was equally thrilling, with results as follows:

- 1st – Bradford (30 points)
- 2nd – Hatherton (26 points)
- 3rd – Dilke (22 points)

Congratulations to all participants for their fantastic effort and sportsmanship throughout the event!



SPORT

Year 4 Football Match vs Mayfield Prep

Year 4 kicked off their sporting season in style with their first football fixture, playing away at Mayfield Prep. Both teams put in a fantastic effort, showing great enthusiasm and teamwork throughout. Playing on grass for the first time didn't faze them at all – the Hydesville 'A' side quickly settled in and established an early lead with some confident play.

The 'B' team faced a tougher challenge but showed real determination and made great progress during their training game – plenty of valuable learning for future matches!

Result: Won

Score: 5-0

Scorers: Jorah (2), Aydin (2), Jeevan

Players of the Match:

★ Aydin – for superb goal scoring and goalkeeping

★ Yusuf – for outstanding sportsmanship

A brilliant start to the season – well done, Year 4! ⚽



What a fantastic evening at the Hydesville Parent Quiz!



The competition was fierce between our parents and teachers, but the laughter and good spirit made everyone a winner. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and joined in the fun – and to Masala Fish N Chips for the delicious supper that rounded off the night perfectly! 🐟🍷

#HydesvilleFamily #QuizNight
#CommunitySpirit #FunForAll

Quiz Night



Thank you



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



AARYAN

Aaryan has settled into nursery life really well. He is a sociable young boy who builds positive relationships with everyone he interacts with. He has a unique personality, full of wit and humour, which shines through in his interactions. Aaryan is a real pleasure to have in Yellow Group.



AYAAN

For working hard in all lessons and for his super progress.



Congratulations!

AWARDS



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



DHARA

This award goes to Dhara for her exceptional motivation and enthusiasm for learning. He consistently brings excitement to new challenges and is amazing at sharing her ideas with others.



ARIA

For working hard in every lesson and showing amazing progress!



Congratulations!



AWARDS



HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



ARVIND



LORENZO



MAYA



RUTENDO



GLORY



MAHEERA

CONGRATULATIONS

EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



Congratulations!



SENIOR AWARDS



SCHOOL VALUES



SENIOR AWARDS



Both have demonstrated strong ability in the subject and have been added to the MAT register.



Sam has been making great use of his lunchtimes by attending composition sessions and creating some wonderful original music.



Outstanding Courage and Sportsmanship in the pool. Both swimmers showed tremendous courage competing against some of the best in the region, undaunted by the scale of the event and the roar of a huge crowd. Although neither advanced to the national championships, their enthusiasm, resilience, and good humour in the face of tough competition were truly inspiring.

Senior Information Event

Thursday 6th November

5pm-6pm

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- Please do not park for longer than 10 minutes. Vehicles staying beyond this time may be asked to move.
- The disabled bay is strictly reserved for blue badge holders only.

Your cooperation helps keep pick up and drop-off safe, smooth, and fair for all families. Thank you for your understanding and support.

