

Family
Newsletter

Summer
Term

FRIDAY
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HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



Digital Safety Parents' workshop


Hydesville Tower School welcomed parents to an engaging and informative Digital Safety Workshop.



Blue Group Go Green: with Earth Heroes, Sunflowers and Celebrations!



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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter break.

I would also like to extend a belated Happy Vaisakhi to those in our community who celebrate it.

It has been lovely to see the sunshine returning, and the children have come back to school with great enthusiasm. A particular well done to our Year 4 pupils who represented the school at the KES Maths Challenge – we are very proud of them.

This week's newsletter highlights the breadth of learning taking place across the school, from our engaging Digital Safety Workshop for parents, to our younger pupils exploring environmental responsibility through Earth Day activities, and our continued focus on promoting a love of reading through national events such as World Book Night.

These experiences reflect our commitment to providing a rich and well-rounded education that develops confident, responsible and curious learners. It has also been a pleasure to celebrate the many individual achievements across the school, with pupils recognised for their effort, creativity and excellence.

This promises to be a busy and exciting term. Alongside a full programme of learning and events, we also have a number of building and development projects taking place across the school. Please do take note of the upcoming events listed in this newsletter, as there are many opportunities for pupils across all year groups.

We are grateful for the continued partnership between home and school, particularly in supporting key areas such as online safety and reading at home. As we move further into the summer term, we look forward to continued progress, success and celebration for all our pupils.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Samra



Upcoming Events

Monday 27th April

Year 5 - 6 Escape Room

Year 7 - 10 Escape Room

Tuesday 28th April

Year 10 Prevent Workshop

Thursday 30th April

Year 4 Egyptian Day

Year 6 Hydesville Challenge trip to Woodlands Adventure, Aldrige

Tuesday 5th May

Deaf Awareness Week

Wednesday 6th May

Year 5 11+ Information Event

Thursday 7th May

Year 7 Theatre Trip - A Midsummer Night's Dream

NURSERY

BLUE GROUP GO GREEN: WITH EARTH HEROES, SUNFLOWERS AND CELEBRATIONS!

Blue Group have had a busy and exciting week, diving into all things environmental to celebrate World Earth Day! The classroom has been full of colour and conversation as the children created their own versions of the Earth and talked about how we can all help to look after our planet. From recycling to saving energy, they showed a brilliant understanding of small actions that make a big difference—like putting rubbish in the bin and switching off lights when they're not needed.

The children had plenty to say on the matter:

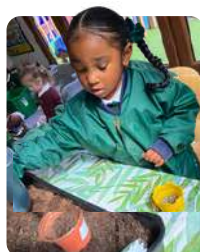
- Musa said, “We put our bottles in recycling.”
- Naryan shared, “We turn the lights off at daytime.”
- Aurora explained, “We put rubbish in the bins.”
- Beatrice added, “We keep the world clean.”
- Iphile said, “I put rubbish in the bin.”
- Izaiah told us, “I tidy up the house and car.”

Green fingers were also at the ready as Blue Group rolled up their sleeves for some hands-on gardening. Each child planted their own sunflower seed, carefully using pots, soil and tools. Now comes the exciting part—watering them, watching them grow, and seeing whose sunflower will reach the sky first! This activity will help the children learn about how things change and grow, while also encouraging them to take responsibility for caring for something of their own.

To round off the week, the children got creative for St George's Day. With tissue paper, paint and plenty of imagination, they made bright St George's flags and designed their own shields—full of colour, pride and personality.



It's been a fantastic week in Blue Group, packed with creativity, curiosity and thoughtful learning about the world around us.



PREP

DIGITAL SAFETY PARENTS' WORKSHOP

On Wednesday 22nd April, Hydesville Tower School welcomed parents to an engaging and informative Digital Safety Workshop, designed to support families in navigating the ever-changing online world.

The session provided practical guidance on how to keep children safe whilst using the internet, apps and digital devices. With technology playing such a central role in children's lives, the workshop explored key topics including online privacy, age-appropriate content, screen time, and how to have open, supportive conversations with children about their online experiences.

Parents were introduced to a range of useful strategies and tools to help manage digital use at home, alongside clear advice on recognising potential risks and responding effectively. The session also reinforced the importance of working together—school and home—to ensure children develop safe and responsible online habits.

The workshop materials are now available for all families to access, offering a valuable opportunity to revisit key information and share it with others at home. We strongly encourage all parents to take a look using the link below:

Digital Safety Slides: <https://canva.link/61fr7d6p31y9bog>

By staying informed and proactive, we can continue to create a safe and supportive digital environment for all of our pupils.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to such an important conversation.



PREP

MAKING WAVES FOR THE PLANET!

On Friday 24th April, the Prep School began an exciting and creative eco-art project focused on protecting our oceans.

Led by the enthusiastic Eco-Committee and Pupil Voice, every class has embraced the challenge of creating a stunning collage of a sea creature using recycled soft plastics. From shimmering fish and graceful turtles to wonderfully wiggly jellyfish, the artwork so far is already full of colour, imagination and care.

This is more than just an art activity. Alongside the fun, pupils are exploring an important message: the impact of soft plastics on marine life. Through thoughtful discussions and hands-on creativity, children are discovering how everyday materials can harm ocean habitats—and, crucially, how they can be reused in inventive and meaningful ways.



The project is bringing the whole school together in a celebration of teamwork, creativity and environmental responsibility, with classrooms buzzing with excitement as the work continues.

A fantastic effort from all involved—our budding eco-warriors are truly making waves! Watch this space for more photos, and look out for updates on our social media channels, including Facebook and Instagram



ECO ART
CHALLENGE DAY

PREP

MATHS MAGIC AT KING EDWARD'S!

Four enthusiastic Year 4 pupils swapped their usual classroom for an exciting day of numbers and challenges on Wednesday, as they travelled to King Edward's School to take part in a highly competitive maths event.

From the moment they arrived, the team threw themselves into the action with energy and determination. They tackled a series of tricky activities, including a timed maths crossword that tested both speed and accuracy, and a fast-paced relay where teamwork was just as important as quick thinking. Working together, they supported one another brilliantly, showing resilience and a real love of learning.



Our Year 4 pupils returned full of smiles and stories, having represented the school with pride, enthusiasm and excellent behaviour. It was a truly inspiring day for all –well done to everyone involved!

The excitement didn't stop there. After the competition, pupils rolled up their sleeves for a hands-on workshop, discovering how to build impressive 3D shapes using special number codes. It was a fantastic opportunity to see maths come to life in a creative and practical way.

To round off an unforgettable day, the children enjoyed a lively "Maths is Fun" show, packed with surprising tricks and clever ideas that revealed just how magical maths can be.



AWARDS

STAR OF THE WEEK



Izaiah is Star of the Week for trying hard across all areas of his learning and for showing great determination and focus. He is making lovely progress and growing in confidence every day. Well done, Izaiah—keep up the fantastic effort!



Ayaan B has been named Star of The Week for his excellent effort and determination in maths lessons this week. Keep up the fantastic work, Ayaan!



AWARDS

HEADTEACHER'S COMMENDATION



KISWAH



FAITH



MAYA



YUSUF



IDREES



NYRAN

HOUSE POINTS



100

Veeran
Andrei
Isla
Rutendo

150

Aria
Maryam
Arjun
Hassan

200

Aria
Maryam
Zikora

300

Jaden



EXTERNAL CERTIFICATES



SPECTACTULAR
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TIMESTABLES CHALLENGE AWARDS



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SENIOR



Hydesville Joins the Nation for World Book Night

Yesterday evening, from 7pm to 8pm, families across the UK came together to celebrate World Book Night—an annual event that shines a spotlight on the joy of reading.

At Hydesville, we were delighted to see our school community embracing the occasion in a variety of ways. Whether curling up with a favourite story, sharing a book as a family, joining a book club, or even listening to an audiobook, pupils and parents alike took time out of their evening to enjoy the magic of books.



World Book Night is all about making reading accessible and enjoyable for everyone, and it was wonderful to know that so many of our children were part of this nationwide moment. Reading not only supports learning in school, but also sparks imagination, builds vocabulary, and creates valuable time for relaxation and connection at home.

We would love to hear how our Hydesville families took part. Which books did you read? Did you discover a new favourite author or revisit a well-loved story?

If you would like to find out more about World Book Night and how to continue supporting reading at home, please visit: <https://worldbooknight.org/>

Let's keep the love of reading going!

SENIOR AWARDS



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ART AWARD

Aamira has been recognised for her wonderful acrylic painting, showcasing creativity, skill and attention to detail. A brilliant achievement – well done, Aamira!

MUSIC AWARD

Congratulations to Jasmine for achieving a fantastic Grade 5 in Singing with Distinction! This is a wonderful accomplishment and a testament to her hard work and talent. Well done, Jasmine – keep singing!

SPORT AWARD

Jia performed exceptionally well in the 100m sprint. Outstanding speed, determination and spirit. Well done, Jia!