



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

This year's Global Be Well Day was a tremendous success, with a special focus on the theme of giving. Our pupils truly shone, not only by raising an impressive amount for charity but also by promoting the importance of well-being throughout the school.

In addition to our well-being efforts, we've been placing strong emphasis on literacy skills. A recent highlight was a visit from a renowned author, which inspired the children to engage more deeply with reading and writing. It was a truly enriching experience for everyone involved, and we are incredibly proud of their hard work and achievements.

I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all our pupils for their outstanding contributions to making our recent Open Day such a success. Your enthusiasm, helpfulness, and pride in showcasing our school were remarkable. Well done!

Have a lovely weekend!

Mrs Samra



*Photograph Day 9th October
Year 7 Parent Evenings & New Starter 9th
October*

*Year 11 Parents Evening 16th October
Year 3 / 4 Residential Trip 16th to 18th
October*

Year 10/11 Science Trip 17th October

Star of the week



Ayaan for showing great attitude towards his learning where he is giving 100% effort in everything he does.

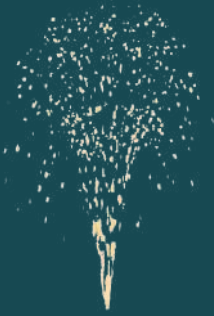


Chloe has now settled into nursery and has truly flourished. She's become a wonderful role model and a great friend to others.



Jiya A- for excellent manners, good listening, and for working hard in lessons.

Well done!











Let Your Imagination Run Wild!

This week, the children engaged in a variety of child-initiated play activities, from creative arts to construction play and mark-making, all inspired by their individual interests and experiences.

Through these activities, we nurture their creativity, imaginative thinking, and fine motor development, while encouraging independent use of resources.

As practitioners, we build on these child-led activities by introducing new learning opportunities and fostering sustained shared thinking. This approach allows the children to deepen their learning through exploration and collaboration, all while having fun and letting their imaginations run wild!





Minibeast Hunt Adventure!

This week, we embraced the weather, suited up in our all-in-ones and wellies, and headed to the Arboretum and outdoor classroom for an exciting Minibeast Hunt! Equipped with magnifying glasses, the children eagerly searched for different minibeasts in their natural habitats.

As a group, we discussed our discoveries, which included slugs, worms, flies, and woodlice, and connected these to our ongoing Preschool topic about minibeasts with and without legs. We also took time to talk about their unique features.

To top it all off, we had a fantastic time jumping in muddy puddles! The Minibeast Hunt was a wonderful way for the children to connect with nature, stay active in the fresh air, and sharpen their observational skills while exploring the world of wildlife. It was a fantastic hands-on learning experience for all!

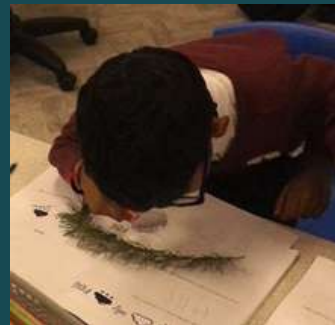




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Year 1 enjoyed an autumnal walk in the arboretum to spot the early signs of autumn and to find out the answer to “Are all leaves the same?” They discovered that they are not and through leaf rubbings and close observations of the leaves with microscopes, they matched some of the leaves to their corresponding tree.



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At Hydesville, we have understood the importance of wellbeing as part of a holistic education for many years. Cognita introduced Global Be Well Day in 2019 and our Be Well Charter in 2020. We define wellbeing as the sense of feeling content: socially, emotionally and physically thriving. For our 6th Global Be Well Day, the theme was Giving. Firstly we would like to thank our parents for their generosity as always. We have been blown away by the food bank donations yet again this year. We also can't wait to find out how much we have raised for the NSPCC from our non-uniform day and the charity stalls. The children loved guessing the number of sweets in the jar and the penalty shootout. The glitter tattoo station was a hit with all of our pupils, for this we thank our Charity Ambassadors for giving up their time to manage the stalls and help raise money for this worthwhile cause.

Thank you Chartwells, our catering supplier, for allowing the pupils to put their fitness to the test on the smoothie bike. Pupils and staff used their energy to blend some delicious smoothies for us all to taste.

We would also like to thank our pupils for completing their giving challenges. It was so nice to hear about the children giving up their time to look after sick relatives and help friends and siblings over the holidays.

Finally I would like to thank our staff for giving up their time to ensure that our pupils enjoyed their selfcare opportunities today. Fun was had by all at either soft play, role play, bowling, laser tag or Ninja Warrior.



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On 27th of September we celebrated Global Be Well Day. Our pupils participated in a wide range of activities designed to enhance their wellbeing.

The children enjoyed a variety of experiences including bowling, role play, soft play, and even trying out a smoothie bike. These activities were aimed at fostering both physical and mental wellness, ensuring that our pupils could enjoy a fun and engaging day. They also engaged in charitable activities, highlighting the importance of supporting our local community. Our pupils enjoyed stone painting, a calming activity that allowed them to express themselves in unique ways. Furthermore, the children shared stories about how they have been helping at home, highlighting the importance of kindness and support within the family.

We are incredibly proud of the enthusiasm and participation shown by our pupils during Global Be Well Day. Their positive attitudes and willingness to engage in new activities speak volumes about the vibrant and caring community we have here at Hydesville.

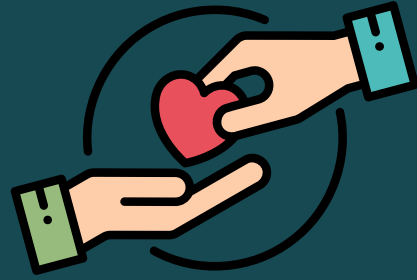


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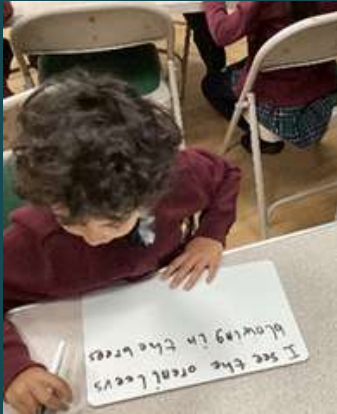
Daniel Thompson, a renowned author and poet, made a special visit to our school on Monday 30th September, to inspire our young writers. As part of our Poetry Week, which includes National Poetry Day on Thursday 3rd October, Daniel spent the day working with pupils from Year 1 to 6. Through engaging workshops and interactive sessions, he shared his passion for poetry, sparking creativity and enthusiasm among our students. In addition to Daniel's visit, our English lessons delved into the works of various poets, exploring different styles, themes, and techniques. The week culminated with a fantastic performance of poetry with the winning performers from each class. A big well done also goes out to all pupils for learning and performing a poem in front of their peers.





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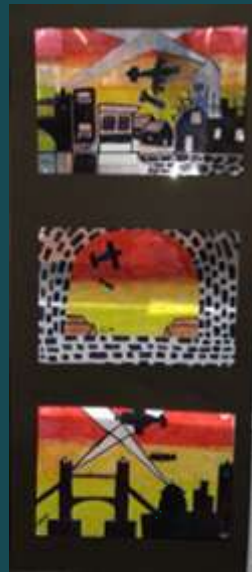




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Year 4 have been learning about the structure of the face, drawing facial features and how to draw a portrait. After working on this knowledge they have each drawn their own half face self portrait.



Year 6 have been creating WW2 stained glass style artwork during their Art lessons this half term, they drew their own images influenced by their class work with Mr Burnham and Miss Crump on WW2.



Year 3 have been using their knowledge of the rainforest during their Art lessons this term. They have learned about the artist Henri Rousseau and have created these amazing collage pieces inspired by his famous artwork 'Tigers in a tropical storm'.

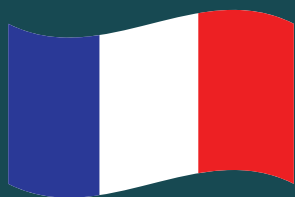


ART



Year 5 will be learning about The Aztecs in their lessons this term. During their Art lessons pupils have been using this knowledge to design, draw and add colour to their own Aztec sun and moon designs.

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French

It's been a busy start to the term for the languages department, kicking off with European day of languages which is celebrated each year on 26th September. This year the senior school were set the challenge in form time to figure out the name of the book that had been translated several times before being translated back into English. The winning form was 4B! Well done to Kieran B and Ryan. Can you figure it out?

We have also welcomed Madame Cutler to the MFL department this term. She has been impressed with the linguistic skills of our new Year 7 pupils and has enjoyed getting to know her new classes. She is eager for pupils to join her Language Leaders club on Tuesday lunchtimes. If your child is interested in becoming a language leader, Madame Cutler would love to hear about what your child's ideas for the role.

A bientôt !

Bad translation!

D. Mother woodland Fourth Private. I'm proud they're perfect, thank you. These are the last people who want to be weird or mysterious because they are not human. Leave it all blank.

G. Captain woodland shouts that the excavation is complete. He was tall, and although he had a long beard, he had an almost weak voice. Miss woodland Sharp The skin is smooth and the neck is about twice as long. This is especially true if I spend a lot of time traveling. Build a fence to watch over your neighbors. There are too many woodland. The guy's name is woodland and he doesn't look like the best guy. In some cities.

This is the opening paragraph of a book - it's gone through 10 languages on Google Translate and back into English. What is the book?

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Year 7 - Explore the Microscopic World in Biology!

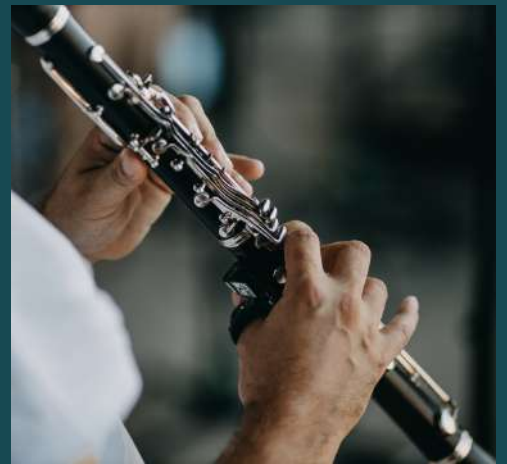
This week, our Year 7 students are diving into the fascinating world of microscopy in their Biology lessons. They are learning how to use light microscopes to observe cells up close, preparing their own slides, and exploring the intricate details of plant and animal cells. It's an exciting hands-on experience that brings science to life and gives students a glimpse of the hidden structures that make up all living organisms!



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Years 4- 7 gave a warm welcome to the new clarinet and saxophone teacher, Miss Hillman on Tuesday. She gave an amazing performance to the pupils, playing pieces from well known films, pop and classical pieces, demonstrating the technical abilities of both instruments. this was followed by a question and answer session which pupils actively engaged in.

If you would like further information about individual lessons with Miss Hillman, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Wilson
Lisa.wilson@hydesville.com.





Senior Pupil of the Week

Hrishikesh B (Y9) for being focused and working hard in Science.

Abdur A (Y10) for scoring the highest in his Year group for a maths test recently!

Sufyaan H (Y8) – commendation for his enthusiastic and engaging presentation on the Trimurti in Religious Studies and for making some very mature and insightful comments about events from the current unit of study about the Civil Rights movement in USA in History



Music Performer of the Week

Karina P (Y10) for performing to such a high standard in the Piano Spotlight Competition run by Walsall Music service

Sports person of the Week

Simran K-S (Y11) for her excellence as GS against Highclare to propel Hydesville to a 27-14 victory.



Art pupil of the week

Tina A (Y7) and Maya C (Y7) for being excellent ambassadors for art during open morning.



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Date:	Teacher/Class/Year Group	Theme
04/10/2024	Miss Crump	Poetry Performance
11/10/2024	Mr Burnham (6A)	Black History
18/10/2024	Mrs Chand	Weekly Awards & Certificates
08/11/2024	Mrs Williams (5B)	Diwali
15/11/2024	Mrs Kenton (5A)	Anti-Bullying
22/11/2024	Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
29/11/2024	Year 3 – Year 6 (Dining Hall)	Weekly Awards & Certificates
06/12/2024	Mrs Downen (RA)	Nativity
10/12/2024 (Tuesday)	Mrs Brown/Mrs Taylor (1A)/Mr Staffiere (2A)	Christmas Performance
13/12/2024	Mrs Chand	Weekly Awards & Certificates

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Date 2024		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	02-Sep	STAFF INSET DAY		
Tues	03-Sep	STAFF INSET DAY		
Wed	04-Sep	Nursery, Prep School and Year 7 in school		
Thurs	05-Sep	Baseline & WellComm Assessments	Baseline Assessments	Year 8 – Year 11 Return
Fri	06-Sep			
Mon	09-Sep			
Tues	10-Sep		CAT Testing Year 6 CAT Testing Year 5	
Wed	11-Sep		Reception Information 3:15pm – 2:4pm	Year 10 Information Evening 4.30pm – 5.30pm
Thurs	12-Sep		CAT Testing Year 2/Year 4	Baseline CAT Testing Year 7 PW (TBC)
Fri	13-Sep			
Mon	16-Sep		Extracurricular clubs to commence	Extracurricular clubs to commence
Tues	17-Sep			
Wed	18-Sep		Year 3/Year 4 Residential Meeting	
Thurs	19-Sep			
Fri	20-Sep			
Mon	23-Sep			
Tues	24-Sep			Year 11 Geography Fieldwork in Walsall (TBC)
Wed	25-Sep		Children’s University Launch to KS2 Parents 4.00pm TBC	
Thurs	26-Sep			Year 9 Real Apprentice Fair West Bromwich Albion 9.30am- 11am TBC
Fri	27-Sep	Global Be Well Day	Global Be Well Day	Global Be Well Day
Sat	28-Sep	Whole School Open Day	Whole School Open Day	Whole School Open Day
Mon	30-Sep		Prep Author Visit	
OCTOBER				
Tues	01-Oct		Black History Month	Black History Month
Wed	02-Oct			Coming to England Lichfield Garrick Year 9 11am TBC
Thurs	03-Oct		National Poetry Day / Navratri until 0.3.10.24 – 12.10.2024	National Poetry Day / Navratri until 03.10.24 – 12.10.2024
Fri	04-Oct			

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Date 2024		Nursery	Prep	Senior
Mon	07-Oct		New Starter to HTS Meetings by Personal Invitation 1:1	
Tues	08-Oct			
Wed	09-Oct	Individual & class photo	Individual & class photo	Individual & class photo Y7 & New Starters' Settling in Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	10-Oct			
Fri	11-Oct	Taster Session 1-3pm (Theme Role Play)		
Mon	14-Oct			Senior Cross Country Week
Tues	15-Oct			
Wed	16-Oct		Year 3 & 4 Residential Edgmond Hall	Year 11 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	17-Oct		Year 3 & 4 Residential Edgmond Hall	Year 10/11 Physics Trip to Alton Towers RC Senior School Information Event 5-6pm
Fri	18-Oct	Nursery Bake Off Comp PM	Year 3 & 4 Residential Edgmond Hall	Year 7 to 10 Effort Report Cards and Year 11 Effort & Progress Report Card Issued to Parents
Mon	21-Oct	Nursery Comp Week (until Friday 25th)	Half Term Holidays	
Tues	22-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Wed	23-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Thurs	24-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Fri	25-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Mon	28-Oct	Nursery & Reception Fun Club until Friday 1 st November	Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Tues	29-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Wed	30-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
Thurs	31-Oct		Half Term Holidays	Half Term Holidays
NOVEMBER				
Fri	01-Nov		Half Term Holidays/ Diwali	Half Term Holidays
Mon	04-Nov	Diwali	Diwali Celebrations	Diwali Celebrations – Assembly & Art Competition
Tues	05-Nov	Nursery Parent Consultations		
Wed	06-Nov		Anti-bullying Workshops	Year 9 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm
Thurs	07-Nov			
Fri	08-Nov		Prep Report Card (Years 1-6)	GCSE art sculpture workshop, in school with artist Julie Edwards

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Mon	11-Nov	Remembrance Day/ Anti-Bullying Week World Nursery Rhyme Week	Remembrance Day/ Anti-Bullying Week/ Odd Socks Day	Remembrance Day & Assembly / Anti Bullying Week Trip to National Memorial Arboretum (TBC)
Tues	12-Nov	World Nursery Rhyme Week	Year 6 – Haden Hill House – Home Front Experience	
Wed	13-Nov		Prep Parents' Evening	
Thurs	14-Nov		Year 1 Bantock House/ Year 5 Trip to Cadbury World	
Fri	15-Nov	Guru Nanak's Birthday/ Children in Need Mad Hatters Tea Party	Guru Nanak's Birthday/ Children in Need	Guru Nanak's Birthday/ Children in Need
Mon	18-Nov	Road Safety Week	Road Safety Week	Road Safety Week
Tues	19-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wed	20-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations Year 8 Parents' Evening
Thurs	21-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Fri	22-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Mon	25-Nov		Prep Assessment Week	Year 11 Mock Examinations
Tues	26-Nov	Settling in Morning- New Joiners for January 25		Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wed	27-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Thurs	28-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations Year 8 Trip to Rock Up
Fri	29-Nov			Year 11 Mock Examinations
DECEMBER				
Mon	02-Dec			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Tues	03-Dec			Year 11 Mock Examinations
Wed	04-Dec	Christmas Jumper Day	Christmas Jumper Day	Year 10 Parents' Evening 4.00-6.30pm Christmas Jumper Day
Thurs	05-Dec		Reception - Year 6 Trip to Lichfield Garrick Theatre	KS3 A Christmas Carol Birmingham Rep Theatre 10.15am (TBC)
Fri	06-Dec	Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30am	Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.30am	Year 7 and Year 8 Wizardry Science and English Day Harry Potter Studios RC
Mon	09-Dec	Nursery and Reception Christmas Party	Nursery, Reception and KS1 Christmas Party	Year 7 Rock Up Broadway Plaza Games Lesson DF
Tues	10-Dec		KS1 Nativity 2pm	Year 9 Rock up Broadway Plaza
Wed	11-Dec		Christmas Fair 4pm (Directed Time This Day)	Christmas Fair 4pm
Thurs	12-Dec		Whole School Carol Service	Whole School Carol Service
Fri	13-Dec	Santa's Workshop 9.30am – Comp Taster Session		Year 7 – Year 11 Progress Report Card Issued
1.30pm FINISH FOR WHOLE SCHOOL				

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Prep School

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Autumn Term

Year 1

Wednesday PE
Pupils to come
to school in
PE Kit

Year 2

Tuesday PE
Pupils to come
to school in PE
Kit

Year 3

Monday PE
Pupils to come
to school in PE
Kit

Year 4

Wednesday PE
Pupils to come
to school in
PE Kit

Year 5

Thursday PE
Pupils to come
to school in
PE Kit

*Pupils need to
bring their
swimming kit*



Years 5 & 6

Wednesday Games
Pupils to bring their
PE Kit to school



Year 6

Thursday PE
Pupils to come
to school in
PE Kit

Years 3 & 4

Friday Games
Pupils to bring their
PE Kit to school



Uniform list can be found :
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