



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents/Carers

What a fantastic start to the second half-term! We began with our Diwali assembly, learning about the significance of this festival for so many people. On Monday, we held our Remembrance service, and it was a moving experience to visit the memorial with our pupils.

Anti-Bullying Week kicked off with Odd Socks Day and an amazing assembly led by Year 5. Finally, we ended the week by celebrating Gurpurab and supporting Children in Need. Wishing all our families who are celebrating a very happy Gurpurab!

Thank you to everyone who participated and made these events so special!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Samra



*Road Safety Week 18
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Year 11 Mocks Begin 19th
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It's been a busy and exciting week for Yellow Group!

We began the week with Remembrance Day activities, introducing this important event through engaging, age-appropriate arts and crafts. The children focused on poppies, using hand-painting and printing to create beautiful artwork while learning about the significance of this symbol.

In keeping with our 'Minibeasts' topic, Tuesday brought an adventurous "worm rescue" activity! The children discovered "worms" (jelly sweets) stuck in a muddy mixture of hot chocolate powder, using tweezers to carefully free them. This fun exercise helped develop fine motor skills, as well as sensory exploration. The children had some funny reactions:

- Zora declared, "Disgusting, eeeww crunchy mud!"
- Sophia observed how "slippery" the mud felt.
- Musa exclaimed, "eeeh!"
- Aaron, holding up a "worm," let out an "uuuhhhh" with a scrunched-up face.
- Kian took a long look at the mixture, then turned to Mrs. Ubhi with a dramatic, "Oh no!"

Activities like these are invaluable in Early Years, strengthening finger and hand muscles to support writing and pencil control down the line. They also enhance hand-eye coordination in a playful, hands-on way.

As the week continued, we celebrated 'World Nursery Rhyme Week,' with a different rhyme and themed colouring sheet each day. Friday was especially fun, with the children coming to school in fancy dress to mark the occasion and support Children In Need.

After such an action-packed week, Yellow Group is ready for a well-deserved rest this weekend!





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During their Art lessons this week pupils in the Prep School have been making beautiful Diwali cards to take home to loved ones.

Year 3 were very lucky to take part in a Diwali dance workshop with Mrs. Patel, deepening their understanding of Diwali customs. Each dance move represented a tradition, like fireworks, sharing food, and creating Rangoli designs. They also enjoyed making beautiful Diwali cards with Mrs. Rees and sharing the story The Best Diwali Ever. The classroom was full of energy, creativity, and joy as they celebrated this special festival!



This Week at Reception: Exploring Bonfire Night and Fireworks

As we welcomed our Reception children back to school this week, we embarked on an exciting journey to learn all about Bonfire Night and its annual celebration. The children discovered the history and significance behind this festive event, gaining a deeper understanding of why we gather each year to celebrate.

Our little learners also explored the vibrant world of fireworks displays. They identified the various sights and sounds they might experience, enhancing their vocabulary with early onomatopoeic words that capture the essence of firework noises. Safety was a key focus, as we discussed important tips for staying safe around bonfires, fireworks, and sparklers.

Creativity was in full swing as the children engaged in printing activities to design their very own firework pictures. This hands-on project allowed them to express their newfound knowledge artistically, culminating in colourful and imaginative creations that reflect the magic of Bonfire Night.

We're proud of our Reception children for their enthusiasm and creativity this week and look forward to more exciting learning adventures ahead!





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Jour du souvenir - 11 novembre
Recently at the Hydesville Languages Department, the Year 8 Language Leaders have been making a display board for Remembrance Day, held on the 11th November. To do this, we have made a board which includes a sunny sky and poppies but not just any poppies! Each petal of the poppies has something written on them in French by all our pupils in senior school, expressing our thanks. In France, as well as poppies they use Cornflowers, on our display we also showed these to understand other cultures. Specifically French, as it is one of our major languages here at Hydesville!





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On Wednesday, November 6th, we welcomed Rupi from OpenView Education to lead engaging sessions in anticipation of Anti-Bullying Week. With the theme “Choose Respect,” Rupi guided our KS2 pupils through insightful workshops focused on understanding bullying, identifying trusted adults for support, and practicing respectful behaviour and conflict resolution. Through interactive activities like freeze frames and role-playing, pupils explored different perspectives and gained a deeper appreciation for the power of respect. Rupi also led an assembly for Reception and KS1 pupils, introducing the importance of kindness and respect in their everyday lives. These sessions created a supportive environment for open discussions about bullying, reinforcing that choosing respect can make a positive difference for everyone.



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Our pupils and staff rocked their Odd Socks today at Hydesville Tower School! 🎉🎵 There's nothing like a fun, safe, and caring environment to help young people shine. Here's to celebrating individuality and supporting children's well-being every step of the way! 🌟 #OddSocksDay #BeYou #HydesvilleTowerSchool #Wellbeing

Odd Socks....



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On Tuesday, 12th November, our Year 6 pupils embarked on an exciting trip to Haden Hill House, where they experienced a fascinating glimpse into life on the Home Front during World War II. The day featured engaging, hands-on activities focused on key wartime themes like evacuation, air raids, and rationing of food and clothing. This immersive experience helped pupils better understand the resilience and challenges faced by those who lived through the war, enhancing their classroom learning and inspiring teamwork and creativity among the group.





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Star of the week



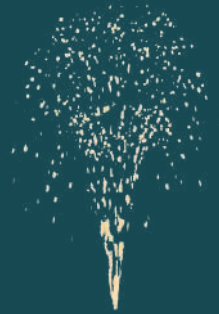
Siya for “Showing a good attitude to her learning and trying hard within Preschool life.”

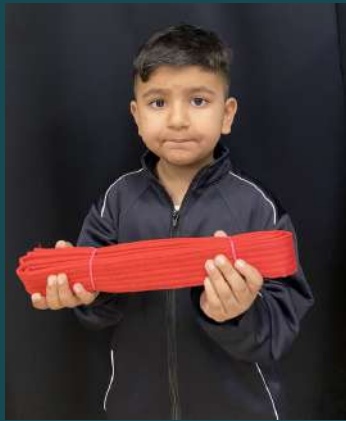


This week's Star of the Week is Zora from Yellow Group in Nursery! In just a few short weeks, Zora has blossomed in confidence and independence. He is eager to try new things and is starting to do many tasks on his own. Zora consistently shows politeness and lovely manners, making him a wonderful role model for others.

Well done!

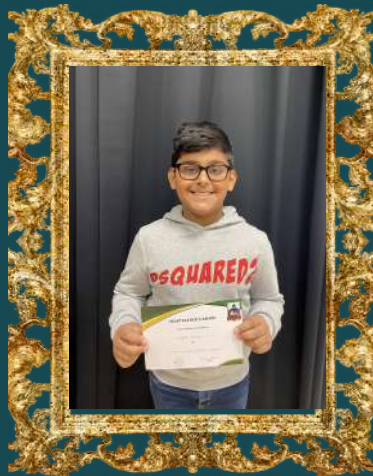
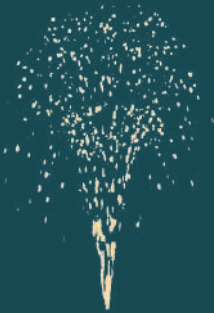










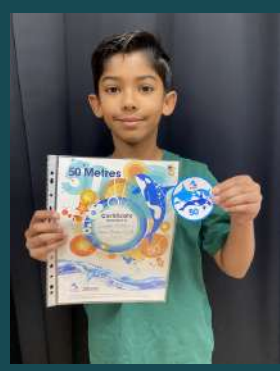




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Dilke: Nadal, Jared, Avi, Briana
Hatherton: James J, Jacob, Sophia
Bradford: Arjun





🌿 4 Years of the Big Wild Walk for Roshan D! 🌿
I'm thrilled to share that I've completed the Big Wild Walk Challenge for the 4th year in a row! This October half-term, I walked a total of 30 km to support The Wildlife Trust and their incredible work protecting nature.

A huge thank you to everyone who donated to this amazing cause! 🙏 I even did an 18 km stretch in one day at Kew Gardens!

Special thanks to The Wildlife Trust for the lovely letter and pin badge — it's a wonderful reminder of our shared commitment to nature.



Here's to making a difference, one step at a time! 🐾 #BigWildWalk2024

✨ A Memorable Moment for Yusuf in Qatar! ✨

We're excited to share a wonderful experience from Yusuf Ismail's recent holiday to Qatar. During his trip, Yusuf had the amazing opportunity to meet Mo Farah in person! After learning all about Mo Farah's inspiring achievements during our Black History Month studies in Year 3, Yusuf introduced himself and proudly shared that he'd been learning about Mo Farah at school.

This was such a special moment for Yusuf, bringing his classroom learning to life in the best way possible! ✨

Congratulations



MUAY THAI

Leo has achieved 2 silvers in his European Brazilian Jiu Jitsu competition which took place in the UK. He then competed in his first international competition in BJJ and won Gold.





Senior Pupil of the Week

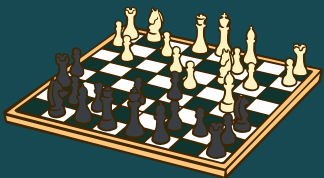
Music Performer of the Week

Anya D Year 10 - for fund raising 'singing 4 stroke'
Aryan D Year 9 - demonstrating dhol in lesson
Umar Z - Year 9 for bhangra assessment



Art pupil of the week

Susannah B - Year 9. For excellent improvement in quality of sketchbook work.



Congratulations to all our pupils who have participated in the chess competition



Congratulations the following pupils for participating in the ESU competition.

Annaya
El-Roi
Anaiya K
Zak
Dexter
Hrishi



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As the weather gets colder, we kindly remind all parents that pupils should be wearing Hydesville coats, hats, and scarves to keep warm.

Check out the photos below of our wonderful children modelling their Hydesville winter wear!



Uniform list can be found :
<https://www.hydesville.com/prep/uniform/>

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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	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