



HYDESVILLE TOWER SCHOOL



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A WELCOME FROM THE HEADTEACHER



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has been a busy and rewarding six weeks at our school. It's been wonderful to see so many of our pupils participating in a wide range of activities, demonstrating enthusiasm, commitment, and a true sense of community.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to our food bank collection. Your kindness and generosity have made a tangible difference to those in need within our local community, and I am immensely proud of our collective effort.

A special mention goes to our Year 3 and 4 pupils who recently enjoyed a memorable residential trip. It was an exciting opportunity for them to embrace adventure, learn new skills, and grow both personally and socially. Congratulations to all involved!

We've also celebrated success in the recent ISA art competitions, with several of our pupils showcasing their outstanding creativity and talent. Well done to everyone who took part—you've done the school proud!

For our Year 11 pupils, I wish you the very best with your revision over the break. This is a crucial time, and your dedication now will undoubtedly pay off in the months to come. Please remember that we are here to support you throughout this journey. I hope that everyone enjoys a well-deserved break. Take the time to rest, recharge, and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday, 4th November.

Wishing you a restful and enjoyable half term.

Mrs Samra



Star of the week



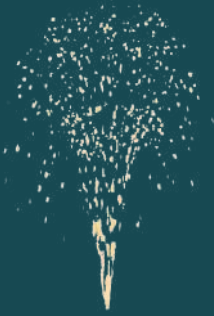
A huge congratulations to Jeeya, our Star of the Week! She has shown exceptional listening skills and consistently puts in tremendous effort into everything she does. Her positive attitude and dedication make her a shining example to everyone around her. Well done, Jeeya – keep up the fantastic work!



Sophia for always demonstrating a curiosity to learn new things and putting 100% effort into all that she does.

Well done!



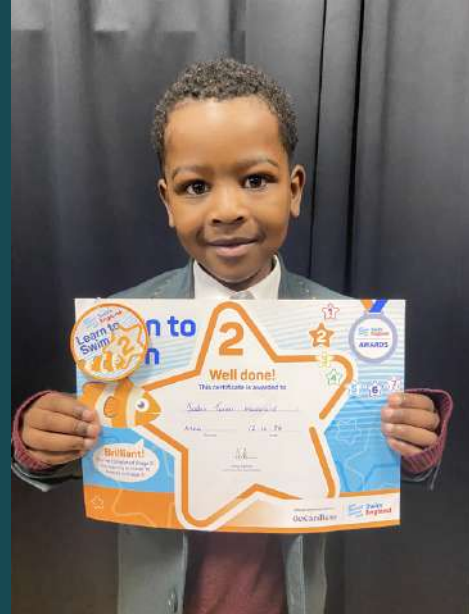




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Red Group Adventures

Red Group has been very busy this week, following their own interests and engaging in a wide range of activities. Their favourite pastimes include construction role-play, playing with playdough, exploring ice, water play, and painting. Child-initiated play plays a crucial role in children's learning and development, giving them the freedom to explore their own ideas and creativity. It allows them to take the lead in their own learning, whether that's rescuing dinosaurs trapped in ice or practicing their drawing and writing skills.

Here's what some of the children had to say:

- Adam: "I like the trucks and the builder's yard. We like to fix things."
- Aria: "I like the doctors because I bandage people up."
- Sophia: "I love to play with playdough because I really like it."
- Jovan: "I like the tools. I like the builders."
- Samaira: "I like the sand because I can build sandcastles. I also liked smashing the ice to save the fish."
- Amber: "I like making cakes with the playdough."

Mini Mathematicians

This week, Red Group also embraced a variety of maths-themed activities, both through adult-led sessions and child-initiated play. The children have been developing their understanding of number recognition, counting, problem-solving, and exploring numerical patterns. Alongside these maths skills, their fine motor abilities were strengthened as they used tweezers, hammers, and cotton buds, connecting numeracy to other areas of the Early Years Curriculum. It's been a fun-filled, creative week, full of learning and discovery!



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Maths

This week in maths, the children have been working with bead strings to master the tricky concept of bridging ten on a number line. This hands-on approach has greatly helped them understand how to apply their knowledge to written work, making it easier to draw number lines when solving problems.

English

In English, the children have been collaborating with their partners to practice using persuasive language. They are preparing to write powerful letters to large companies, urging them to take action in protecting our precious rainforests. The children shared their views on the destruction of rainforests and the impact of palm oil production.



Science

In science, we've been diving into the world of bones! The children are learning the names of different bones and discovering fascinating facts about the human skeleton. From support to protection, they've uncovered all the "spine-tingling" reasons why our skeleton is so important.

Topic

Year 3 has been exploring the world's rainforests in their topic lessons. They researched weather patterns, discussed precipitation, humidity, and rainfall levels, and even presented their own weather reports, learning how these factors affect the rainforests. In addition, we've been learning about the different layers of the rainforest. Using their knowledge of the rainforest and its animals, the children created representations of each layer. They then combined their work to form a vibrant rainforest collage, showcasing the unique features of each layer and the incredible creatures that live there.



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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

For Black History Month 2024, pupils in the Prep School have been given a unique opportunity to engage with important historical and cultural contributions of Black individuals. For homework, students have been tasked with researching a famous Black person in history, deepening their understanding of the impact Black figures have had on society. In school, teachers are incorporating a wide range of activities to celebrate Black culture. These include listening to music by Black artists, discovering local Black-owned businesses, learning traditional games, and creating informative pages about the diverse continent of Africa. This holistic approach fosters both appreciation and awareness of Black history and culture.

Year 6 Assembly: Celebrating Black History Month

Our Year 6 students recently delivered an inspiring assembly in celebration of Black History Month. Through heartfelt speeches, engaging performances, and creative presentations, they highlighted the significant achievements and contributions of Black individuals across history.



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Congratulations!

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ARTS

1st Tragijas group Year 6 WW2 skies 2D group
1st Jayani S Year 7 Paper dress KS3 textiles

2nd Arrgh Crew Year 1 Ahoy KS1 2D group
2nd Karina P Year 9 Freedom KS3 3D
2nd Hargun L Year 11 Inner charms KS4 3D
2nd Kadii NH Year 4 Fashion 0/2

2nd Group piece Year 8 Crowning glory Fashion KS3/4

Highly commended primary group piece Year 5 Pinky Piece 3D
group KS2

Highly commended Ayesha K Year 11 Celebrity KS3/4
sketchbook



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September

Sports Fixture Results – A Winning Week for Hydesville!

Senior School Results:

Year 10/11 Girls' Netball Victory

Our Year 10/11 girls made us proud, securing a resounding victory in their netball match against Highclare, winning 27-14! A special mention to Varya, who was named Player of the Match, and to Simran, who dazzled with an incredible 22 points. Well done to all the girls for representing Hydesville so brilliantly on the court!

Year 10/11 Boys' Football Triumph

Hydesville's Year 10/11 boys showcased their football skills at the Under 16s ISA Football Tournament held at Highclare, where they clinched a 2-0 victory against Darul Uloom. The team played with determination and competitive spirit throughout—congratulations to all involved!

Year 8/9 Boys' Football Tournament

The Year 8/9 boys also competed in the Under 14s ISA Football Tournament at Highclare. They played several intense matches, including a 1-1 draw against Arnold Lodge and an exciting 3-3 showdown with Darul Uloom. The boys showed excellent teamwork and resilience. Well done to the entire squad for representing Hydesville with such energy!

Prep School Results:

Year 5/6 Boys' Football Tournament

The Year 5/6 boys put in a fantastic performance at the ISA Football Tournament hosted by Dixie Grammar, finishing 3rd in their group. A standout moment was their impressive 7-0 win against Edenhurst School, with Umar (Year 5) and Amar (Year 6) each scoring hat-tricks! The boys also had a thrilling 2-2 draw against Dixie Grammar, with Jacob Jones shining in goal.

After advancing past the group stage, the boys played hard-fought placing matches, narrowly losing 1-0 to Stafford Grammar and drawing 1-1 with Crackley School. Overall, the team demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship, and they should be incredibly proud of their efforts.

Congratulations to all our players for their hard work and dedication!

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Exciting Sports Update – Hydesville’s Victories and Strong Performances!

Year 8 Boys’ Football:

Our Year 8 boys faced off against Highclare in two thrilling football matches. Although they experienced a tough 3-1 loss in the first game, they came back with spectacular energy in the second match, claiming a dominant 8-1 victory! A great display of resilience and teamwork – well done, boys!

Year 8 Girls’ Netball:

The Year 8 girls took to the court against Highclare in a closely contested netball match. Every player gave their all, representing Hydesville with great skill and determination. A huge round of applause for their fantastic effort!

Year 11 Girls’ Netball Triumphs:

Our Year 11 girls showed unstoppable form in their netball matches. They secured a commanding 27-10 win over Highclare and followed it up with a nail-biting 10-9 victory against St. George’s. Congratulations to the team for their hard work and incredible performance!

ISA Swimming Gala:

A special shoutout to all the students who represented Hydesville at the ISA Swimming Gala Tournament. Every participant gave their best, showcasing remarkable dedication and sportsmanship in the pool. Congratulations to all involved!



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GOOD LUCK AT
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CHAMPIONSHIP
IN LISBON





Senior Pupil of the Week

Annaya H (Y10) and Muzammil B (Y10) for working above and beyond to contribute to BHM, creating an assembly and activities for a whole school activity. They are both being fantastic History ambassadors working well in lessons and supporting the department during open morning.



Zara N (Year 8) and Esther U (Year 8) produced beautiful 'What I believe' homework posters in RS and both scored 90% in their Hinduism quiz

Zoya (Y9) for excellent written French. Great details with 3 tenses, opinions and reasons.



Music Performer of the Week

Dexter W (Y9) has been using his lunchtime to dive into the world of music composition whenever possible.



Sports person of the Week

Simran K-S (Y11) for her excellence as GS against High Clare to propel Hydesville to a 27-14 victory. Y8: Jia- set KS3 record for cross country



Art pupil of the week

Hawa (Y7) & Aarya (Y7) have shown a very high level of skill and care shown whilst exploring the work of artist Chris Ofili as part of Black History month. Jayani S has won the KS3 textiles category in the ISA art competition, Midlands region. Her work now goes through to the National finals next month.



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**THANK
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Thank you so much for collecting food for your local community.
We will use all the food you have donated to make emergency food parcels for people in crisis.

You have donated **313 KG** of food, enough to provide **626** meals.

This is absolutely wonderful, and we are so thankful that you have supported us in this amazing way.

**BLACK COUNTRY
FOODBANK**
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Registered Charity No. 1136676

#Sing4Stroke

We are proud to announce that Amaya P, Karamveer K Anya D, Emily J, Jasmine P are helping Miss Parker, our singing teacher, raise money for charity Sing 4 Stroke 2024. If you would like to support the charity, please see the link below.

<https://www.justgiving.com/page/emma-parker-1726850757086>

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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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**HYDESVILLE
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CLOSING DATE
6th
NOVEMBER

Christmas
CARD

DESIGN COMPETITION 2024!

**The winning design will be
used as the official
Hydesville Tower 2024
Christmas Card**





HYDESVILLE
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AUTUMN Fun CLUB

28th October until
1st November 9am – 4pm

Children require a
Healthy Packed Lunch

Book your place now on Cognita
Connect - limited availability!

For Further information email :
Laura.willis@hydesville.com

Our fun clubs are a great way to learn, be creative and have lots of fun.

Activities include:

- Arts and Wooden Crafts
- Junk Modelling
- Sensory activities
- Bird feeders
- Outdoor Classroom
- Painting
- Face painting
- Water and Sand Play
- Glitter Tattoos
- Tie-dying
- Movie afternoon
- Indoor / outdoor games
- Cooking
- Story telling
- Inventions
- Life-sized board games

Open to Nursery, Reception, Year 1
and Year 2



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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
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

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

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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				