



HLA News

Friday 3rd March 2023



Dear Families,

We have had a fun filled week at Highfield Littleport Academy this week, read on and I can tell you more!

I have some exciting news to share with parents and carers. A few months back we were approached by the Local Authority to see if we were able to extend our number of pupils on roll. With a few modifications to rooms which will be funded by the Local Authority we will be able to accommodate an additional 10 places as from September 2023. This is a much needed resource for the area and we are looking forward to developing our practice further through this. We will be looking to recruit the associated staff for these additional spaces so will be advertising for a class teacher, teaching assistants and a Level 4 cover coordinator shortly. Exciting times.

The students have been getting sporty this week. Our colleagues from Active Play Education have been supporting our curriculum development by leading some tailored sessions linked to the nation's favourite sport – football. This is also a firm favourite for students at HLA. Students in Key Stage 3 and 4 were practising their skills and all learners were able to join in with the activities which were differentiated. The coaches commented on how much the learners enjoyed the sessions and were really focussed. Our learners have expressed that they would love to form a team so that we can run events and competitions. We have been in touch with our sister school Highfield Ely and are exploring options to make this happen. Watch this space!

Friday brought lots of different book characters coming to school for World Book Day. The student's costumes were fantastic and the pupils really enjoyed the day. It was slightly confusing however when a few sets of our identical twins at school came in with the same costumes. Hopefully the right students went to the right classes! For our lower school green, blue and EYFS pathway learners they were immersed in stories. We had a visiting sensory storyteller come to visit the school and the students showed excellent attention and engagement in all of the activities provided.

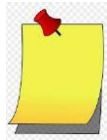
This week we had a school governor and members of the Active Learning Trust staff visit the school to help us review and improve our practice. We were focussing on the development of our school learning values and behaviours. Our visitors were very impressed by our work at school and the students demonstrated all of our learning values brilliantly. When spoken to by our visitors the students gave some excellent feedback. It was lovely to hear one student talking about how hard he found learning in mainstream and wasn't very independent. He commented 'now when I find something hard I keep trying – that is resilience. I also try to work on my own and be independent'. These are all skills our learners will need and be able to apply in adult life which we continue to nurture and develop.

Enjoy your weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Please don't forget to complete our parent and carers survey that is live currently by using this link <https://forms.office.com/e/cFAhfuj5ge>
- Next week will be week 2 of the school dinner menu
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email office@highfieldlittleport.org and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.
- Next week we have some Primary PGCE placement students completing some experience at school.
- All year 11 students will be participating in a Work Experience Placement during the Summer Term. As their last placements were all very successful, we have decided to offer our students the opportunity of choosing their own individual placement of their choice. As in mainstream schools, the student will need to source their own placement and apply independently. This will continue to develop our students preparing for adulthood skills.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

This week's emotion of the week is LONELY.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

