



HLA News



Friday 4th February 2022

Dear Families,

February already, it is good to see the evenings becoming lighter now.

We continue to manage the difficult Covid situation but I want to extend my thanks to parents and staff for their excellent support during this period. The students are also so adaptable and are responding to changes well. We are very proud of them.

This week we have been working on setting up a new way to access our Evidence for Learning platform. There is now a new app available for Apple and Android called Evidence for Learning Family which is a much more user friendly interface. It will mean that parents can quickly and easily see what their children are learning at school and also comment upon activities. It is also very easy to add all of that great learning at home too. We are in the process of setting up the data elements of the system and creating some 'how to' video's so we will let you know when you are able to download the app.

S4 have been working on some fantastic stop motion animation linked with their Tudor's topic. They have created a brilliant set and I am really looking forward to seeing the finished film. Puffins class have been learning about position and direction and really amazed me with their directional skills. They were also working on coordinates and did a great job at remembering letters first then numbers.

I unfortunately have some sad news to share with you. Sarah Bradshaw-Hughes who is our Specialist Communication Teaching Assistant will be leaving us next week. She has dedicated over 22 years to both Highfield Schools and will be sorely missed. We wish her lots of luck on her travels around Spain and hopes she manages to keep in touch. We want to have lots of post cards! As a school we are working on a plan to ensure this valuable provision at school is filled and will inform you shortly our plans for this.

Wishing you all a happy and safe weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School





Golden Book Stars of the Week



Eagles Student really improving his reading skills at the moment. He always gives his best.

Robins Student for amazing independent Yoga and working hard in physio this week.

Robins Student for showing amazing resilience and adapting to changes within the classroom routine while settling back into school.

Swallows Student for excellent teamwork and thinking to resolve a problem.

Swallows Student for being a kind, thoughtful, helpful and supportive friend.

S1 Student for excellent participation in life skills lessons.

S3 Student for his contributions to class discussion on persuasive writing to King Henry VIII.

It is fantastic to see so many of our learning values demonstrated both in class and within the award certificates. Don't forget if you see any great learning at home you can post it on your child's Evidence for Learning profile via your personalised link. The app will be coming soon!

Our Learning Values at HLA

Independence



Creativity

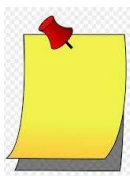


Resilience



Thinking

Team Work



Important Information



- As a school we will continue to have in place our existing Covid measures until at least half term. This involves all students wearing face coverings in communal areas (where they are able) and secondary aged students wearing them in classrooms.
- Can I remind everyone that we are nut free school. If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners. We also have some learners with other allergies so would request your understanding if we communicate some items are not bought in. This is to ensure the safety of all concerned.
- Please ensure any Covid related questions or queries are sent to the Covid inbox. Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to Covid.HLA@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website. Thank you to those who routinely test and report, this really is making a difference to identify cases at an early stage.
- School photographs have been rearranged for Friday 4th March in the morning.
- On Thursday 10th February we will be holding a multicultural day at school. If any parents are able to contribute to this by video call or any other means (unfortunately we are not able to have anyone on site) please contact Jo our Humanities coordinator on joanne.lloyd-jackson@highfieldlittleport.org
- Next week is Children's Mental Health Week. Students will be completing a variety of different activities in class and there will also be a non-uniform day on Friday 11th February – more details can be found on Class Dojo next week.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Don't believe everything you see online

Likes and followers aren't really that important

Do not click on suspicious links.

Children's Mental Health Week

