



HLA News

Friday 5th May 2023



Dear Families,

Hello everyone and firstly apologies for missing last week's newsletter. I had returned on Friday after a very busy residential trip and needless to say most of the weekend was spent sleeping! Lots more learning and fun to be packed into this week's news.

Last week we hosted our annual residential trip. A group of 19 students and 6 staff went to Norfolk Lakes adventure centre. We completed a range of activities ranging from rifle shooting, archery, climbing and paddle boarding. The students were a credit to our school. They demonstrated fantastic resilience, team work and independence and have all commented about how much they enjoyed it. Many thanks to Maria for organising the residential and all of the staff who gave up their spare time to support the children on this great experience.

This week we had a visit from the newly appointed Deputy CEO of the Active Learning Trust, Karl Jackson. He loved talking and meeting all of our students. He specifically commented on how supportive and adaptive our teaching methods were. Karl also said our students were very engaged and independent in their learning which was a lovely comment to receive. It is always nice to have our work verified externally and positive praise given.

Today our school was a mass of red, white and blue in celebration of the King's coronation at the weekend. The students have been taking part in a variety of activities and sensory experiences related to this. Other students have asked some very thoughtful questions linked to historical learning which again is great to see and hear.

On Friday 19th May between 9.30 and 11.00 we will be hosting the first of our regular parent/carer coffee mornings. At each of these events we will be hosting either a guest speaker or be concentrating on a topic of interest. We will have the School Nurse, Lisa Flowers attending the first session who will be able to introduce us to her role and how she is able to support us. Also she will be able to answer any questions you might have regarding your children or any problems you need advice on. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible. There will of course be coffee and biscuits too.

In a previous newsletter I highlighted the importance for full and good attendance at school. This continues to be of utmost importance so that we can maximise positive opportunities for our learners. We are seeing attendance rates gradually improving but we can still do better. Parents are reminded to ensure that holidays are booked out of term time so that students can maintain good attendance.

I hope you have a great weekend and enjoy the coronation celebrations.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- We have a parent/carer coffee morning on Friday 19th May, 9.30 – 11.00. The school nurse will be attending. We look forward to seeing as many of you there as possible.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved. Our school desperately needs your support to provide additional funds to help enhance student's school experience.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.
- Please remember we are a dog free site (excluding assistance and therapy dogs)
- We understand times are tough but please do donate £7.50 per term towards class funds so that we can continue
- There will be a School Nursing Drop in clinic on Monday 24th April. Please book your slot by calling or emailing the school nurses on CCS-TR.SNSN@nhs.net or call 01223 218061
- There is a bank holiday on Monday 8th May so the school will be closed.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

Our emotion of the week is angry. We are revisiting previous emotions and now exploring the way they make us feel and how to respond appropriately.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

