



HLA News

Friday 8th October 2021



Dear Families,

It is Friday again, the weeks are whizzing by!

This week some of our students from our Yellow pathway classes upstairs have been reinforcing their learning in their Romans topic by visiting Ely Museum. There were lots of practical, hand on activities, which the students really enjoyed.

We have heard from the photography company who takes our school photos that unfortunately they have had to cancel their October date with us. The session has been rebooked by the company to take place in January. I understand that some people use these photos for Christmas presents but this is out of our control as January was the earliest rebooking date.

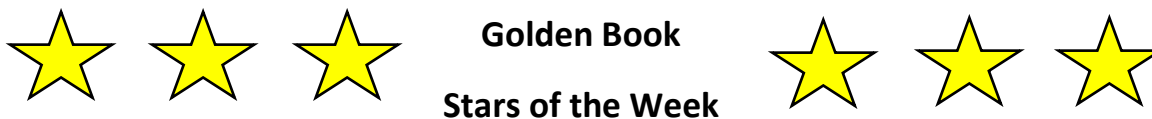
Today we saw a mass of yellow in support of Young Minds a charity who support those with mental health difficulties. Thank you so much for all of your support – I will update you next week with our fundraising total. A few weeks ago, we supported Jeans for Genes and that raised a fabulous £77.

This week it has been great to see the snack time and lunch time routines in our Green pathway classes. Students are becoming so much more independent and developing their life skills brilliantly by setting the table and washing up. It would be great to hear about if these skills are transferred to the home environment.

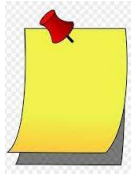
The government have informed us that routine Covid testing twice weekly is to continue for secondary aged students. You should have been supplied with more test kits this week. Please do not forget to report results via the government website and to our Covid email address. This asymptomatic testing will go a long way to helping to identify and control the virus.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern, Head of School



- Eagles Student** being much better at listening and using their quiet voice when they want to explain things to adults.
- Eagles Student** working really hard with using finger spaces in their sentences.
- Puffins Student** settling down so well in the afternoons (a real improvement).
- Puffins Student** excellent verbal contributions during class shared reading.
- Robins Student** fantastic adding and subtracting in Maths.
- Swallows Student** having the confidence to volunteer to participate in an upper school assembly.
- Swallows Student** engagement, participation, focus and contribution in a maths lesson on capacity.
- S4 Class** amazing behaviour on their trip to Ely Museum.
- S5 Student** insightful comments about Martin Luther King’s ‘I have a Dream’ speech.
- S5 Student** excellent recall on the Properties of Quadrilaterals in Maths.
- Wrens Student** managing their feelings and emotional responses well.



Important Information



- Although Covid-19 protective measures have been relaxed please remember the need for regular hand washing and social distancing at school. We want to keep everyone safe and well.
- 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.
- Flu and Hep B vaccinations are taking place next week on 14th October. Please ensure you have completed the relevant consent forms.
- On Tuesday 12th October our S5 students will be visiting the Careers Fair at Ely Cathedral. More information has been communicated via Class Dojo.
- Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to covid@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website. We have been informed by the government that this will be continuing past the end of September.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Tablets are really popular with younger children, and the market has several which are geared specifically towards delivering child friendly content. When it comes to using them, start slowly: only download games and apps you have checked out carefully and steer them towards age targeted content such as [BBC iPlayer Kids](https://www.bbc.com/iplayer/kids) or [YouTube Kids](https://www.youtube.com/kids).

Sites like www.net-aware.org.uk and or www.commonsemmedia.org also provide useful advice.

