



HLA News

Friday 11th March 2022



Dear Families,

Welcome to the end of the 3rd week back at school, time is flying by so quickly.

Just a reminder and some clarification with regards to isolation periods if their child does test positive. According to government and Local Authority guidance:

- Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days. This being said there is no legal requirement to isolate.

There has now been the removal of the legal responsibility to isolate following a positive test. This being said any students who are positive and symptomatic should stay at home until they are better.

Students in S4 have been practising their conversational and debating skills this week. There were some interesting debates to be had about Crime and Punishment and students shared some very insightful views. Some views were also challenged too!

Students in S2 and S3 have been learning and comparing different types of poetry. They were able to explain to me what a simile and onomatopoeia was. I am looking forward to seeing their finished work to see how they have applied their learning.

Owls class have been doing some excellent communication this week. There has been lots of spontaneous signing which is lovely to see. We are now working on reinforcing this and introducing PECS and communication books more readily in class with the support of our new communication TA, Angela.

Next week is Science Week and we will be applying our investigative skills with biscuits. Sounds yummy – I am happy to take part!

I hope parents have been able to log on to the new Evidence for Learning App? If anyone has any difficulty please email office@highfieldlittleport.org and we can reset your password and send more login instructions for you. Don't forget to add your own comments on there from home too, we love to have feedback and hear about the great learning at home too.

Thank you to everyone who took the time to engage in our parents evening this week. We hope it was useful in sharing learning information and next steps with you.

Thank you all for your support,

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Golden Book Stars of the Week



Puffin Student	for increasingly more settled/ independent – organising herself really well!
Owls Student	for improved engagement and interaction with others.
Robins Student	for amazing sing and sign during circle time.
Sparrows Student	for anticipating Routines and using PECS sentence strips to ask for resources in the classroom.
Swallows Student	for completing his maths learning independently.
Swallows Student	for thinking how to safely carry scissors around the classroom.
S1 Student	for making good choices and excellent participation in lessons.
S2 Student	for always taking the lead on preparing toast every day. She is kind to her peers by always offering toast and she delivers her service with a great big smile!
S5 Student	for completing all three Maths GCSE mock papers under exam conditions.
S5 Student	for dressing independently after swimming.
Wrens Student	for doing really well with his sight reading words.



Important Information



- There is a parents information session via Teams on Wednesday 16th March for all of those who have students attending our Kingswood Residential. You can find the link on the Class Dojo page.
- 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.
- 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.
- Please remember that if your child is unwell or tests positive please keep your child off school to minimise transmission.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Sleep Comes First

It is advisable that the phone stays out of the bedroom to avoid night time interruptions, and having a period of time before bed without phone or tablet use is beneficial too.

The blue light emitted from LCD screens has been shown to disrupt sleep by interfering with our natural body rhythms, blocking our bodies from creating a sleep hormone called melatonin.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

