



HLA News



Friday 15th March 2024

Dear Families,

What a great week at HLA, lots of visitors and learning happening.

Extension update – The kitchen extension will begin on 2nd April so you will see on site that there will be a building compound and a few changes to traffic movement. The builders will be working with us to minimise disruption but please remember if you are visiting site to park in the parent bays on the main stretch to the school. This will help with the logistics of the building.

Firstly I need to say a big well done to the Key Stage 4 students who have been taking part in mock exams this week. They have all taken it in their stride and we are so proud of how they have conducted themselves within these examinations. This really is a different situation for them to manage and they have all done so with such maturity. Thank you to Jill for being the mastermind in exam organisation and the staff team for supporting students and organising the logistics of everything!

Thank you to the parents and carers who joined us on International Maths Day. It was lovely to hear about all of the great teamwork and activities that went on. The theme was 'Making Maths Fun' and there were lots of games where students had the opportunity to apply their knowledge.

We had another visit from the artists from the Babylon Arts gallery this week to work with the students. It has been such a great project and has really boosted the creativity of our learners and allowed them to be fully immersed in nature.

Our newly reformed SOHLA group have organised their first fundraising event. We will be holding a Spring Bingo event at Littleport Leisure Centre on Friday 26th April 2024. Doors open at 6pm with eyes down at 6.30pm. There will be bingo, a raffle, refreshments and a bar. If anyone can donate any raffle prizes we would be most grateful, please spread the word to local businesses too who might want to donate. We hope you can come along to the Bingo event to support our school. Our first fundraising target is to raise money for some wheelchair accessible play equipment.

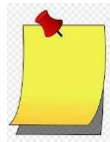
Thank you to those parents who took time to attend our parents evening this week. There was some great feedback and planning for students next steps. Unfortunately we only had a limited number of parents coming on to site to have their appointment face to face. Due to this for future parent's evenings these will only be offered via Teams as it has shown that this is more effective for everyone concerned. We are still continuing to have lots of parent open sessions and of course access to Evidence for Learning so there will be a lot of opportunities to come into school and be involved in your child's learning.

Today our school council organised activities to raise money for Comic Relief – we even had a teacher being put in the stocks. I was out on a conference this time – what a shame! 😊

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 to class funds for this term via Parent Pay. We try not to charge for each individual activity which would be more expensive to parents. If we do not get sufficient contributions we may have to review this arrangement.
- Please remember we are a NUT FREE school due to severe allergies
- Tuesday 26th March are Y8 and Y9 catch up vaccinations – consents have already been arranged.
- This term ends on Thursday 28th March with students returning to school after the break on Tuesday 16th April.
- Please ensure you **call the office before 9.15am to report your child absent**. If we do not have a call or message we have to make contact with you.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 89.4%. This is an increase on last week. We aim for individual attendance to be at 92% or above. This is classed as good attendance. We encourage you to continue working with us to improve school attendance and punctuality. Please remember that any applications for absences during school term time will not be authorised.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Respect the law

Use reliable services and know how to legally access media you want.

Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is NERVOUS. Try to talk about how your child might be feeling, what their body feels like when they experience this emotion and what they can do to understand and react to them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Don't be afraid to ask for help. There are lots of sources of support including friends, colleagues, The Samaritans and other organisations.

