



HLA News



Friday 15th November 2024

Dear Families,

This week has been a busy one but very productive. There has been lots of active learning and a focus on preparation for adulthood with all of our learners.



An update on our 50 place extension plans. Unfortunately it is unlikely that the build will be ready for completion to open in September 2025. It is more likely that this is after October half term 2025, or at the worst January 2026. Although this is disappointing this will enable our new students who will be replacing our leavers to transition into school and settle before we have a further increase to our numbers when the extension opens. This will minimise disruption for all concerned.

This week our students represented our school at the Armistice Day service in Littleport on Monday. The students learnt about our fallen war heroes and the importance of remembrance. They made wreaths and laid them at the memorial in Littleport. All of our students carried out their roles with respect and were extremely well behaved and presented. We were very proud of how they conducted themselves.

This week our classes have been doing some work about our Learning Value Kindness that ties in with anti-bullying week. Students have been applying their learning fantastically and there have been lots of examples of kind treatment and mutual respect of others around school. Students also wore odd socks on Tuesday to share awareness of anti-bullying and how important it is to respect each other.

Today we supported Children in Need in style. Students wore non uniform (or spots – or both!) to support the charity. We also held a yummy cake sale. We will share the fundraising totals with you soon!

Students in Key Stage 3 and Key Stage 4 had a visit from our local PCSO Mags Harvey. The students learnt about behaviour in the community and their awareness of the law. An essential preparation for adulthood activity. They also learnt about knife crime and personal safety. The students all engaged well and they asked some very insightful questions.

As part of my learning walk activities and quality assurance it was also a great pleasure to see some of our Active Play sessions in action. The students were learning tennis skills and working on developing their hand / eye coordination. It was great to see how resilient some students were persisting at some very tricky skills.

We hope you have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure that you connect to both Arbor and Evidence for Learning so that you are kept up to date with all school activities. Everyone has been sent a password so please make sure you connect. If you need an invite please do let us know.
- Don't forget about the My Child's Art flyer to see your child's artwork on lots of Christmas gifts. The flyer is on the page below.
- The next school nursing clinic will be held at Highfield Littleport on 2nd December. If you would like to book an appointment please email ccs.childrenscomplexspecialistteam@nhs.net or call 01223 218061
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 94.5%. This is a great increase compared to last week – keep it up! Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **According to new direction from the trust families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

KEEP SOFTWARE UP TO DATE

Turn on automatic updates for your software and Operating System. Ensure all software patches and fixes are regularly applied.

Emotion of the Week – Pride



Try to talk to your child about pride and how this makes them and their body feel. You can explore different words for the emotion and how to appropriately respond. Talk about how we can manage these feelings.

Mental Health

Tip of the Week

If you are having trouble solving a problem, step away for a bit and focus on something else. Sometimes in taking a break, you discover a solution.



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