



HLA News

Friday 17th March 2023



Dear Families,

We have had a very busy week at Highfield Littleport, students continue to be happy and engaged.

This week we conducted a lockdown practice with the students who all responded amazingly well given the circumstances. We treated it as a game of hide and seek and the students found it funny that I had to search the whole school to find them. We of course recognise that some students can find this process quite distressing but we ensured that we were able to make adaptations to arrangements to support them. These drills only have to be completed once per year thankfully. I am very proud of how the students responded.

Today students came into school dressed as lots of different characters in aid of Comic Relief. Students have been telling lots of jokes and the school has been full of fun and laughter (even more than usual!). There was a tuck shop and a cake sweep stake to raise money for some worthwhile causes. I will share the grand fundraising total with you when all of the money is counted.

Here at Highfield Littleport we want to encourage good attendance at school at all times. Please do bear with us when we are making calls with regards to attendance we just want to ensure that our students are safe and well. We understand things can act as a barrier to good school attendance in some cases. Please remember that our Family and Student Support Worker, Jeannette Hunter can support with any difficulties you may have. She can be contacted by calling the school or her email is Jeannette.hunter@highfieldlittleport.org

This week students in Puffins class have been working well in the Science lab. They have been learning about solids, liquids and gases and all worked very responsibly. They worked well to conduct experiments safely and observed changes of state in action.

Students in the Upper School participated in a work experience project on Monday with G's Fresh producing healthy salad bowls. All engaged very well and it introduced our students to a different career path. We also had some excellent feedback from our regional careers coordinator who commented that we were really proactive at reaching out to the local business community. They also said that they had a lovely morning and the team were a delight to work with.

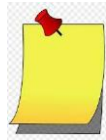
On Monday we had another head teacher from the Active Learning Trust come to look around and speak to our students about their school experience. I was very impressed at the student's responses and they had a very mature outlook. Students in the upper school talked to her about the great things about our school compared to their previous experiences. It was lovely to hear about them commenting that they had to 'do a lot of masking to fit in' at their other school but they expressed at Highfield Littleport they could just be themselves and learn well. Another proud moment for me hearing these opinions from our students.

Enjoy your weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Next week will be week 1 of the school dinner menu
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email office@highfieldlittleport.org and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved. Our school desperately needs your support to grow and develop.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.
- Next week we will be hosting some year 13 work experience students from Bishop Laney Sixth form. We are hoping this will inspire the next generation of SEN professionals.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week

This week's emotion of the week is ANNOYED.



Online Safety Tip of the Week

You can never tell who people are that you are talking to online. If you don't know them do not interact with them and tell an adult. Also never arrange to meet someone you do not know or have met online.

Never meet **Face-to-Face** with someone you do not know.