



HLA News



Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Families,

Well the sun needs to make up its mind what it is doing! This week we went back to splashing in the puddles on the playground which the younger children love just as much as the sunshine and then the sun makes a return.

This week the kitchen and dining room extension is still going well. The builders are continuing to secure the foundations of the building and are making excellent progress. Within a couple of weeks we will begin to see the structure of the building going up. The main extension planning is also gathering pace. We have been informed that there will be further surveys taking place at half term to establish the make-up of the foundations of the build so that there are no unwelcome surprises. The builders have assured us that the works will be completed in the holiday and won't affect the day to day running of the school. They really are being very considerate to the needs of the school which is very reassuring.

You will see that we currently have some job vacancies advertised. We shared last week the plans to extend our leadership team which are still ongoing. We also have an advert for a part time caretaker to expand the capacity in our site team. If you are proactive, have a trade or a bit of a handyman please take a look at the My New Term website and apply.

This week it is Mental Health Awareness Week. This is run by the Mental Health Foundation. The theme this year is 'Movement: moving more for our mental health'. We had lots of fun with movement to promote good mental health. There were some very long conga lines to music and the students all joined in to do the moves to YMCA. It was a fantastic way to lift student's mood and keep fit at the same time.

Here at Highfield our students have chosen to formulate and take part in a variety of different clubs at lunch time to enrich their curriculum. One of the popular clubs is our singing club. Take a look at this link <https://youtu.be/-etWKGA6pVc> You can see our students having a great time singing, dancing and signing to 'It Must Be Love'. Great work everyone!

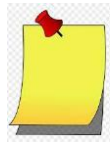
This week students in S3, S4 and S5 have been learning about community inclusion and how anything is possible if you put your mind to it. They had a virtual visit from Stuart Robinson who is an ex serving RAF Regiment gunner. He was severely injured in an armoured patrol and suffered multiple injuries losing both of his legs. Stuart is now a Paralympic gold medallist in wheelchair rugby and has an MBE. He talked about his journey through a life changing injury and the need for resilience, having a positive mind-set and determination to succeed. The students asked some very insightful questions and are now even more inspired to apply our learning value of resilience.

It is lovely being able to invite parents back into school again. Next week some of our Green pathway classes downstairs have invited families in to join us for lots of art activities. There will be opportunities to visit classes within the department and Key Stage 4 students will be serving drinks practising their customer service skills. Also don't forget our Art exhibition after half term, thank you to everyone for returning the reply slips.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information

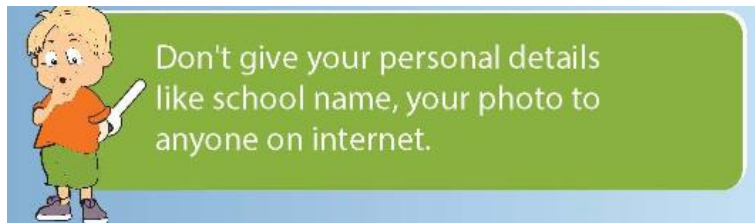


- Please remember to complete and return your parent/carer comments sheets prior to your child's Annual Review meeting. We need to ensure we capture everyone's views.
- Please do not forget to **pay £7.50 to class funds per child for this term** via Parent Pay. We try not to charge for each individual activity which would be more expensive to parents.
- There is a school nursing clinic taking place at school on Monday 17th June. For further information or to book an appointment please email CCS-TR.SNSN@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.
- 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.
- Green classes downstairs have an art open session on Thursday 23rd May at 1.45pm
- Our Art Exhibition takes place on Thursday 6th June – tickets will be allocated for attendance throughout the day.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 91.8%. This is a decline on last week. Please remember that any applications for absences during school term time will not be authorised. **According to policy and local authority direction families who take unauthorised holidays during term time will be fined.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Emotion of the Week:



This week's emotion is LONELY. 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:

SHIFT YOUR FOCUS
Focus on enjoyable things in life: rediscover hobbies, try new hobbies or start an online book club.