



HLA News

Friday 17th November 2023



Dear Families,

Wow what a busy week it has been, visitors and singing and lots more!

This week we had a visit from Josh at Star Radio to do some very special recording with us. We are going to be featured on the Sleeps Til Santa on Star Radio. Some of our students were interviewed too and did exceptionally well. Our section was 25 sleeps to go so we will be featured first. I will update you when I find out the airing details.

We hosted a coffee morning this week with Mags Harvey who is our local PCSO. She talked about stranger danger, staying safe on and off line and gave some valuable advice as to how we can keep our learners safe. Thank you to those parents and carers who attended and we hope you found it useful.

Today we were also planning a Key Stage 4 information session on Careers and what the Key Stage 4 curriculum looks like. Unfortunately we did not have enough parents sign up to make the session viable. If you would like the information to be shared please do message Jill on Class Dojo and she will be able to get the information out to you.

This week some of our students in Key Stage 4 have been initiating more community work and social opportunities to develop their communication skills. They are attending the Grange Care Home in Littleport to work with the residents. Students enjoyed a great game of Bingo with the residents and it was lovely to see the benefit that both parties got out of the visit.

There has been some great learning and engagement around school this week. S2 have done some excellent phonics work with a brilliant cross curricular element. Students have done brilliantly adding up scores from their phonics game, constructing and writing words – great work!

Can I remind parents and carers to ensure that students are sent in with a small snack and drink each day. We used to be able to provide this for the students but due to the reduction in donations to class funds this is no longer possible. Many thanks for your cooperation.

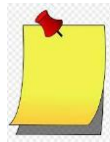
Next week we are continuing our football matches with Highfield Ely Academy and are starting to add a bit of competition. The students have really enjoyed being able to play within bigger teams and make new social connections with students of a similar ability.

I hope you have a good weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Please ensure you return your computer usage forms back to school as soon as possible so that we do not have any disruption to learning
- Don't forget to contribute £7.50 per term if you are able towards our extra-curricular activities. This can be done via Parent Pay as we are a cashless school.
- We have the catch up Flu Vaccination Clinic being held at school on Monday 4th December.
- We are on week 3 for the lunch menu this coming week.

School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was **91.8%**. This is up on last week – let's try hard to continue this. We are working hard to improve school attendance as just having one day off can have a big impact upon students learning and progress.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Tips to stay safe while online.



Emotion of the Week:

This week's emotion is **CONFUSED**. 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:

Try to maintain your activity levels.

Even gentle exercise can increase serotonin levels and help to maintain positive wellbeing.

