



HLA News

Friday 18th March 2022



Dear Families,

It is lovely to see the lighter nights creeping back in and great to get outside more with the students now the weather is improving.

As some of you will be aware the Government requirements with regards to Covid testing are due to come to an end on April 1st. To that end today we will be issuing the last batch of Covid home testing kits to students. As a school we are no longer able to order tests via the portal unless the rules change in the coming weeks. We also anticipate changes in isolation guidance so will of course update you on the implications for this on schools as soon as we are able. This week we have also re-introduced the wearing of face coverings in corridors and communal areas for staff and students. This is in response to a slight increase of cases in school. This will be reviewed next week as we monitor the situation closely. Please try not to worry as this is purely a preventative measure.

After half term there will be some small class changes in the Yellow Pathway upper department. Tilly will be teaching Puffins Class and Andy will be teaching S2. The aim of this is to broaden the experiences of learners and staff and also to aid the transition process for all students to more formal learning. These classes already swap for some sessions to utilise subject strengths so this will act as a good transition for these learners.

Students in Swallows class have been learning a lot about The Great Fire of London. There have been lots of historical enquiry skills being applied with questions such as 'how did it spread?' and 'What started the fire?'

Students in Wrens class have been really enjoying their Jabadao sessions focussing on sensory needs and developmental movement. We have seen increased levels of engagement in this activity and it is a great way to promote health and fitness.

Puffins class have been making the most of the outdoors while applying their measuring skills. They were measuring lots of different things on the playground this week and loved applying their knowledge in a practical context.

As part of our internal monitoring and quality assurance we asked an external advisor to evaluate our approach to reading at school along with the implementation of the Read Write Inc programme. They spoke to students, staff and observed practice in lessons and concluded that there were strong, consistent approaches to reading across the school. The student group did us proud and showed off their reading skills beautifully. There was lots of joint working and application of blending skills with recognition of 'special friends' which is part of the scheme. Students have made great progress in this area and I hope you are finding the online reading resources from Oxford Owl beneficial to support at home.

Thank you all for your support,

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Golden Book Stars of the Week



Eagles Student	for making amazing progress with their handwriting and phonics work.
Eagles Student	for thinking carefully about what they has been reading this week and answering comprehension questions well.
Puffin Class	for coping well with changes to their school week
Swallows Student	for excellent thinking as they independently complete multiplication calculations of the two times table.
S1 Student	for excellent use of 'special friends' in phonics lessons.
S3 Student	for recalling information about the Rainforests from a previous lesson.
S5 Student	for having the maturity to engage in open discussions about their feelings.
Wrens Student	for engaging well during group activities.



Important Information



- On Friday 25th March there will be a second opportunity for students in the age 5-11 year group to get a Covid vaccination at school. Please ensure you complete the consent using the portal if you wish your child to be included.
- Can I remind everyone that we are nut free school. If students bring products in containing nuts it will be necessary to confiscate them for the health and safety of all our learners.
- Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to Covid.HLA@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website.
- Please remember that if your child is unwell or tests positive please keep your child off school to minimise transmission.
- This week will be the last week for the issuing of home lateral flow tests unless government guidance changes. Unfortunately we are no longer able to order them through the school portal.
- Please see class dojo for a link to complete an online parent views survey. Your thoughts are very important to us and we want to take them on board to help us to continually improve. If you would like a paper copy please let us know.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Learn Your Way Around!

Most devices have controls to ensure that students can't access content you don't want them to. Make sure your "in-app" purchases are disabled to avoid nasty surprises.

There's lots of information on the UK Safer Internet Centre website with a helpful Parent's Technology Guide.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

