



HLA News



Friday 18th October 2024

Dear Families,

One week to go until half term, this has been a long half term but the students have continued to engage well in their learning.

We are still moving forward with our planning for the 50 place extension. We have had contactors from the health and safety department working with us to manage the project and ensure that safety is paramount. They are very understanding of the schools needs and are working very well with us. The planning application is still live and can be viewed on the Littleport and East Cambridgeshire planning portal.

I need to remind parents and carers of our collection times here at school. Students officially finish school at 3.15 which is when parents need to arrive to collect. Our staff are only employed until 3.30pm so there is not adequate supervision for learners after this time. We begin loading students on to taxis slightly earlier than this to ensure that our students are safely on their way. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Moving On event in our school hall this week. There was lots of essential information linked to student's next steps with visitors from a variety of providers present. If you need any of the information forwarded please do look on the Class Dojo transition pages.

A reminder that SOHLA are hosting a Halloween Bingo Event on Friday 25th October 2024, doors open at 6.30pm with eyes down at 7pm. There will be a raffle with the top prize of a £50 dining out voucher with lots of other great prizes. Fancy dress is welcomed and there will be a prize for the best dressed Halloween outfit. If you would like to purchase raffle tickets for £1 per strip please send in money in an envelope with the child's name on for the attention of Paula. Please also let us know if you would like to reserve a table for the event.

This week some of our students also enjoyed the English Touring Opera 'The Wellies'. This gave our students a great opportunity to experience different types of music, enjoy sensory performances and learn that opera can be fun and enjoyable.

Students in Wrens have been working so hard on their communication and attention and listening skills. This week I was privileged to be able to join in with an Attention Autism session. The levels of engagement and participation were fantastic.

Students in Key Stage 4 have been beginning to prepare to put together their personal statements. It was great to see so many students being reflective on their own attributes and taking the views of others on board. There were lots of our learning values shared too which was pleasing to hear.

Have a lovely weekend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information

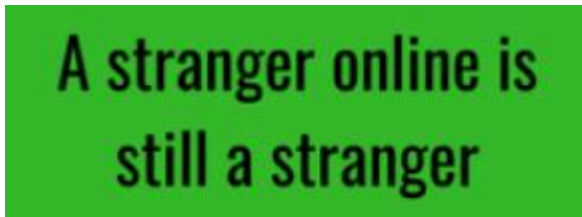


- Please ensure that you connect to both Arbor and Evidence for Learning so that you are kept up to date with all school activities. Everyone has been sent a password so please make sure you connect. If you need an invite please do let us know.
- SOHLA have organised a Halloween Bingo on Friday 25th October, doors open 6.30pm with eyes down at 7pm. Please let us know if you would like to reserve a table.
- Class funds donations (a recommended value of £10) are paid for termly through Arbor
- We try to promote healthy choices of food for students at lunchtimes. We understand that some of our learners have specific tastes and sensory needs but we ask for you to please work with us to help your child make healthy choices.
- 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 93.3%. This is 3% higher than last week, thank you for working with us to continually improve attendance. 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:



Remember that stranger danger rules apply both online and offline. Make sure you are aware of who you are talking to and not everyone is who they say they are.

Emotion of the Week – Remorse



Try to talk to your child about remorse and how this makes them and their body feel. Talk about how we can manage these big feelings and stop them becoming 'too big'.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Remember you cannot change the past but you are in control of elements of your future.

