



HLA News

Friday 18th November 2022



Dear Families,

We have had a great week here at Highfield Littleport. Lots of productive activities meaning great learning.

Last week we had a routine safeguarding and wellbeing audit which was conducted by the Active Learning Trust central team. They were very impressed by our approaches and systems in place for safeguarding and child protection. Students gave their views as part of the process and it was lovely to hear their opinions of our school. All commented they loved to come to school to have fun and learn and they are always greeted by friendly and approachable staff.

In line with our attendance procedures and legal obligations please can I ask you all to ensure that you contact the school before 9am if your child will be absent and the reason for their absence, by calling 01353 223301 or emailing office@highfieldlittleport.org. Please be reminded to forward on copies of medical appointments also so that they can be recorded on your child's file. Within our responsibility for safeguarding it is essential that we account for student's wellbeing when they are not at school.

There has been a hive of activity in the upper school over the past week with lots of different work experience placements being organised. Our students benefit from a comprehensive offer giving them a wide range of experiences to help them choose a future career. Students within Year 10 take part in generic work experience placement to prepare them for the world of work. When in Year 11 the placements are then tailored and are more specific to student's wishes and interests. I want to take this opportunity to thank Jill for her tireless work in sourcing a variety of placements and the organisation that goes with it. This really is a huge asset to our students.

Students have been working well to fundraise for Children in Need today. Students were spotty, donated coins for a collaborative Pudsey and also enjoyed taking part in a colouring competition all for a donation. We will confirm the final total for you shortly. Remember donations can keep coming in and are payable via Parent Pay.

Students in S2 have been working extremely hard with their communication skills this week. Students have been communicating socially using a variety of different methods (communication devices, Makaton and vocal) which has been great to observe. Excellent development of social skills too.

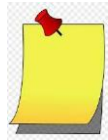
Students in S3 did some great work in the Science lab this week. They have been learning about different chemical reactions and testing out different combinations of acid and alkali. It was their first time conducting a formal experiment in the Science lab. All of the staff were hugely impressed with their engagement and how safe students were.

Don't forget we love to see the great learning that also happens at home. We encourage parents and carers to use the Evidence for Learning app to comment and add your own evidence of what you have been getting up to at home.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- 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 are very lucky for SOHLA to be funding a whole school pantomime to take place for all students on Friday 25th November.
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. There will be a formal meeting after Christmas but if you want to get in touch in the meantime please email office@highfieldlittleport.org and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Reframe unhelpful thoughts

The way we think, feel and behave are linked. Sometimes we develop patterns of thoughts or behaviours that are unhelpful so recognising them, and taking steps to think about things differently, can improve your mental health and wellbeing.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Ensure you consider the age appropriateness of the games and film content that your child is accessing and if they are old enough.



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PEGI 16 – suitable for children 16 and over

PEGI 7 – suitable for young children

PEGI 18 – Only suitable for adults

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