



HLA News

Friday 20th October 2023



Dear Families,

Here we are at the end of our first half term back at school. What a productive and enjoyable half term it has been!

You will recall a few weeks back we had the Cambridgeshire United SEN Soccer School come in to do some sessions with our learners. If you would like to access this outside of school please see this link for more information <https://officialsoccerschools.co.uk/cambridgeunited/cambridge-united-courses/disability.html> The students really enjoyed the sessions and I hope that some students will be able to access this outside of school too.

This week some of our parents joined in with our daily sessions that are taking place between Wrens and Owls classes. Thank you to all of our visitors for coming along, it was lovely to share the learning with parents and carers. Thank you to Jo and Hannah for organising this. We are hoping to have similar sessions across the school where parents can come and join in with learning activities with their children in future.

This week we have held two sessions to help prepare parents, carers and students for their next steps in Y11 and after Highfield. The coffee morning was a great success and Jill has been on hand to help support with completing college applications. There was also a wealth of information available at our shared Moving On event this year hosted at Highfield Ely. Thank you to everyone who attended and we hope you found it useful. Thank you also to the staff who gave up their time to attend – it was much appreciated.

This week we have had a visit from the local PCSO Mags Harvey. She spoke to many groups in the school about the importance of online safety and online bullying. The students listened well and asked some very relevant and insightful questions.

This week some of our students have also accessed the Football Fun Factory who visited school. The students demonstrated some great team work and resilience to complete the tasks. They also loved the social element of the activity and interacted well as a group.

Can I remind all car park users that there is no overtaking of the queueing traffic and taxi's. This poses a significant safety risk and we need to ensure the safety of all users of the site.

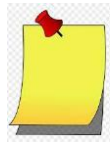
Unfortunately we have not had enough support demonstrated to restart our parent and carer support group SOHLA for the school, we will sadly have to cease the group. They previously funded Christmas gifts, pantomimes and our school leaver's hoodies. This was also a source of income for the school to help enhance provision. In these hard financial times this is a big disappointment and will be a loss to the school.

Today we finish this half term and students return to school on Wednesday 1st November. Monday 30th October and Tuesday 31st October are staff training days where students do not attend.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



Important Information



- Could all outstanding data collection sheets please be completed and returned to school asap
- 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 finish today for half term. **Students return to school on Wednesday 1st November.**
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School Attendance

This week's whole school attendance was 88.1% . This is a decrease on last week – lets try hard to improve this after half term.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Remember...

- NOTHING is private
- Don't say anything you wouldn't say in real life
- Don't post other people's photos
- NEVER post invitations unless you are absolutely sure they will only be seen by a closed group

Emotion of the Week:



Our emotion of the week is EXCITED. We will be working with the students to recognise this emotion, how it feels and what induces it. We will also be teaching strategies to manage emotions appropriately.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:


Share your own
feelings to
encourage
self-awareness.