



HLA News



Friday 21st January 2022

Dear Families,

Firstly, I want to say a heartfelt thank you for the support that has been shown in what has been another challenging week here at school.

Covid continues to pose difficulties and added pressure to maintain safe staffing levels. Due to the nature of the needs of our students, we need to ensure that they are appropriately supported in times of challenge. On times, this can mean that we have to revert to closure but this is always done in the best interests of all concerned.

As I am sure you are aware there has been another government announcement with regards to the use of face coverings in education on Wednesday. Due to the school and local rates of Covid in the area we have taken a decision as a school not to change any Covid measures for the moment. We will be reviewing these at half term and will only take steps where it is safe to do so.

Eagles class has completed some outstanding art work this week. They re-created one of Van Gogh's famous pieces and I must say it is beautiful. Our great artwork has continued upstairs too. Students in S2, S3 and S4 have been learning about vector art. They have applied some excellent shape knowledge to this and created some brilliant pieces of artwork. Take a look at the school Facebook page, you will be impressed! Swallows and Puffins classes are learning all about the world around them and the continents. We are amazed about their existing knowledge and cannot wait to build upon this with them

Despite all of the difficulties with Covid some of our students have begun their work experience placements in the last few weeks. Some are also due to start in the coming week. A big thank you to Jill for organising these. The students will benefit greatly and it will continue to prepare them for their next step in life and work after Highfield.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School





Golden Book Stars of the Week



Swallows Class for having a fantastic attitude to learning, excellent focus and engagement in all lessons this week.

S1 Student for excellent recognition of 2D shapes on our shape hunt.

S3 Student for a positive return to school and approaching a tricky maths task with an 'I can' attitude.

S4 Class for contributing to the Tudor display in class.

S5 Student for progressing to a higher working level in English at LECA.

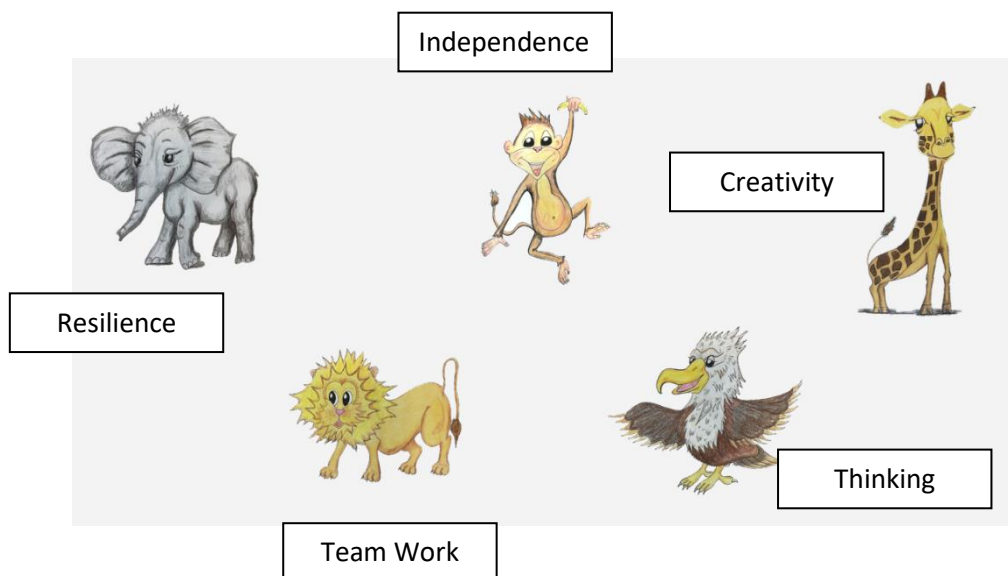
S5 Student for excellent recall in Beliefs and Values.

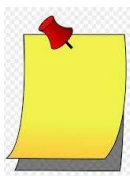
S5 Student for thinking carefully about their personal safety when using a zebra crossing.

S5 Student for being mature and helpful when mum was in labour, and let the paramedics in after their sister had been born.

It is fantastic to see so many of our learning values demonstrated both in class and within the award certificates. Don't forget if you see any great learning at home you can post it on your child's Evidence for Learning profile.

Our Learning Values at HLA





Important Information



- As a school we will continue to have in place our existing Covid measures until at least half term. This involves all students wearing face coverings in communal areas (where they are able) and secondary aged students wearing them in classrooms.
- 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. We also have some learners with other allergies so would request your understanding if we communicate some items are not bought in. This is to ensure the safety of all concerned.
- Please ensure any Covid related questions or queries are sent to the Covid inbox. 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. Thank you to those who routinely test and report, this really is making a difference to identify cases at an early stage.
- Please ensure all student absences are reported to the school office by telephoning 01353 223301. If there is no answer there is a facility to leave a message. It is our responsibility to follow up any absences for safeguarding reasons so if you are able to report any absences promptly that would be very helpful. Also don't forget to inform the school transport company if your child uses education transport.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Cyberbullying

Bullying is hurtful and exists online just as it does offline. Online it can take many forms such as sharing embarrassing photos, nasty comments, or dislikes. Because kids spend so much time on their devices, if they are being bullied it is hard to escape it. Cyberbullying can happen in different ways, but some examples might be:

- Sending unkind messages or comments.
- Sharing images or videos of someone without their permission.
- Excluding someone from a group chat or other online activity like gaming.
- Pressuring another person to say or do something that makes them feel uncomfortable.
- Setting up groups or accounts to encourage others to be mean to someone else.

Childline have some valuable information to help your child recognise and deal with cyber bullying.

Mental Health Tip of the Week

