



HLA News

Friday 23rd September 2022



Dear Families,

This week although it was a shorter week due to the Queen's funeral it has still been a busy one. It is great to see the students so engaged and engrossed in their learning in classes.

On Thursday this week we hosted our Moving On event which was brilliantly organised by our Work Experience coordinator Jill. Huge thanks to her for setting up and running the event. There was a great turn out and parents and students commented that the evening was a very useful one to give information about our student's next steps after Highfield. We recognise that this can be a daunting step for both students and their parents. Following conversations with parents we are looking at hosting a parents coffee morning to discuss college transitions. We would look to invite our 14-25 Pathway Advisor as well as parents who have been through the process to share their experiences. Watch this space!

Students in Wrens have been working so hard on their attention, focus and choice making skills. It was a pleasure to spend some time in there this week and join in with their Play Circle session. They have all settled fantastically and all worked very hard.

Students in S2 have been working on their artistic skills. They have thought carefully about shapes and shading and have created some beautiful pyramid pictures in 2D. I am looking forward to seeing their 3D creations. Lovely demonstration of cross curricular learning too.

One of our school development priorities this year is to facilitate learning in all areas and times of the school day. Some of our students demonstrated this beautifully on the playground today. They were learning to interact and communicate appropriately with others and we observed some lovely interactions with each other. Students were attempting to sign and use symbols to communicate with our students who are non-verbal which was a joy to see. We are looking at putting large communication boards on each playground to help facilitate this further.

For students upstairs they have again used their voice effectively and chosen the lunchtime clubs that they would like to have running. We again have a Pokemon club (a firm favourite!) along with film club and a textiles club. This year students have also chosen to implement an LGBTQ++ club demonstrating equality and understanding for all.

Next week we have our parents evening held at school or via the telephone. Class teachers have already sent appointments. We look forward to sharing our targets and next steps for students for the coming few months.

Finally thank you to everyone who wore their jeans today for the Jeans for Genes charity. I will update you with the final fundraising total next week.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School

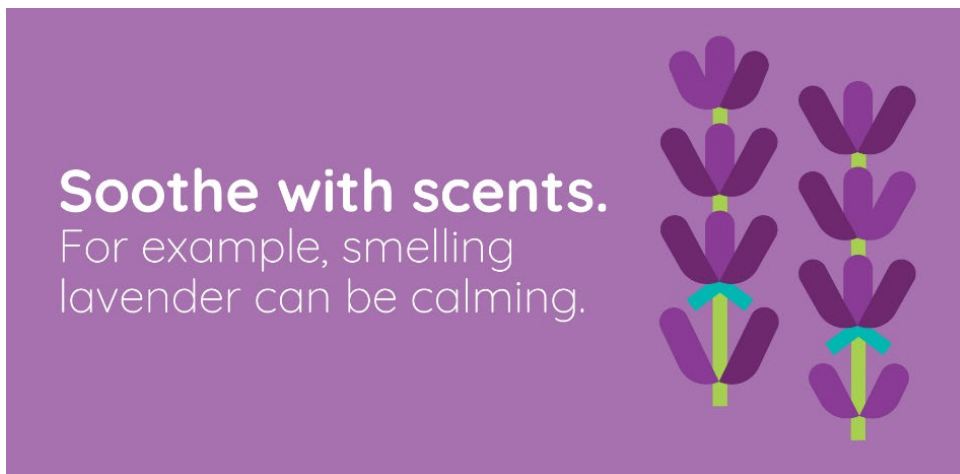


Important Information



- It is the Mildenhall Sports event for some S2, S4 and S5 pupils on Friday next week.
- Parents evening is on Wednesday 28th September between 3.30 and 6.30. Slots have been arranged with class teacher. If your child has an annual review this term you DO NOT need to attend.
- 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 a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

Mental Health Tip of the Week:



Online Safety Tip of the Week:

Gaming

There are so many exciting games out there, and so many consoles to choose from there is a good chance you might have one in your home. Whether it's Microsoft Xbox, Nintendo Switch or Sony PlayStation, there is something for everyone, and every age.

Consider whether your child is mature enough to join an online community, and whether the games they are playing are appropriate. For more advice on this

visit www.pegi.info or www.askaboutgames.com.