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HLA News

Friday 24th June 2021



Dear Families,

Everyone has had a busy week here at HLA. The Leadership Team has had a meeting with our School Improvement Partner within the Active Learning Trust and there were great areas of progress to report around our curriculum, nurture approaches and strategic direction.

Our Upper School students have been very busy this week applying their practical skills using tools as part of a construction unit. Pictures of the finished products will be posted soon! There has also been lots of work experience taking place both on and off campus. The students have behaved impeccably and engaged well with everything that has been asked of them.

Learners upstairs have been practising their instructional writing skills and improving their own writing. Lots of self-reflection has taken place and our learners are continually trying to improve. Swallows have also been learning about capacity and been making cocktails – non-alcoholic of course!

Students downstairs have been learning to recognise the qualities in a good friend. There were lots of insightful responses and students are recognising these qualities in themselves and others.

As part of our Artsmark journey we are busy planning a themed day – more details to come!

Best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern, Head of School

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| | Golden Book Stars of the Week |
| | Stars of the Week |
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| Sparrows Student | Working so hard with his maths investigation. Using numicon to investigate how to |
| | make 16. He was very enthusiastic and eager to keep trying. Amazing work |
| Sparrows Student | Being more confident with class activities this week. He has been enthusiastic and |
| | working hard to do his best |
| S5 Student | Excellent effort with his new exercises in the hydro pool |
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| S1 Student | Excellent work in English using fronted adverbials and using her imagination to make up her own sentences! |
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| Robins Student | Excellent writing in phonics |
| Swallows Student | Excellent problem solving and communication skills in forest schools |
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| Swallows Student | Excellent problem solving and communication skills in forest schools |
| Eagles Student | Being really calm this week and excellent phonics work |
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| Wrens Student | Turn taking with his peers and participation during group activities |

Well done everyone!

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Important Information

- You will see from a separate letter today that reports will be available to view on the Evidence for Learning software on Monday 28th June. This will be via your personal login on your laptop or mobile device. If you wish to discuss these reports we will be holding telephone parent consultations at your request on Wednesday 14th July between 3.30pm and 6pm. Please complete the reply slip on the letter coming out today if you wish to discuss the report. If you have had an Annual Review this half term an appointment will not be necessary as all of the same information will be discussed.
 - Next week is Virtual Work Experience week for students in the S Classes. There will be lots of job related activities and even interviews for school roles on Friday 2nd July. Excellent preparation for the world of work!
 - Please be aware that Covid cases are on the rise in the Cambridge and Peterborough area. We would appreciate parents who collect students from school to remember to socially distance and wear a mask at these times.
 - 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.
 - Secondary aged students please don't forget to test twice weekly and report results to covid@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website.



Remember that it is okay to ask for help. You may feel embarrassed or ashamed, but asking for help shows you care about and value your health and well-being.

Online Safety Tip of the Week

We have been made aware of a newer social media chat platform called Kik where safety is a concern.

Users can communicate without revealing their actual names or phone numbers, and **Kik** doesn't track the content of messages or the phone numbers of users. This makes it hard for law enforcement and parents to get almost any information about the person on the other end of the message.

Please make sure you monitor all platforms your child accesses and ensure age restrictions are adhered to.

Stay safe!

