



# HLA News

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2023



Dear Families,

We have had another busy week this week. I have had the privilege to join in with some sessions within school this week and it has been great to see the progress our learners are making.

On Tuesday I was fortunate to be able to join the Riding for the Disabled session with some of our learners. It is great to see the progress they have made. Some of our learners were afraid to go near horses and seeing how they had developed their confidence and communication skills to make the horses walk on and stop was amazing. Parents also joined this session and student's reactions to showing their parents their great work melted everyone's hearts!

Last week students came into school dressed as lots of different characters in aid of Comic Relief. Students had been telling lots of jokes which has continued into this week! The school council raised a grand total of £201.91 which is a fantastic amount. Thank you to everyone for supporting the very worthwhile charity. Particular thanks also goes to Paula and the school council team for organising such great events.

On Monday we hosted another coffee morning to share information with parents and carers of students in Year 9 and above about careers and next steps after Highfield. We got some great feedback and parents said about how useful the sessions are. We are looking at organising lots more employee encounters and careers events in the future to help prepare our learners and their families for the next step.

Yesterday we held a student information session for pupils attending our residential this year to Norfolk Lakes. The students were amazed to see the range of activities that we are able to participate in. The students also asked some very insightful questions demonstrating how mature they are becoming. Hopefully this has eased some of the student's anxieties, we have reassured them that we are always available to support where necessary. We are holding a parents information session on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm. There is the option to join in person or via Teams. The link to join is on the Norfolk Lakes Class Dojo page.

I need to share a great achievement from one of our students in Key Stage 4. Will entered a poetry competition and we have been informed this week that he won! He has been awarded with a certificate and now has the chance for his work to be included in a published book. Fantastic achievement – well done!

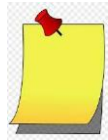
Students in Key Stage 3 yellow have been out and about this week. They went on a trip to observe the boats in Ely linked in with their Science learning this half term. They asked some very interesting questions. Students also practised their skills in travel training and were very responsible.

Enjoy your weekend.

With all best wishes,

*Yvonne Skillern*

Head of School



## Important Information



- Next week will be week 2 of the school dinner menu
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. Please email [office@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:office@highfieldlittleport.org) and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs to get involved. Our school desperately needs your support to grow and develop.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2pm is our Parent Carer information session for the Norfolk Lakes residential. You are able to join via Teams or in person.
- Next week we will be interviewing for a new teacher to fill the position for our new class opening in September.

## Mental Health Tip of the Week:



## Emotion of the Week

This week's emotion of the week is Envious/Envy.



## Online Safety Tip of the Week

### **BE SOFTWARE SAVVY**

Protect all your devices with anti-virus software and make sure you regularly install updates to any programs or apps, as they often include improved security settings.

