HLA News

Friday 25th March 2022

Dear Families,

What a week! I am beginning to wonder where the time is going as it is nearly the Easter holidays – time is flying past.

As you will be aware we had our first inspection from Ofsted on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who completed the parent view survey and spoke to inspectors during their visit. It is great to get a wide representation of views of our school. Unfortunately I am not allowed to share the inspection judgement as yet due to their internal quality assurance processes. What I will say is we were extremely pleased with the result and all of the staff are smiling. Our school self-evaluation was very accurate and the few points for development that were identified we are already working on. The report will be available to parents to read in 4-6 weeks and we will love to share this with you when we are able. There will be lots of celebrations this weekend!

This week there has been some lovely creative work taking place in Wrens and Eagles. Students have been working to keep to a steady beat and read musical notation higher up the school. Inspectors commented on strong progression in learning which is lovely to see. I must say the Woodpecker song is my personal favourite in Wrens class.

Students in S4 have been learning about data handling and how to construct line graphs. They were great at being able to recognise the features of the graph and has started plotting information. Students in S3 have also been doing some great maths learning. They have been focussing on time and there were lots of wow moments in the lesson that I saw. Great work everyone!

Thursday this week was World Maths Day. We decided to combine our flair for the arts with maths and create a mural involving lots of patterns and maths concepts. Students have been learning about tessellation and patterns. We are looking forward to being able to share the finished piece of maths artwork with you when it is completed.

As part of our school focus on strengthening our learning values with our students we are altering the way we give awards at school. There will no longer be a weekly golden book award after the holidays. We want to focus on recognising our learning values at school so will be giving certificates throughout lessons where students have identified and applied these building character. Keep a look out in your children's bags for these certificates – some have been given out already.

Thank you all for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School

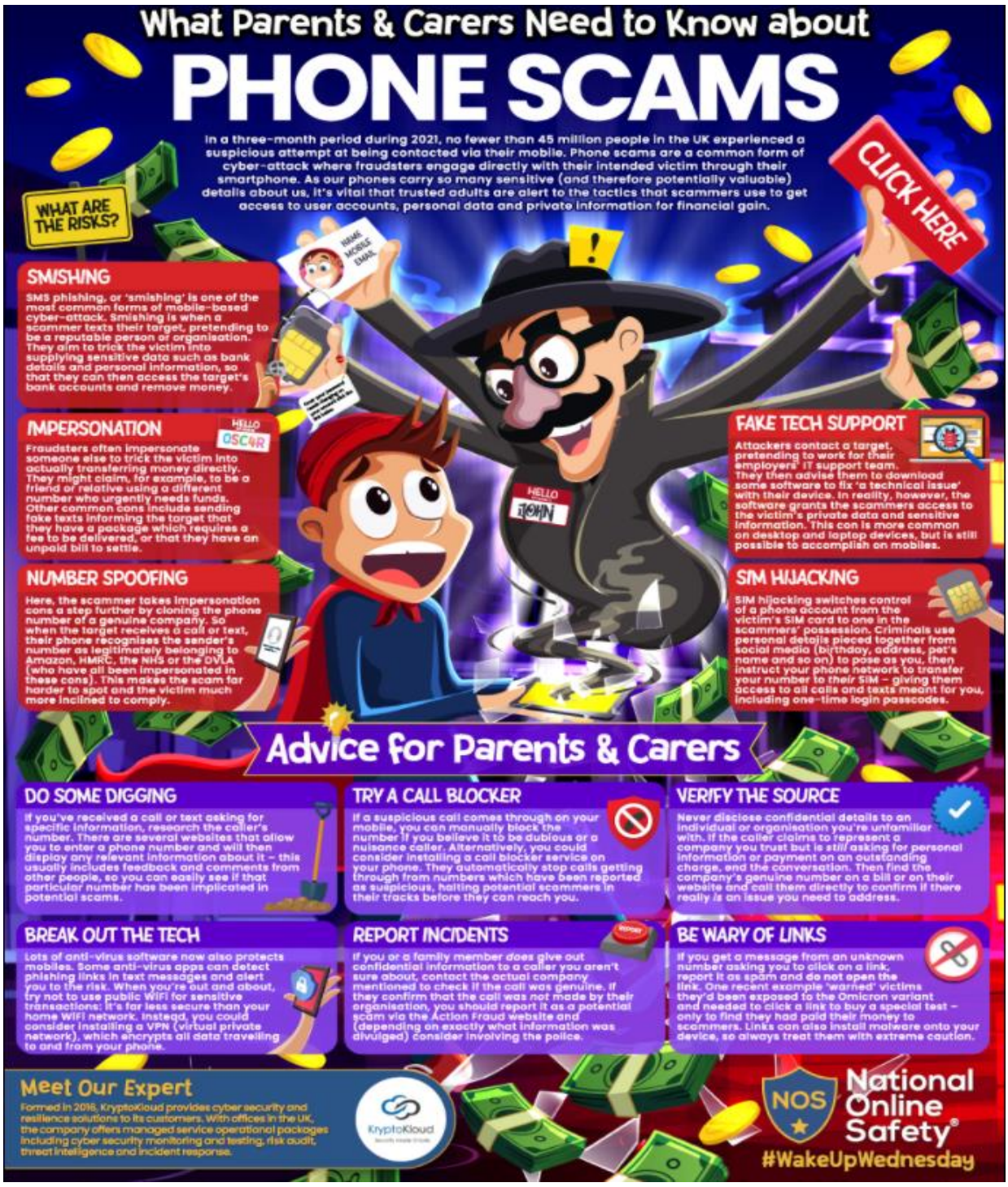
Golden Book Stars of the Week

Puffins Student	for superb phonics work at the beginning of the week.
Puffins Student	for careful independent work on Maths Day.
Robins Student	for fantastic listening and answering questions in all areas of the Green Pathway.
Swallows Student	for thinking hard in English to complete an independent piece of learning on verbs. He has also been using his thinking skills in reading by using his phonic knowledge to break down unknown words to be able to read them.
S1 Student	for excellent participation in lessons.
S5 Student	for focussing on and completing all of his priority work.
S5 Student	for achieving Grade 4 in his GCSE maths mock.
Wrens Student	for good engagement in group activities and using lots of speech.

Important Information

- On 25th April 2nd Covid vaccinations will be taking place for the 5-11 year old students who had their 1st Covid vaccination back in February – please note further consent is NOT needed for the 2nd vaccination. If your child missed the first 5-11 year old Covid vaccination please contact the nursing team directly for advice t: 0300 555 5055 (option 1), e: hct.csaiscambspb@nhs.net
- On 5th May MEN / DTP vaccinations will be taking place for Year 9 pupils and anyone in Year 10 who missed the vaccination due to Covid – the online consent deadline is midday 4th May. Letters have been posted on dojo with links to the portal to register.
- On 10th May HPV vaccinations are taking place for Year 8 students and anyone in Year 9 and 10 who missed the vaccination due to Covid – the online consent deadline is midday 9th May. Letters have been posted on dojo with links to the portal to register.
- 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.HLA@highfieldlittleport.org as well as the government website. The last batch of testing kits have now been distributed. As a school we are no longer able to order any more supplies unfortunately.
- Please remember that if your child is unwell or tests positive please keep your child off school to minimise transmission.
- Please see class dojo for a link to complete an online parent views survey. Your thoughts are very important to us and we want to take them on board to help us to continually improve. If you would like a paper copy please let us know. This survey will be open until the end of next week.

Online Safety Tip of the Week:



Mental Health Tip of the Week: