



# HLA News

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2022



Dear Families,

What a week at Highfield, very busy but very productive.

Today we were very lucky to enjoy the Snow White pantomime. This was provided for the whole school free of charge by our parent group SOHLA. This was their Christmas present to the students. They all enjoyed the show and are planning on using this within their learning in English. I want to say a big thank you to SOHLA for providing this great opportunity for our students. To ensure that these great opportunities continue we need more volunteers for our parent group. If you are interested in supporting us to fundraise and provide great opportunities for the school please do contact [office@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:office@highfieldlittleport.org) so that we can put you in touch with our chairs of the group.

This week I attended an Active Learning Trust conference which focussed on how our trust can support all of our schools to develop shared practice as 'one trust'. At this conference the winners for the Active Learning Trust Unsung Hero's Awards were announced. I am pleased to share that three members of staff from Highfield Littleport received an award. Well done to Lyn H, Mary H and Claire B who all received awards. There was a continual theme throughout all of the winners around fantastic support for our learners. Well done to all of the winners. We really love this feedback and outside of the awards please do share with us positive elements of our practice. All of our staff are unsung heroes in my opinion.

This week it has been great to be able to use the hydrotherapy pool with some of our learners with identified physical needs. We have a whole host of new equipment which the students have loved to use. The water squirter were a particular highlight with some of our students and the staff on the side of the pool got a little bit wet!

Thank you so much for the donations and spotty outfits to raise funds for Children in Need last week. I am proud to say we raised a grand total of £245.30. Thank you to Paula and the school council for organising the fundraising activities. Well done everyone.

Students in H1 have been doing some great work in English over the last few weeks. Students are working on 'A Christmas Carol' and they have been working hard to interpret the language used within. They also watched the Muppets film version and looked at similarities and differences. Which one do you prefer?

This year we will not be having a Christmas production that is open to parents as we are still cautious about underlying Covid rates. We will be staging a grand Summer performance that will definitely be one not to be missed! Our students will be filming a Christmas performance showcase that we will share soon. They have all been working very hard.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Head of School



## Important Information



- 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.
- Some of our students from H1 and H2 will be attending a coffee morning on Thursday next week at Impington Village College to see what they have to offer
- We are still looking for more willing volunteers to join our parents and carer group SOHLA. There will be a formal meeting after Christmas but if you want to get in touch in the meantime please email [office@highfieldlittleport.org](mailto:office@highfieldlittleport.org) and your message will be sent on to our co-chairs.
- We are a nut free school so please do not send in any products containing nuts.

## Mental Health Tip of the Week:

Compliment someone; it not only makes them feel good, but you, too!

## Online Safety Tip of the Week:

We have had reports that some students have been behaving inappropriately while playing online games, particularly within the chat section. We are reminding students about safety and acting responsibly online within our lessons. Please talk to your child about this.

Please remember to monitor what your child is doing particularly on games which are online or with the function to interact directly with others.

If anything inappropriate does occur please make sure this is reported immediately to the platform upon which it occurred.