



HLA News

Friday 28th March 2025



Dear Families,

This week has been full of truly magical moments. I have had so many great progress moments shared related to the students and have written quite a few Highfield High Five postcards. Keep an eye out on the postbox as one might come your way! We have also had some lovely feedback shared from parents and carers. Thank you so much for these comments it really does make our job worthwhile.



The builders are making some great progress with the extension. The hoarding has all been put up and some vision panels installed so that the students can look at the progress. The piling drill has been on site this week and they are drilling in over 50 areas for the piles to be installed. This should be completed in the next few weeks. Then a crane will be on site after the Easter holidays to get the steels of the building in place. Fortunately there hasn't been too much disruption to learners so far.

After Easter we will be getting creative with the students and thinking about what the extension will look like. The students are putting together their designs and then students will be bringing these to life and painting on the hoarding around the extension. It will be lovely to brighten it all up!

This week Key Stage 4 hosted the Easter Fair. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who visited the fair or sent in some money with their children to spend. There were some fantastic games, beautiful crafts and lots of delicious refreshments. The students were even more challenged this time around as they only had a £40 budget to use to pull all of the crafts and activities together. I am so impressed with what they did and this year they made a record £590 profit. An amazing figure which really shows that they used their entrepreneurial skills very well. These funds will go towards Key Stage 4 activities. SOHLA also supported with refreshments and raised an impressive £100.

We look forward to welcoming more parents and carers into some classes again next week as part of our termly open events. These are great opportunities to learn more about the strategies we use at school, find out about your child's progress and have some fun alongside your child.

Students in S3 have done some great maths work this week. They have been learning about different types of measurement and comparing tallest and shortest. There were some great thinking skills applied which were very impressive. Learners in Robins have been working on their number skills impressively too with one learner counting on and backwards for the first time. Excellent work! Learners upstairs have also been working so well at their teamwork skills. We have had a few changes to transport at the end of the day and all have worked brilliantly as a team to adapt to the changes. It is lovely to see our learning values in action. All in all a fantastic week.

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used.
- Please remember we are a **NUT FREE** school due to severe allergies. This includes sun creams and other products.
- Don't forget to connect to your child's Evidence for Learning account. If you need a reminder of your username or to reset your password please do let us know. The domain you need to use when logging in is **highfieldlittle**
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- If anyone has spare clothes to donate to our school stock we would be most grateful.
- We are on **week 3** of the school menu next week (WC 31/03/25).
- A reminder that we finish for the Easter holidays on **Thursday 3rd April**. Students return to school on **Tuesday 22nd April**.

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 88.2% this week, a bit of a dip from last week but there have been some nasty bugs going around. Please remember any school term time holidays will not be authorised. **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

Online Safety Tip of the Week



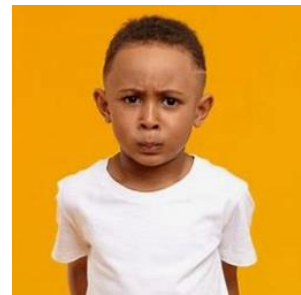
Check a website

A fast, easy way to check if a website is likely to be legitimate or fraudulent ... before you visit it.

Do it here using this link:

<https://www.getsafeonline.org/checkawebsite/>

Emotion of the Week



The emotion this week is DISGUST. Discuss this emotion with your child and how it makes their body feel. Explain that different emotions are ok and we are here to help manage them.

Mental Health Tip of the Week



Write a letter to the future you

When you're feeling good, think about what you would want to tell your future self if things get harder and you find you need more support. Reminding yourself of what's keeping you feeling positive right now can help you through those more difficult times in the future.

Take a look at the video where you can put together your own 'Mind Plan':

<https://www.nhs.uk/every-mind-matters/mental-wellbeing-tips/your-mind-plan-quiz/>