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Weekly Newsletter

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Dear Families,

Hello all, it is hard to believe we are now at the end of the first half term of the new school year. It has been a long half term with the students being in school for 7 weeks (and the staff in for 8 weeks!). Everyone has earned a well deserved rest.



The builders are making great progress and we are now on the home stretch. It is hard to believe that building only started in April last year and now we are in the final few weeks of the project. Official handover is now scheduled for the second week of November. There's lots of decorating, carpet laying and fences going up outside. All of the finishing touches are being added. The main school is also full of boxes! All of the new resources we have purchased for the extension are now beginning to be delivered. Emma, Laura and the site team have been working away like busy bees to get everything checked and stashed away ready to kit out the new building.

This week we held a milestone ceremony with burying our time capsule. Each class made a contribution to the work from hand prints to predictions as to what the world will be like in 20 years time. These students came up with some very thoughtful ideas.

Just a reminder about our new changes to notification when your child receives first aid. We are now using Medical Tracker to log first aid events and also notify parents. This will come in the form of an email letter from Medical Tracker so we will no longer be using paper slips. Please ensure your email address is correct on the school Arbor system as it is this information that is used by the Medical Tracker software to send you email notifications.

This week it has been lovely to hear of some of the achievements of students both in and outside of school. With his permission Jake has allowed us to give him a shout out! Outside of school he is part of the Cambridgeshire Darts Academy and competes all over the county. He showed off his skills during our Active Play session this week and was great at sharing his skills with others and helping out his peers. Nice one Jake! Following on with our sporting theme one of our other students in Key Stage 3 has gained their Level 1 trampolining award in school during rebound sessions. They also demonstrated greatly improved emotional regulation and communication skills in sessions which was great to hear. This week learners in Key Stage 4 made a simply amazing lunch platter as part of their staff lunches programme. I will say I always look forward to a Thursday for staff lunches as they are simply excellent! There was enough food to feed 3 on the platter and I had enough for lunch and dinner!

I hope you all have a good half term break. We look forward to welcoming students back to school on **Tuesday 4th November.**

With all best wishes,

Yvonne Skillern

Headteacher



Important Information



- Please ensure any spare clothes borrowed are returned to school once used washed and ready to use again.
- 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**
- **All first aid incidents are notified to parents via email.** You will receive an email from Medical Tracker if this is the case.
- Please can I remind parents that **absence on the day needs to be reported via Arbor**
- We return to school on **Tuesday 4th November** after the half term break

School Attendance

Whole school attendance was 91.8% this week. This is a slight decline on last week. We want this figure to improve after half term, let's do this! **Unauthorised holidays during term time will face a penalty notice.**

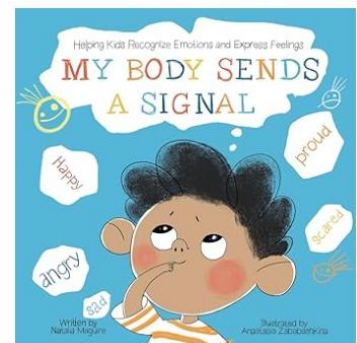
Online Safety Tip of the Week

Respect the law

Use reliable services and know how to legally access media you want.

Emotion of the Week

This week our staff team all had some training on developing Emotional Literacy. We learnt the difference between emotions and feelings and now have lots of ideas of activities that we can do with the learners to develop their emotional literacy and awareness. The book alongside was a recommended read which you may be interested in. We have purchased one for school to use too.



Mental Health Tip of the Week

Find the method of communication that is right for you.

"This might be a face-to-face conversation, or you might find it easier to talk on the phone. You may feel more comfortable being creative by expressing yourself through music or spoken word – whichever is best for you."