



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 19TH APRIL 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you are well and have had a lovely week. It has been an amazing week here at Higham Lane School!

We are so incredibly excited that the Praise Shop has now opened! it opened shutters for business on Monday 15th April and it has been wonderful to see our amazing students trading in their hard earned House Points for real rewards that they want as recognition and reward for how hard they have worked and what wonderful Higham Lane School values they have demonstrated. Karam was our very first student to use the Praise Shop and he purchased a queue jumper pass for the canteen! We look forward to seeing all of our amazing students receiving their rewards. The new and improved rewards system is an integral part of our new praise and behaviour policy to reward students for working hard, being kind and taking responsibility so that they can be the best that they can be!



Our first customer!



We would like to say a huge 'well done' to Phoebe in Y8 for winning the small world photography competition, to Mitch in Y8 for gaining second place and for Josh in Y7 for third place. Well done to our worthy winners but also congratulations to everyone that took part to make this such an amazing competition. Thank you.

We would like to wish 'good luck' to the students out on our careers trip to Coventry University on Tuesday 23rd April. The students who attended on Thursday 17th had a fantastic time and the students stated that they found the trip inspiring.

Well done to Bobbin and Theo who are both in Y8, who won the National Book Token Competition. Your entries were amazing! Well done! We are really proud of you and again congratulations to everyone that took part who helped to contribute to making this such a fantastic competition and experience.

Junior Leadership Team (JLT) interviews took place this week. Our JLT is our student leadership team and they play a vital role in supporting with a wide range of events and helping to determine the vision of the school. I simply could not do my job as Headteacher without their support. Competition was fierce and there were a large number of applicants for a small number of positions. The process was gruelling and involved a variety of very challenging tasks including a formal interview with the Chair of Governors Mrs Elmer, the Headteacher and Mrs Watson. The students were a real credit to themselves and we had a very difficult decision to make. We are delighted to announce that the following students were successful and on our members of our prestigious JLT:

Head Students - Richie and Sofia

Deputy Head Students - Sophia and Evie

Assistant Head Students - Ella, Conrad, Niamh, Bertina, Carter, Emily and Yasemin

I would also like to say a huge thank you to the current JLT who will of course be passing over the baton of responsibility as they will be commencing their GCSE examinations shortly. They have been a wonderful team a joy to work with and I will miss working with them in this role. However, I will look forward to seeing so many of them flourish at A level here at our wonderful Sixth Form at HLS.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to our Chair Of Governors who is in an incredible support to the school. Mrs Elmer has been in school this week, for the entire day on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday to assist the school with a variety of school matters including interviews for staffing posts and also the JLT appointments. Being a governor is an unpaid volunteer post and Mrs Elmer is simply amazing. However, I would also like to extend my thanks to the entire governing body as all of our wonderful governors support me and the school regularly. Thank you.

NHS information - Please find information from UKHSA and a briefing about Cryptosporidium.

Water bottles-Can all students please bring a water bottle to school? This is to save the cost and the environmental impact of the plastic cups that are being provided currently at lunchtime in the canteen. Can we please ask that all students have a water bottle by 29th April at the latest as no further plastic cups will be provided after this date? We thank you for your support in this matter.

Long socks - can we please remind students and parents that long socks with skirts are not allowed. Our uniform policy is clear that students are required to wear plain black or grey socks with trousers. Plain black opaque or flesh coloured tights or plain black ankle socks should be worn with the school skirt. No socks with lace trims or frills are allowed. All socks need to be ankle length, no long socks are allowed in any part of our school uniform. We thank you for your support in this matter.

We would like to say thank you and farewell to Mrs Streeting who is sadly leaving us to take on an exciting new opportunity. She has supported a number of students during our time here at the school and has been a wonderful member of staff and we wish her well.

After an absolutely incredible week where we have seen so many of our students flourish and gain so many House Points for their hard work, we would like to wish all of our families a lovely weekend. We thank you for your omnipresent support.

Best wishes



Michael Gannon
Headteacher

Dates for your diary



46,440



47,644



45,293



Save the dates!

Together with Autism
Conferences 2024

**FREE
Events**

For professionals, parents and carers of autistic children, autistic adults and for anybody wanting to better understand autism.

Great news! **act for autism** have partnered with Coventry and Warwickshire Integrated Care System to bring you three conferences covering all things autism.

Leamington
29th June

Coventry
14th September

Nuneaton
9th November

Come along to hear great talks, attend dynamic workshops, meet the services and talk to others about their experiences of autism.

Free to attend. Bookings will open six weeks before each event.

9.45am - 4.00pm
More details to follow

In partnership with



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Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23 April Year 10 - Coventry University, Sciences Careers Day

Thursday 25 April Years 10/12 Careers Fair trip at KEGS

Monday 6 May BANK HOLIDAY

**Tuesday 7 May Year 10 - Coventry University,
Performing Arts Careers Day**

Tuesday 14 May Year 9 Personal Development Day 2

Thursday 16 May Year 10 Student Progress Evening - online

Monday 20 May Year 10 Work Experience (all week)

Thursday 23 May Year 12 Student Progress Evening - face to face

Monday 27 May HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS

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