

Higham Lane North Academy NEWSLETTER



Friday 14th November 2025

This week has been especially busy and exciting for the school as we took part in three national events alongside hosting a visit from our School Improvement Partner. As usual, our students have been superb and an absolute credit to the school, and to you as families.

Anti-Bullying Week

You will be aware that this week is national Anti-Bullying week and students have fully embraced extolling the virtue of being compassionate through activities such as wearing odd socks to highlight that we are all different alongside taking part in Positive Noticing day where students all wrote a positive comment about a peer. Miss Charles also led an assembly about using their 'power for good' and to be an upstander, not a bystander, against bullying. Of course, we talk to students all the time about being 'compassionate' because we are 'proud because we always do what is right' and students talk confidently at school about what to do if they feel someone is being unkind.



Remembrance

This week our school held its first Service of Remembrance — a moment to honour all those who have sacrificed so much for our freedom. We were joined by representatives from our school community, alongside staff and students, to express our deep gratitude for the selfless service of others and to reflect on the importance of peace for the future. Our students showed great dignity and respect throughout the service, gaining a deeper understanding of the poems, music, and traditions that form part of this significant national act of remembrance. Following the service, we planted a tree and laid a poppy wreath in our Garden of Remembrance — lasting symbols of our respect and gratitude. We were also privileged to take part in the town's service of Remembrance where our students did an amazing job of representing the school and laying a poppy wreath. It was also lovely to see several other students at the parade representing taking part and representing their clubs.



Nuneaton in Need

Thank you for your support and generosity as we begin raising money for our charity this year, the baby and neo-natal ward at George Eliot Hospital. All charities are of course worthy causes, and we are delighted to be supporting a local charity whose work directly impacts families across our community and town. It has been a wonderful close to the week where students enjoyed their non-school uniform day, worked together to build their money-run, and of course bought cakes at break time! We could not have had such a special day without your support and thank you for your kindness. We will let you know soon how much was raised today!

School Improvement Partner visit

As part of our quality assurance programme, we have a School Improvement Partner (SIP). We are very outward-facing and ambitious for our school, and actively welcome working with external partners to evaluate our work. Our SIP, Jane, is a Headteacher from one of the highest achieving schools in the country. She was truly impressed with Higham Lane North Academy when she evaluated the school on Thursday. She met with myself, Miss Charles and Miss Rounce to analyse all areas of the school's work alongside spending time in lessons observing teaching and learning, talking to students at break and lunch time, and completing activities with different groups of students in meetings. It was an extremely positive day where she said that students are not just proud of the school, but feel privileged to be here. She commented that students are very articulate and keen to share what they have been learning and feel that they are learning well and enjoying lessons. We are very pleased with how the day went and will continue to strive to provide the highest level of education for your children.



School communication

We hope that you are finding our communication useful. Each week through the newsletter we aim to keep you up to date with what your children have been doing at school and we also use social media to share key highlights of the week. We hold half-termly SLT coffee and chats where there will be a focus to each one and a chance for you to drop in and discuss anything. Our SEND department also offer half-termly coffee and chats. In addition to this, we have provided a recent voiceover presentation for work that is being undertaken, such as the forthcoming assessments so that you have a deeper understanding of what this will mean for your child. Furthermore, we have held two face-to-face events at the start of the year to share key information about the year ahead, and to give you an opportunity to meet the House Champion to discuss how your child is settling in. If there are more pressing issues, please remember to use our email hello@hlina.co.uk with the title and name of member of staff you are addressing it to. For example: FAO Mrs (subject) teacher – (subject) homework, FAO Mr (House Champion) issues between students in House time, FAO Mrs Robinson recent information on assessments, FAO Miss Rounce SEND support. We will always endeavour to work with you and reply to you as soon as possible to resolve any potential issues, concerns or enquiries. We also welcome positive emails about work that staff have been doing with your child as well – this is a great morale booster for our staff. Thank you for working positively with us which we appreciate.

DATES and NOTES for your DIARY!

Monday 17th – Thursday 27th November – Assessment Period

Thursday 20th November – SEND coffee morning for families

Tuesday 25th November – Flu Immunisation

Friday 28th November – Wellbeing Day for students. Students do not attend school (Staff INSET day)

Friday 5th December – Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December – SLT coffee and chat 3.45pm

Tuesday 16th December – Pantomime at Bedworth Civic Hall

On a personal note,

We know that the students have also been working hard to prepare for their assessments over the next two weeks and we thank you for your support from home. We will of course be supporting them in school to try their best and to maintain a balance for their wellbeing. Have a peaceful and relaxing weekend.

Best wishes,



Kirstie Robinson.

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Higham Lane North Academy.