

Dear parents and carers,

The Prime Minister announced on Wednesday that face masks no longer need to be worn in classrooms. If you wish your son/ daughter to continue wearing their mask in the classroom please let their teacher know through the home / school book. It is still a requirement to wear facemasks in public areas in school until next THURSDAY. If you wish your son/ daughter to continue wearing their mask after this time that's fine. We have a high proportion of pupils with complex medical needs and everyone needs to make their own choice as to what they believe is safest at the present time. We will continue with our Lateral flow testing on Mondays. If you have any COVID concerns please contact Nick Clark or me.

This week Neil, a coach from Surrey cricket spent the day with us working with a number of classes. After school clubs are going well. It's good to be working with Kinetica Bloco again! Please contact Sarah, our Assistant Head, if you have any questions. We're planning to resume our holiday programme during February half term. Tony and Andrea will be sending out letters soon.

The parent group are holding an online safety training on Monday 7th February. Please put this date in your diary and join if you can. Sophie Linington from Parent Zone and Laura Feeney from Early Help will be facilitating the training. Online safety can be a big issue for families and we want to do our best to support you in understanding and managing the risks.

Stay safe,

Eileen

FREE PARENT SUPPORT FOR ONLINE SAFETY AND DIGITAL RESILIENCE

Parent Zone are continuing with fantastic webinars this term to support parents with keeping their teenagers safe online. Sessions are open to all Southwark parents and carers.

Social Media: What Parents need to know

Thursday 20th January, 5pm-5:30pm

How you can support your teen and help them to be aware of the risks and benefits of using social media.

Online Gaming: What you need to know

Thursday 27th January, 5pm-5:30pm

Explore the world of online gaming: the benefits, the risks, and when to log off.

Digital Wellbeing and Screen Time

Thursday 3rd February, 5pm-5:30pm

Managing screen time and helping your teen's wellbeing.

Online risks, extremism and misinformation

Thursday 10th February, 5pm-5:30pm

"Digital resilience" parenting approach to keeping your teen safer online.

To sign up, visit:
<https://www.pzlocal.org.uk/events>
or scan the QR code



Pupils of the Week

7J	Ayman—For excellent progress in his reading skills.
7R	Amria—For great participation during phonics activities.
8A	Edia—For increased focus in lessons this week.
8L	Rigzim—For working well and being focused this week.
9R	Rumana—For being so helpful on canteen duty.
Y9	Thomas—For his excellent work in Power Maths.
10C	Aaliah—For beautiful art work designing trainers.
10L	Donnell—For eating all of his lunch.
11A	Hamza—For great effort in sensory story time.
11L	Bobby—For being very considerate of his classmates and helping them without being prompted to do so on many occasions.
Y11	Adam—For his hard work in all subjects and good discussion in PSHE lesson.
12K	Lilli—For overcoming her fears twice in one morning and recording a song for assembly
12V	Harry—For having a positive attitude during lessons.
13L	Stephane—For starting his work experience with the ICT team.
13S	Mohamed—For listening to instructions at Roots & Shoots.
14J	Adeolu—For improving his timekeeping in the morning.
14L	Angel—For listening to instructions and working well in lessons



Star of the Week

Molly—For leading the school moving minute.

What's happening with Maths at Highshore?

'Power Maths': Since Autumn term classes 7J, 7R, 8A, 8L, 9R, Yr 9, 10C, 10L, 11A, 11L, Yr11, 13L and 14J have all started work on 'Power Maths'. Power Maths was created for UK primary schools and works alongside the National Curriculum. It's all about mastering small steps and building on solid foundations. Power Maths combines interactive teaching, with hands on activities and textbooks, to help our students master a deep and long understanding with maths. Step by step learning sequence combined with mathematical language, helps our students to make logical sense of maths. The key facts such as tables and number bonds are learnt in small steps. Why do we love Power Maths? It's hands on, it's interactive, it's accessible to all our students!

Other classes: If your child is not doing Power Maths then they will be focused on Entry level work: This is all about functional maths. Getting our students ready for the outside world.

Some students will be entered for Entry 1, 2 or 3 in the Summer term.

First time ever at Highshore: Very pleased to announce that 3 students will be doing Level 1 Maths in June, this is an equivalent to GCSE. Watch this space.

Of course: let's not forget IXL Maths which is great for homework and reinforcing activities: Today I have just received a certificate that congratulates us on outstanding completion of 100,000 maths questions. Well done to all our students.

-Steph, Head of Maths

