



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Monday	7 th November	9am-9.15am	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Monday – Friday	7 th – 11 th November	After school	Book Fair
Wednesday	9 th November	5pm-5.30pm	Year 6 SATs Parent Meeting
Wednesday	9 th November	5.45pm-6.15pm	Year 5 Parent Meeting PGL 2023
Tuesday	15 th November	All day	Year 4 Cadbury World Trip
Wednesday	16 th November	All day	Flu Vaccinations – Reception – Year 6
Monday	21 st November	9am-9.15am	3 Emerald Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	22 nd November	9am-9.15am	6 Amethyst Sharing Assembly
Thursday	24 th November	All day	Year 5 National Gallery Trip
Thursday	1 st December	All Day	Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip
Thursday	1 st December	3.15pm-3.45pm	Open Classrooms

Message from Mrs Birch

Thank you to everybody who took part in our FROGs Halloween events, either by entering a pumpkin into our competition or joining in the trail on Monday after school. Coming together as a community is very important to us and we are very grateful to our new FROGs team for taking the time to organise this event for us. We look forward to hearing about the next event.

Parent Conduct

We would like to thank the very vast majority of parents who conduct themselves around our school site with the respect and good manners we would expect from everyone in our community. We would like to assure you that we will not tolerate disrespectful behaviour from individuals on our school site, whether this is directed at other parents or staff, and individuals will be addressed, and potentially banned from the school site, if behaviour of this kind occurs.

Year 6 Activity Week Assembly

On Monday (7th November), the children from Year 6 will be presenting an assembly to share their highlights from their activity week before half term. Both the children who went away to PGL, and those who remained in school, will be sharing their experiences. All parents and carers are welcome to attend and should report to the office at 9am.

Well Done Wednesday

We really enjoy recognising fantastic work and behaviour choices. For this reason, we have a range of positive reinforcements for our children, including stickers, head teacher awards, positive notes home etc. The most special of these is Well Done Wednesday. Each week, teachers from either Key Stage Two or Key Stage One and Early Years (this alternates) select a child from their class who consistently displays our Galley Hill Expectations (Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Your Best) in their attitude and conduct. These children receive a golden envelope with an invitation to have milkshake and cookies with Mrs Birch. If your child is recognised to attend Well Done Wednesday, you should be incredibly proud of them.

Coffee Morning and Computer Suite Access

Throughout this half term, our Family Support Worker, Mary Nyariki, will continue to hold fortnightly sessions for parents on a Friday morning. The first session (9am to 10:30am) will be a coffee morning for all parents to come and chat about the trials and tribulations of parenting and offer each other support. Following this (10:30am to 11:30am), Mary will open our Computer Suite and parents are invited to come and complete any life admin tasks, including small amounts of printing if needed. You are welcome to attend both or either of these sessions, just report to the school office at the appropriate time.

The remaining dates for these sessions this term are: Friday 18th November, Friday 2nd December and Friday 16th December.

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 1 children who should feel very proud for being selected for Well Done Wednesday. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to their milkshake and cookies!

Well Done Wednesday



Amber: *Magdalena L*

Turquoise: *Jacob C*

Garnet: *Isaac C*

Jade: *Freddie A*

Crystal: *Elsie K*

Diamond: *Alice W*

Pearl: *Louis W*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Roman T* in 6 Amethyst who has finally nailed a turn on a ramp in Skateboarding. He has been practising so hard and never gave up until he managed to do it! Well done Roman, great perseverance! Keep up the hard work!

Ayah M in 2 Diamond has passed her Topaz badge at Sapphire Gymnastics. Well done Ayah, that is a great achievement, you should be very proud!

If your child has anything from outside of school that you would like to share then please email them over to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk and we can include them on the next newsletter.



SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are relaunching our School Council and we need YOU!

Do you listen respectfully to the views of others?
Are you able to attend meetings at break time once a month?
Do you like sharing your ideas?
Do you want to help make our school even better?

If you answered yes to any of these questions then you should run for School Council Representative for your class. Each class will be electing one child to share their thoughts and opinions at School Council meetings. If you think that your child would be a good School Council member then please discuss this with them over the weekend and remind them to speak to their class teacher to put their name forward on Monday.

BOOK FAIR

We have the Book Fair in school next week from Tuesday 8th November until Friday 11th November. Please come along any day after school from 3.15pm-3.45pm to browse the wide selection of books available. Card and cash payments can be taken. Please remind your child also we are running a competition to win a £5 voucher to spend. Your child should have brought home an entry form for this which needs to be handed in to their class teacher by Monday 7th November for judging.

PGL / SATS PARENT MEETINGS

For our Parents with children currently in Year 5, Mrs Spooner is holding a parent meeting to discuss the PGL residential trip which will hopefully clear up some of the questions and worries which crop up every year and give you all the information that you will need. Mrs Spooner is also holding a meeting for our current Year 6 Parents to discuss SATs which will, we hope, be beneficial to give parents more information about what the SATs tests are, how it all works and what support we as a school, and parents can give to their child. Both of these meetings will take place on Wednesday 9th November. Please register your interest on Arbor if you are able to make it so we have an idea on how many people to expect. We hope that you will find these meetings informative.

SCHOOL CLEANER

We are still looking for a cleaner to join our school cleaning team. The hours would be 3.15pm-5.45pm Monday to Friday plus selected inset days, and holiday cleans (1 week at Easter and Summer). If you are interested in more information or to apply for this position please pop in to the office to collect an application form.

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2023

Reception applications for new Reception places for September 2023 are now open. Applications can be done online via Hertfordshire County Council website. Closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January 2023.

WET PLAYTIMES

We want to reduce wet play times at school this Autumn and Winter. When children aren't able to go out to play at lunch time they tend to be less able to concentrate during the afternoon. This Autumn and Winter children will be able to go outside in all kinds of weather. To do this, children will need a waterproof coat for school. On Tuesday this week only children who had a waterproof coat were allowed outside at lunch time. This upset some children as they also wanted to go outside but did not have a suitable coat.

All children need to have in school:

A waterproof coat

A pair of wellies (boots or outdoor shoes) that will hang on their peg in an outdoor shoe bag.

The bag can be a plastic bag, draw string bag, PE style bag, rucksack, etc. Any bag that can hold a pair of outdoor shoes and hang on their peg.

This will mean that each day your child can put on their outdoor shoes if they want to use the grass areas at lunch time. It will be wonderful if you can donate any spare wellies, waterproof coats, waterproof trousers, waterproof all in one suits or any bags that can be used to hold the outdoor shoes.

Thank you for all the items that you have already donated for our outdoor play project.

COACHING ME AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please can we remind you that if you are putting your child in to Coaching me After School Club then you must pre book and pay for their space as they need to ensure that they have enough staff in place for the number of children attending. Spaces for each day can be booked right up until 3pm on the day via the link <https://coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=book&id=8052>
Spaces for Christmas camp will be available for booking soon!

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Nicolas G



TEAM GARNET

Evie M

TEAM AMBER

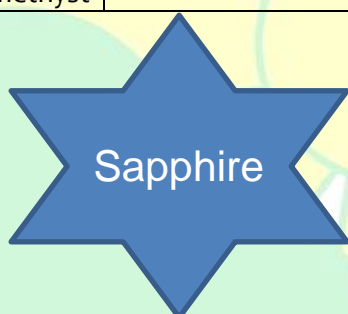
Amelia-Rose L-O & Frankie H

ATTENDANCE

Green is for classes with attendance above 95%, Amber for classes with 90-95% and Red for classes with attendance less than 90%.

	Red	Amber	Green
Quartz		93.3%	
Nursery Amber		93%	
Reception Garnet		92%	
Reception Turquoise		92.7%	
1 Jade	89.7%		
1 Crystal			97%
2 Diamond		95%	
2 Pearl		92.2%	
3 Ruby	84.1%		
3 Emerald		93.4%	
4 Coral	89.5%		
4 Opal		94.2%	
5 Onyx			95.3%
5 Sapphire			97.5%
6 Topaz	84.9%		
6 Amethyst			95.2%

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Rowling** for winning this week!