



# The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> March 2023

*Dates for the diary...*

Friday	17 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	'WEAR IT RED' for Red Nose day
Monday	20 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Y5 Sapphire Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	9am	Y2 Pearl Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup> March	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	23 <sup>rd</sup> March	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Monday - Friday	27 <sup>th</sup> March-Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	All week	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday	27 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	All day	Year 2 Trip to College Lake
Wednesday	29 <sup>th</sup> March	6pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance
Friday	31 <sup>st</sup> March	1.55pm/2pm	Break up for Easter Holidays

## Message from Mrs Birch

This week I had the real treat of escaping the office for a day and accompanying the Year 5 children on their trip to the Chiltern Open Air Museum. Despite the snow, we had a fantastic day learning about life in Anglo-Saxon times and I really enjoyed seeing the children engaged in the activities. On the same day, the children from Year 6 visited the Lincolnsfield Centre as part of their World War II learning and it was fantastic to hear how enthusiastic the children were about their trip on their return. We really are becoming a school of historians!

## **Staff News**

I am extremely sad to share with you that Mrs Trueman will be leaving Galley Hill on Wednesday 22nd March to take on a role closer to her home. Mrs Trueman has been a big part of so many of our children's lives, working with them when they have just started the school in Nursery and we are very grateful for all that she has done. We will miss her!

On a happier note, you will know from a previous newsletter that Mrs Pritchett is expecting her first child. Her final day in school before maternity leave will be Friday 31st March. We are thrilled to share with you that we have appointed a new class teacher for 5 Onyx for the summer term. Miss Draper will be working alongside Miss Reardon, who will be a constant for the children, from the 18th April. Unfortunately, she will not be able to come and visit the children before the end of the term because she is currently teaching English in Costa Rica!

We have had the misfortune of having two of our teachers called for jury service at exactly the same time! Miss Hosein and Miss Walmsley will both be out of school from 20th March for two weeks. We have been able to book consistent supply teachers for 6 Amethyst and 1 Jade for those two weeks and of course their teaching assistants will also be in class each day. Unfortunately, this period also includes our Parent Consultation evenings. We are hoping that these will be able to go ahead as planned, so please do book your slots, however we may need to postpone if either teacher is held up in court on the day. This is obviously all completely beyond our control and we appreciate your support as we try to keep things as consistent as possible for the children.

Our final piece of staff news is that we have two new cleaners starting our team on Monday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming Mrs Hessey and Mrs Colquhoun to Galley Hill.

### Parent Survey

At Galley Hill, our school community are incredibly important to us and we very much appreciate having your views shared with us. As such, we would be extremely grateful if you could please complete our online survey by following the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/e/CdCmhnJpKr>

Thank you in advance for taking your time to respond to this. The survey will remain open until 31st March and we will provide further reminders up until that point.

### Strikes

The final round of NEU teacher strikes will be taking place next week on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. On both of these days, most of the school will be open as usual. Classes that are going to be impacted by the strikes on one of the days have already been informed. There is no class that is going to be closed for both days.

### Sharing Assemblies

Our next sharing assemblies will be presented by Team Sapphire on Monday 20th March and Team Pearl on Tuesday 21st March. Both assemblies will take place at 9am with a chance for parents to visit the classroom afterwards. We look forward to welcoming lots of you to these events.

## Well done Wednesday

Well done to these children who have all been selected for Well Done Wednesday to come and have milkshake and cookies with Mrs Birch.

**Emerald:** *Emmy D*

**Ruby:** *Maya B*

**Opal:** *Beau B*

**Coral:** *Grace W*

**Sapphire:** *Charlotte D*

**Onyx:** *Isabella P*

Topaz: David D

Amethyst: Finley E



Well done to *Daniella S* in 5 Sapphire who was awarded Gymnast of the Week at Sapphire Gymnastics. Great work Daniella!

*Sienna C* in 5 Onyx has gone up to the final level in Horse Riding and is now doing jumps! Amazing Sienna, well done!

Well done to *Edward B* in 5 Onyx who was awarded Judoka of the Week at his Judo class this week. Brilliant Edward, keep working hard!

Well done to *Rade R* in 3 Emerald who was awarded Gymnast of the Week at Sapphire Gymnastics for his great backward rolls. Super job Rade!

*Oliver B* and *Finley R* in 4 Opal were both awarded their Yellow belts in Taekwondo this week. Well done boys, fantastic achievement!

Well done to *Daniel M* in 5 Onyx who has passed his Stage 6 swimming. Brilliant swimming Daniel!

If your child has anything from outside of school that you would like to share then please email the details over to [admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk) and we can include them on the next Newsletter.

## Notice Board

### COMIC RELIEF – FRIDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MARCH



Red Nose Day is happening next Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately this year due to the noses containing small parts which are unsuitable for children under 7, we will not be selling them in school. We are however holding a 'WEAR IT RED' day where the children can come to school wearing something red (socks, t shirt, hair band etc). We would ask if the children could bring in a suggested donation of £1 which they can hand to their class teacher which will all go to Comic Relief.

## NURSERY APPLICATIONS

Nursery applications are currently open if you are looking for a space for your nursery age children to attend for either 15 or 30 hours from September 2023. Applications closing date is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Application forms can be found on the Galley Hill website under admissions, or you can collect a paper copy from the office.

## EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

### GARNET

*Willow A*

### TURQUOISE

*Daisy O-T*

Star of  
the  
Week!

### NURSERY

*Carter P*

## 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		92.6%	
Nursery Amber	87%		
Reception Garnet		92.3%	
Reception Turquoise		91.4%	
1 Jade		91.6%	
1 Crystal			96.3%
2 Diamond		92.1%	
2 Pearl		93.2%	
3 Ruby			97.6%
3 Emerald			96.7%
4 Coral		95%	
4 Opal			95.7%
5 Onyx		93.7%	
5 Sapphire		94.3%	
6 Topaz		94.6%	
6 Amethyst			95.2%

Well done to

**Ruby**

for winning the attendance award this week!





## HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl

298

250

319

249

AND THE  
WINNER  
IS.....

Wilson!!



### FROGS NEWS



FROGs are currently running an Easter Egg Decorating competition. You can sign up on Arbor for just £1 and you will be given a plain white egg to decorate however you choose. Mrs Birch will judge the eggs and there will be a prize for the winner from each category: Early Years (Nursery & Reception), KS1 (Years 1 & 2), Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4) and Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6). All eggs need to be decorated and returned to school no later than Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March.

We are also going to be running a 'Guess the name of the Easter Bunny' competition – details for that will be sent out next week!

### Upcoming Events:

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April: QUIZ NIGHT!!!** – Please keep a look out for more information on this event – We are on the look out for raffle prizes so if you, or anyone you know is able to donate something for the raffle then please drop it to the office. Thank you for your support!