



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 21st OCTOBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Monday	31 st October		Back to School
Monday	31 st October	All day	School Photos
Monday	31 st October	3.15pm-5pm	FROGs Pumpkin Trail
Tuesday	1 st November	AM	Year 6 Height and Weight check School Nurses
Thursday	3 rd November	From 3.15pm	Open Classrooms
Monday	7 th November	9am-9.15am	Year 6 PGL Assembly
Monday – Friday	7 th – 11 th November	After school	Book Fair
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

Message from Mrs Birch

It really has been an enjoyable half term and we are pleased with how well the children have settled into their new classes. Walking around the school, it is evident to see how enthusiastic the children are about their learning and how well they persevere to complete their learning. Our OPAL project has already had a tremendously positive impact on lunch times and it is wonderful to see the children so engaged in their play. We would like to thank parents for their support during this half term, in all that you do on a day-to-day basis and for supporting events like Emma's Fun Run, Parent Consultations and Open Classrooms. We very much enjoy working in partnership with you all to ensure the best outcomes for your children. We hope that everyone has a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 31st October.

Food Bank and Harvest Collection

As many of you know, we try to maintain a small food bank in school to support our families when they need it. This feels like it is going to be more important than ever with the current cost of living crisis. If ever you feel that a bag of shopping would benefit you and your family, please speak to an adult you feel comfortable with in school and they will discretely sort something out for you.

This year, we have not had an official harvest festival collection however we are always looking to receive donations to our food bank. If you feel able to donate any non-perishable food or toiletries, please do send some items into the school office or ask your child to give them to their teacher. Thank you in advance.

Contact Details and Attendance

With so many of you now having the Arbor app, we encourage you to double check that we have the correct contact details for you and any emergency contacts on a regular basis. We also encourage you to check your child's attendance to ensure that poor attendance is not impacting on their learning and progress. We would expect every child to have attendance over 95%.

If you have not yet been able to download the app and need some support with this, please contact the school office who will be happy to help you.

Emma's Fun Run

Emma's Fun Run was a real highlight of the half term. It was such a joy to see the whole school community come together to celebrate the life of such a special lady. We are delighted to announce that a total of **just over £1500** was raised at this event. We have been blown away by the support for this and are so thankful to everyone who donated – THANK YOU!

We will now be making donations to both charities: The Hospice of St Francis, which were Emma's family's chosen charity and Team Macy, who kindly donated our potentially life-saving defibrillator. We will also be ordering a plaque to put up in school in memory of Emma Carder and making a final decision on what to purchase for the playground. We will keep you posted!

Open Classrooms

Our next open classrooms events will take place on Thursday 3rd November 3:15-3:45pm (3:30pm start for Nursery). This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom and look at their learning in books and on display. Please feel free to just enter the classroom at the end of the day. You do not need to enter through the office.

Year 6 Activity Week Assembly

We hope the children in Year 6 have had an amazing week, whether they have been taking part in activities in school or away at PGL. We are very grateful to Miss Hosein, Mrs Field, Mrs Barnard and Mrs Dance, who have given up their own time to take the children away, and to Mrs Spooner, who worked hard to put together an exciting week of activities for the children who remained in school.

The children will be presenting the highlights of their adventures in an assembly on Monday 7th November at 9am. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and should report to the office at 9am should they wish to join us.

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 2 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



Ruby: *Rory H*

Emerald: *Mia G*

Opal: *Amelia K*

Coral: *Lola H*

Sapphire: *Archie B*

Onyx: *Daniel M*

Topaz: *Kaylen K*

Amethyst: *Nassime C*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Isabella G in 5 Sapphire has also completed her Stage 5 swimming and has moved on to Stage 6. Great swimming Isabella, well done!

Well done to *Siyana B* in 5 Sapphire who has been awarded her Topaz medal at Sapphire Gymnastics this week. Brilliant Siyana, keep working hard!

Well done also to *Lily B* in 5 Sapphire who has moved up to Level 5 at Sapphire Gymnastics. Fantastic effort Lily, you should be very proud!

Maya P in 2 Diamond has been busy. She has received Rosette 1 award in Street Dance and has also passed her Martial Arts grading and has moved up to White with Blue belt. Amazing work Maya, well done!

Well done to *Freya F* in 3 Ruby who was awarded Gymnast of the Week at Sapphire Gymnastics for her super handstands and bridge kickovers. Brilliant Freya, well done!

Finally, well done to *Louí W* in 3 Ruby who passed his Stage 5 swimming. Great work Loui! Keep it up!

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.



SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS – FINAL REMINDER

Don't forget that the deadline to apply for a secondary school place for your Year 6 child is MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER. Applications need to be done online. If you need help with your application then please call the office and speak to Miss Ambrose.

SCHOOL PHOTOS – MONDAY 31ST OCTOBER

Please don't forget that the school photographers are in on the first day back after half term, Monday 31st October. They will be taking individual child photos and siblings within the school. Please make sure that your child is in full uniform where possible.

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION AND PUMPKIN TRAIL



If you wish to enter the Pumpkin Carving competition then please bring your completed pumpkin to the office on Monday 31st October where you can pay your 50p entry fee and collect a sticker to label your pumpkin. Mrs Birch will judge this during the day on the 31st and winners will be given their medal! There will be a winner for Early Years (Nursery and Reception), KS1 (Years 1 & 2), KS2 (years 3-6).

The Pumpkin Trail will take place straight after school from 3.15pm-5pm. Entry forms will be available to purchase from outside the office under the canopy for £1.50 (plus 50p per sibling), along with hot and cold drinks and biscuits. Complete the entry form by finding the hidden letters around the school grounds, make the spooky word and return your entry form to the beginning to get your prize! Fancy dress is welcome!

FLU VACCINES

The school nurses will be in school on Wednesday 16th November to issue flu vaccines for children from Reception up to and including Year 6. An electronic link to a consent form for the vaccine will be sent out by the NHS team after Half Term.

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Barnaby L

TEAM GARNET

Isaac C

TEAM AMBER

Lucy-Mae L & Magdalena L

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		90%	
Nursery Amber	79.8%		
Reception Garnet	86.3%		
Reception Turquoise		92.4%	
1 Jade	89.7%		
1 Crystal		94.3%	
2 Diamond		93.8%	
2 Pearl		93.2%	
3 Ruby		90.3%	
3 Emerald			95.2%
4 Coral			95.4%
4 Opal		91.7%	
5 Onyx			95.8%
5 Sapphire			97.1%
6 Topaz			96.2%
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!