



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 7th OCTOBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Monday	10 th October	All day	Wear it yellow for World Mental Health Day
Tuesday	11 th October	All Day	Year 3 Trip Celtic Harmony
Tuesday	11 th October	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	13 th October	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Monday-Friday	17 th October - 21 st October	All week	Year 6 PGL Residential
Friday	21 st October	Finish normal time	Break up for Half Term
Monday	31 st October		Back to School
Monday	31 st October	All day	School Photos

Message from Mrs Birch

This week, we were visited by our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner, who visited lessons in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 to look at phonics and reading. She was incredibly impressed by the children's enthusiasm for our new phonics scheme (Supersonic Phonic Friends) and how well they were using what they had learnt in their reading. She also commented positively on the behaviour of children around the school and enjoyed watching the children play at lunch time with all of our new OPAL equipment. Well done Team Galley Hill – I am very proud of you all!

Staff News

We are sure that you will all want to join us in wishing Mrs Reynolds all the very best as she starts her maternity leave next Friday (14th October). We will miss her at Galley Hill during her period of absence but very much look forward to meeting Baby Reynolds as soon as possible. Miss Penning will be taking on the role of Key Stage One Phase Leader while Mrs Reynolds is absent and we look forward to welcoming her to the Senior Leadership Team.

Open Classrooms

Thank you to everybody who attended our first Open Classrooms of the year on Thursday. We really hope you enjoyed seeing your children's learning and looking around their classroom. Our next Open Classrooms will take place on Thursday 3rd November 3:15pm – 3:45pm (3:30pm start for Nursery).

World Mental Health Day

Just a reminder that it is World Mental Health Day on Monday. We strongly prioritise mental health and well-being at Galley Hill and Mrs Reynolds is very much looking forward to running a workshop for parents on this theme and about support you can provide for your child at 9:05am on Monday. Please report to the school office if you would like to attend. The children should wear something yellow, in addition to their school uniform, on Monday.

Parents Evening

We are very much looking forward to the opportunity to meet with all of you next week at our Parent Consultation meetings taking place on Tuesday 11th October and Thursday 13th October. You should already have the details about these meetings and hopefully have had the opportunity to book a slot to see your child's teacher.

Value of the Month

As we are now in October, we are back round to our value of 'caring'. The children know that this is a value that is very important to me. Please talk to your child about the importance of being caring and kind towards others. Self-care and caring for the environment are also important aspects to consider and discuss with children.

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



Ruby: *Freya F*

Emerald: *Grace D*

Opal: *Logan L*

Coral: *Nataniel L* Sapphire: *Lilly-Jean G / Edward F*

Topaz: *Maha F*

Amethyst: *Ilke K*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Kyle T* in 2 Pearl who has passed his Stage 4 swimming and passed his recent Karate grading. Great work Kyle, keep it up!

Joey C in 3 Emerald passed his Stage 1 swimming. Wonderful swimming Joey, well done!

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.



OUTDOOR PLAY DONATIONS

Thank you again for all of the donations that you have been sending in, we are so grateful for everything that has been received. If you have any spare toys, toy animals, people, vehicles and sand toys we would love some! We would also love any wheelie things etc suitcases, trolleys, prams and any more material sheets, blankets etc. The children will be playing outside all Autumn and Winter even when it is raining so please make sure that you send your child in each day with a waterproof warm coat.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

If you have a child currently in Year 6 then please don't forget to apply for your child's secondary school place. **Applications close on 31st October.** If you need any help with the application process then please pop in and speak to the office who will be able to help.

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Albie Y



TEAM GARNET

Wade C

TEAM AMBER

Viktoras L & Freddie B

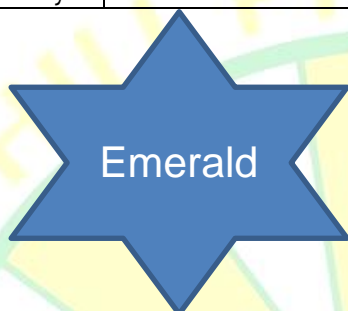
ATTENDANCE

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		91.7%	
Nursery Amber	80.3%		
Reception Garnet			96.9%
Reception Turquoise			96.6%
1 Jade			95.2%

1 Crystal		95.3%
2 Diamond	93.1%	
2 Pearl		95.2%
3 Ruby	92.8%	
3 Emerald		99.3%
4 Coral	92.1%	
4 Opal	94.6%	
5 Onyx	94.5%	
5 Sapphire		95.7%
6 Topaz		96%
6 Amethyst	92.4%	

Well done to

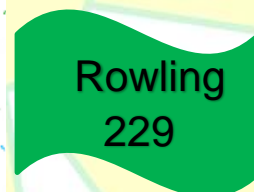


for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



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



FROGS NEWS



Join us for our spooktacular Pumpkin Trail and Pumpkin Carving competition. Information will be coming home on Monday, and look out for the Posters around school! This will all take place on Monday 31st October after school from 3.15pm-5pm. Biscuits and refreshments will be on sale.

Next FROGs meeting: 3.30pm Monday 10th October in the dining room- anyone welcome!

