



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday	4 th October	AM	Year 6 Questionnaire with School Nurses
Thursday	6 th October	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
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

At Galley Hill, reading is an absolute priority. We understand that being able to read unlocks the entire curriculum for our children and develops their vocabulary and imagination. This term, we have fully launched our new phonics scheme: Super Sonic Phonic Friends, to ensure that our children have absolute consistency when being taught to read.

In addition to this, we ensure the children are exposed to a whole range of stories, poems and non-fiction books in their English and Guided Reading lessons to help them to discover a love of reading. As parents, you can really support this journey by encouraging your child to share their reading book with you regularly at home and by enjoying reading experiences together either by reading to them or listening to audio books. Please do speak to your child's class teacher if you need any recommendations or you would like to borrow some books from school.

Before and After School

The children are all aware that they should no longer be playing on the cable reels before or after school as there are simply too many people on the playground. This is also why we ask that the children do not ride on their scooters or bikes on the school property at this time.

I would like to remind parents that the children are your responsibility at this time and you should be supervising your children at all times whilst waiting on the playground before or after school. Many thanks for your support with this.

Attendance

Research has shown that children with good school attendance achieve better with their learning. We want every pupil at Galley Hill to reach their full potential. It is absolutely essential that children are in school every possible day (while we appreciate that sometimes they are genuinely too ill to attend). It is now possible for you to monitor your child's attendance through Arbor, which many of you now have access to. We would expect children's attendance to be between 96% and 100%. Please be mindful if your child's attendance slips below this and do speak to us if you are worried about this at all.

Parking

We would like to thank the very vast majority of our parents who walk to school or park in a safe and considerate way. If you do need to drive your child to school in the morning, please ensure that you think carefully about our neighbours and other road or pavement users when deciding where to park.

Emma's Fun Run Money

We are overwhelmed by the money that we have had flooding in for sponsorship following Emma's Fun Run last week. We look forward to sharing a final total with you. If you are still collecting, please put it on the Just Giving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/galleyhillprimaryschool?utm_term=G67pvWrm

or bring the cash into school by Friday 7th October. THANK YOU to everyone who has supported this cause.

Open Classrooms

We will have our first open classrooms event of the year on Thursday 6th October from 3:15pm - 3:45pm. You can enter the classrooms directly for these sessions, there is no need to enter through the school office. These are an opportunity for you to go into your child's class to look at their learning in the books and on display. Although school staff might be available to answer simple questions, this is not a time for detailed discussions. You are welcome to make an appointment to see your child's class teacher if you would like to do this, or we have Parent Consultations coming up on 11th and 13th October. Open Classrooms takes place on the first Thursday of every month and the dates for the year are on posters around the school and on the school website.

Mary's Coffee Morning and Computer Suite Time for Parents

Just a reminder that Mary's next coffee morning will be on Friday 7th October at 9am until 10:30am. This is an opportunity for parents to get together to chat and support each other with all aspects of parenting facilitated by our family support worker. Following this, Mary will open up our Computer Suite for any parents who need internet access and (small amounts) of printing to support with life admin. This might be to order your child's birthday presents, complete some online forms or print some paperwork you need. The suite will be open from 10:30am to 11:30am. If you would like to attend either or both of these sessions, please report to the school office at the appropriate time.

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: *Lauren E* Turquoise: *Aaliyah S* Garnet: *Elisha H*

Jade: *Macie Mc* Crystal: *Kai T* Diamond: *Charles U*

Pearl: *Muhammad S*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Daniel M* in 5 Onyx who has passed his Stage 5 swimming and been rewarded for his 25m distance. Great work Daniel, 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 so much for the donations sent in so far, please keep donating as we still need lots more. Key Stage 2 playground now have enough material (sheets, blankets, netting) to make dens and to play with and we would love the same for the Key Stage 1 playground so if you do have any spare material then please do send it in and pop it in the collection box outside the office. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY



On Monday 10th October Galley Hill will be participating in World Mental Health Day, by holding a whole school assembly and discussions within class. We will also be raising awareness by joining in with YoungMinds' Hello Yellow Campaign. We are therefore inviting each child to come into school on that day wearing something yellow, on top of their usual school uniform, e.g. a pair of socks, a scarf, hairband, jumper etc. Staff will be getting involved as well! We look forward to seeing you.

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Brooke D



TEAM GARNET

Arthur L

TEAM AMBER

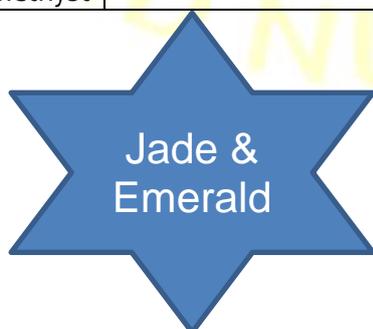
Carter P & Marnie C

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		91%	
Reception Garnet		92.4%	
Reception Turquoise		92.4%	
1 Jade			98.6%
1 Crystal			95.3%
2 Diamond		90.3%	
2 Pearl			95.9%
3 Ruby		91.4%	
3 Emerald			98.6%
4 Coral		92.5%	
4 Opal			97.6%
5 Onyx			97.2%
5 Sapphire			96.4%
6 Topaz			95.2%
6 Amethyst		91.2%	

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Rowling!!!**



For winning the 3rd week in a row!

