



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday	27 th September	All Day	Year 1 Toy Workshop
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

This week, I have really appreciated the opportunity for us to be a community again. This afternoon's Fun Run for Emma Carder really showed how wonderful it is to be part of Team Galley Hill, and the sun even shone a little. Thank you to everyone who attended.

In addition, on Thursday, it was fantastic to have our first PTA meeting in over two years and the parents and staff who attended have lots of ideas for events they can run for the school community over the coming year. Look out for further information about how you can support by attending or helping.

Emma's Fun Run

As the children tried so hard with their running, please do try and collect some sponsor money. We will be buying something for our school playground and donating some of the money raised to two charities: The Hospice of St Francis and Team Macy, who so kindly donated our new defibrillator to the school. Please bring money into school or add donations to our Just Giving site:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/galleyhillprimaryschool?utm_term=G67pvWrmy

Points of Contact

Whenever you have something you wish to discuss with the school, your first point of contact should always be your child's class teacher. You can contact them by speaking with them at the end of the day (and making an appointment if more time is needed) or emailing admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk

and recording FAO and the teacher's name in the subject line. Teachers will get back to you as soon as possible but as teaching is far from being based on a computer, responses can sometimes take up to three school days.

If you have spoken to the teacher and need to take a matter further, your next contact would be the Phase Leader. All phase leaders are members of the school's Senior Leadership Team. The phase leaders are as follows:

Early Years (Nursery and Reception): Miss Elsey

Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2): Mrs Reynolds (Miss Penning will be taking on this role when Mrs Reynolds goes on maternity leave later in October)

Lower Key Stage Two (Years 3 and 4): Miss Keal

Upper Key Stage Two (Years 5 and 6): Mrs Spooner

If issues still remain after you have been in touch with the relevant phase leader, you may wish to contact Mrs Birch (Headteacher), Miss Elsey (Deputy Head and SENCo) or Mrs Jackson (Assistant Head, Safeguarding Lead and Inclusion Lead).

Members of the Senior Leadership Team are always available on the playgrounds before school, and increasingly after school as well, so are happy to help with more informal matters whenever we can.

Coffee Morning and Computer Access

Many thanks to all parents who attended our coffee morning with Mary Nyariki (our Family Support Worker) this morning. We hope you found the session useful. Mary will be running these sessions, to give the opportunity for parents to discuss shared parenting issues and support each other, every other Friday from 9am to 10:30am.

As a school, we are very aware of the current pressures caused by the cost of living crisis. We would like to help as much as we can. As such, we have made the decision to extend Mary's time on alternate Friday mornings by an additional hour (she will be available until 11:30am) so that she can 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. We will be offering this opportunity for the first time from 10:30am on Friday 7th October after Mary's next coffee morning. We really hope this will be useful to some of you.

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: *Izzy D/Maryam M Emerald: Jessebelle B*

Opal: *Chi-Wai H*

Coral: *Aimee C*

Sapphire: *Tyler B*

Onyx: *Matheus V*

Topaz: *Hari C*

Amethyst: *Ella B / Dayyan M*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Grace W* in 4 Coral who won a Gold medal in Brazilian Jujitsu competition. Fantastic achievement Grace!

Fox C in 2 Diamond has passed his Stage 2 Swimming. Well done Fox, great work with your swimming!

Well done to *Helaina M* in 3 Emerald who took part in a Team Artistic Ice Skating competition and her team won the Gold Medal. Brilliant achievement Helaina!

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.



PURPLE MASH



This is an online platform that we use for our computing lessons from nursery to year 6. Your child this week will be coming home with a letter with their login details so they can access purple mash at home. Their login details will also be stuck into their orange reading records. Any questions please speak to your child's class teacher.

SCHOOL FOOD BANK / OUTDOOR PLAY DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the donations sent in for both the Food bank and for the outdoor play areas. We really appreciate everything that has come in so far and would as you please to keep donating whatever you can!

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Luna-Grace S



TEAM GARNET

Sienna C

TEAM AMBER

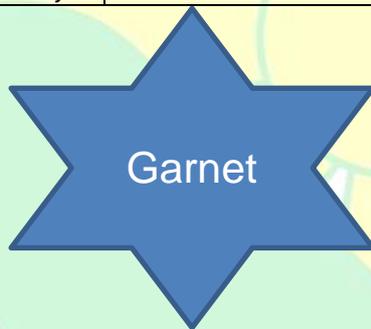
Holly D & Indigo W

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	89.6%		
Nursery Amber	87.2%		
Reception Garnet			98.3%
Reception Turquoise		93.5%	
1 Jade	87.9%		
1 Crystal		90.4%	
2 Diamond		92.7%	
2 Pearl		93.1%	
3 Ruby			97%
3 Emerald			97.3%
4 Coral	88.8%		
4 Opal			98.2%
5 Onyx			95.7%
5 Sapphire	89.3%		
6 Topaz	88%		
6 Amethyst			95.7%

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Rowling!!!**

