



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 16th SEPTEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Thursday	22 nd September	3.30pm	FROGs PTA meeting
Friday	23 rd September	2.15pm	Emma Carder Memorial Fun Run
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

Message from Mrs Birch

This week I have had lots of opportunity to go around the school and see the children learning and playing! There really is a wonderful atmosphere everywhere and it is a pleasure to see how much the children are engaging with their learning and enjoying the additional playtime resources available to them. I particularly enjoyed hearing some of our Year 1 children read on Tuesday and was so impressed with how well they were using their phonics knowledge to sound out each word. I look forward to more opportunities like this in the coming weeks and months.

Value of the Month

Our value for the month of September is 'courage'. Please take the opportunity to talk with your children about what it means to show courage and commend them whenever they do so, particularly in new or unfamiliar situations.

Staff News

This year we are welcoming Mr Van Wyk who will be completing his teacher training in Year 4 Coral for much of the year.

We are also pleased to welcome two new members of staff to our Nursery team. Mrs Dumpleton is supporting Mrs Parsons with the children all day on a Thursday and Friday and Mrs Whittle is now part of our Nursery lunch club team.

Emma's Fun Run

Just a reminder that Emma's Fun Run will take place next Friday (23rd September) from 2:15pm. We would love parent and carers to join us for this event – either as a supporter or by joining in with the running. The children should have their P.E. shorts, a brightly coloured t-shirt and trainers in school with them to change into.

Please do consider getting sponsors for the event, either on the sponsorship form sent home or through our Just Giving page:

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

Welcome Parent Meetings

Many thanks to all parents who have attended one (or more!) of our welcome meetings over the last couple of weeks with your child's new class teacher. It has been great to welcome so many of you. We really hope that you found the meetings helpful.

Coffee Morning

Prior to the pandemic, Mary Nyariki, our Family Support Worker, used to run Friday morning coffee mornings for Galley Hill parents and carers. These gave the opportunity for parents to discuss a range of parenting issues such as bedtime routines, fussy eaters, anxiety, devices etc and generally give each other some moral support! We are delighted to announce that these coffee mornings will be restarting next Friday (23rd September) at 9am. Please report to the school office if you would like to attend. Following on from that, Mary hopes to run the sessions every other week.

PTA Meeting (FROGS)

This year, we hope to restart our school Parent Teachers Association in order to raise funds and organise social events for the school. We will be holding our first meeting of the new FROGS (Friends and Relatives of Galley Hill School) on Thursday 22nd September at 3:30pm. The meeting will take place in the dining room. Please come to the school office at this time if you would like to find out more and volunteer your support.

Clubs

We would like to apologise for the issues with Arbor this week when trying to book clubs. We are very grateful to our office staff for working so hard to try and fix the problem. This should now be rectified and you should now be able to book after school activities for your child. We look forward to clubs starting on Tuesday 20th September. Please remember you must have prebooked and paid for your space on the club or your child may not be able to attend.

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 1 children who should feel very proud for being selected for the first Well Done Wednesday of this school year. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to their milkshake and cookies!

Well Done Wednesday



Amber: <i>Louisa F</i>	Turquoise: <i>Varnnan K</i>	Garnet: <i>Pippa B</i>
Crystal: <i>Layker W</i>	Jade: <i>Maisie A</i>	Diamond: <i>Emily N</i>
Pearl: <i>Yasmin K-S</i>		

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Sienna C* in Garnet who passed her first ever dance exam with Honours. Amazing achievement, well done Sienna!

Isabella P in 5 Onyx became a Secunder (second in charge) at her Brownie Pack. Well done Isabella, you must feel very proud!

Well done to *Daisy P* in 1 Crystal who received Honours for her first ever dance exam! Wonderful work Daisy, keep it up!

Well done to *Yaaseen S* in 6 Topaz who was awarded most improved player for this team at Hemel Hempstead Cricket Club. Great work Yaaseen!

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.

READING – SUPER SONIC PHONIC FRIENDS



We are very excited to be joining the Super Sonic Phonic Friends family for our phonics learning this year. This means that the reading books your children may have at home will have the new Super Sonic labels. The books have been carefully organised to follow the new scheme of learning so that they can take small steps of progress in their reading journey often linked with the learning they are doing in class. We no longer refer to the 'colour' band of the book instead we have Basics 2 - 5 with groups (e.g. Basics 5 Group 3).

The books they bring home will be to practise the learning from class. They should not be difficult for your child/ren to read. They should be able to read or 'sound out' majority if not all of the words. When they are reading with you at home, they are practising their reading skills. We do not expect you to teach them how to read. If you feel that your child's books is too tricky, please speak with their class teacher. You should also receive the parent letter each week to share your child's learning in phonics. It will show you what they are learning and offer some engaging activities to do with your child at home.



CLEANER / MSA REQUIRED

We are currently looking for a cleaner and an MSA to join our team here at Galley Hill. The MSA hours would be for 1 ½ hours lunchtime cover between the hours of 11.30-1.30pm. The cleaning hours would be 3.15pm-5.45pm. If you are interested in applying for either of these positions then please pop in to the office for an application form or for more information.

OPAL – OUTDOOR PLAY AND LEARNING

Thank you for all of the donations that you have been sending in for our Outdoor play areas. We have been inundated with offers of pallets (thank you so much) so we should have enough of these coming now. We would still welcome any items of planks of wood, guttering, drainpipes, decking boards and cable reels. We would also still love anything that the children can make dens or shelters with eg sheets, blankets, tarpaulin and picnic blankets. We are looking to create some digging areas so if you have any buckets, spades, gardening trowels or toy diggers then that would be amazing. Thank you so much for your support with all of this, the children are really enjoying this great selection of items to play with.

SCHOOL FOOD BANK

We would appreciate any donations that you can provide for our school food bank. Our supplies are getting low so if you can possibly add an item or 2 extra on your food shop for the week to donate we have so many families who would be really grateful. We would especially like some more cereals, pasta, baked beans, tinned spaghetti/tomatoes, pasta sauces, bake at home bread and soup. Thank you as always for your support.

COACHING ME – AFTERSCHOOL CLUB & HOLIDAY CLUB

Booking is open for After School Club and October Half Term Holiday Club with coaching me. Please scan the QR codes to take you through to the booking pages.

After School Club

October Half Term
Holiday Club



If you have any questions about either of these clubs then please speak to either Sean:07526 352350 or Chris:07526 352351

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Tommy B



TEAM GARNET

Samuel W

TEAM AMBER

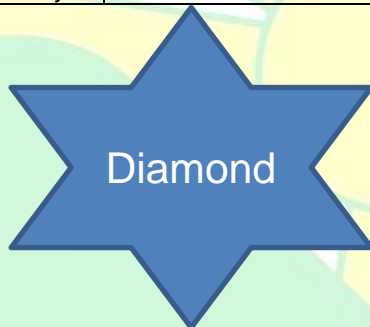
Ernie L & Jaxon C

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		95%	
Nursery Amber		93%	
Reception Garnet	87.6%		
Reception Turquoise			97.6%
1 Jade	88.5%		
1 Crystal	86.7%		
2 Diamond			97.9%
2 Pearl			96.3%
3 Ruby	89%		
3 Emerald		95%	
4 Coral		93.2%	
4 Opal	87.2%		
5 Onyx			95.9%
5 Sapphire	88.6%		
6 Topaz	89.2%		
6 Amethyst		94.6%	

Well done to

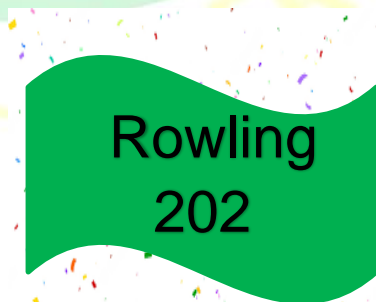


for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Rowling!!!**

