



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 8th March 2024

Tuesday	12th March	9am-9.15am	Year 5 Onyx Sharing Assembly
Wednesday	13th March	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	14th March	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday	15th March	9am-10am	Therapeutic Thinking parent workshop
Friday	15th March	All day	Wear red for Comic Relief
Monday - Friday	18th – 22nd March	All day	Bikeability (selected Year 5's)
Monday	18th March	9am	Rocksteady Easter Concert (bands E, B, C & D)
Monday	18th March	12.30pm-3pm	Year 3 Easter Egg Hunt at Longdean
Tuesday	19th March	2pm-2.45pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday	20th March	5.30pm-6.15pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance
Thursday	21st March	All day	Year 6 Lincolnsfield Centre Trip
Thursday	21st March	5.30pm-6.15pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance

Message from Mrs Birch

On Monday, Mrs Reynolds and myself attended a fascinating and incredibly important training day about becoming a truly anti-racist school. This is a piece of work that we both feel passionate about and we want to ensure that all members of our school community have the ability to tackle discrimination of any kind. We are very much looking forward to working more with the county advisors to audit our work in this area and create an action plan for our next steps. We will be looking for parents to speak with us about their experiences so if you feel you may be interested in supporting us with this project, we would love to hear from you. Please contact us during the school office:
admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk.

World Book Day

Many thanks to Mrs Spooner for her hard work in organising another successful World Book Day event this year. It was fantastic to see the children in their pyjamas and feel the real buzz about reading across the school. I think it was particularly fantastic that all children left the school on Thursday with a brand new book of their own and the chance to get another book from our book swap. Many thanks to all parents who donated books or came in and

read with your child. At Galley Hill, we believe that giving the children a love of reading is incredibly important.

Artist of the Half Term



This week, Miss Hosein launched a new initiative in assembly introducing the children to our 'Artist of the Half Term'. With this initiative, we are looking to further promote our children's cultural knowledge and enjoyment. The artist we have chosen for this half term is Stephen Wiltshire, a British architectural artist and autistic savant. He is known for his ability to draw a landscape from memory after seeing it just once. In 2006, Wiltshire was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) for services to art.

In the same year, he opened a permanent gallery on the Royal Opera Arcade in London. If you want to find out more about Stephen along with your children, please have a look at the BBC Bitesize website: [Who is Stephen Wiltshire? | KS2 Art and Design | Primary - BBC Bitesize.](#)



Netball Team

I would like to say an enormous thank you and well done to the children and parents of our netball team, along with our coach from Game On. It was a real pleasure this week to receive an email from the headteacher from Leverstock Green Primary School stating how impressed she was with the conduct of our children and parents at our recent match at the school and what a delight it was to host them. Well done and thank you to all involved.

Sharing Assembly

Just a reminder that Team Onyx will be sharing their learning in assembly on Tuesday (12th March) at 9am.

Team Sapphire will be doing an extraordinary assembly to share their learning from their Mini Police project on Tuesday 26th March at 9am.



Wednesday!

Well done to these children who have all been selected for Well Done Wednesday to come and have milkshake and cookies with Mrs Birch.

Ruby: *Madison V*

Emerald: *Oakley L*

Opal: *Everly H*

Coral: *Jessebelle B*

Sapphire: *Nell C*

Onyx: *Adrian K*

Amethyst: *Archie B*

Topaz: *Eesah A*



Well done *Layker W* in 2 Pearl who has moved up a stage at Gymnastics and gained his Emerald award. Great work Layker!

Freya F in 4 Coral has passed her Stage 4 swimming. Brilliant swimming Freya, well done!

Well done *Ruby C* in 4 Opal who was awarded Boxer of the Week this week. Amazing Ruby!

Oliver L in Turquoise has got his first black stripe at Martial Arts. Well done Oliver, fantastic achievement!

If your child has anything from outside of school that you would like to share then please email the details over to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk and we can include them on the next Newsletter.

Notice Board

Therapeutic Thinking & Behaviour Workshop

We want to offer our parents/carers the opportunity to learn more about Therapeutic Thinking through a face-to-face workshop led by Mrs Reynolds, held in the main hall on **Friday 15th March 9-10am**. You will learn:

How early childhood experiences impact how children feel and therefore how they behave,
The reasons behind disrespectful or dangerous behaviour, and how you can manage it, What happens in a child's brain when they feel threatened or angry, How to focus on positive behaviour and support your child's mental health

If you would like to attend the workshop, please book via Arbor or speak to the school office. We look forward to seeing you.



Times Tables

On Wednesday morning, Miss Keal hosted a Times Tables workshop for parents/carers of Year 3 and Year 4 pupils.

She discussed the importance of quick recall of times tables facts, how we teach times tables and information about the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check that will take place for Year 4 Pupils in June.

We have now added all of this information to our school website for all parents/carers to see. It is listed under:

Pupils - Class Pages - Times Tables <https://www.galleyhill.herts.sch.uk/times-tables/>

As you may already be aware, all children in Years 1 to 6 have access to either a Numbots or Times Tables Rockstars account. Information about both of these websites has been added to the Times Tables page on our website. Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need their log in information.



School Crossing – Gadebridge Road

Please note that Maria, the lollipop lady on Gadebridge Road, will not be at the crossing again next week. There may be times either in the mornings or the afternoons that the crossing will not be manned. Please do take extra care when crossing the road on your way in to or out of school.

LUNCH TIME AWARD

Miss Elsey has chosen the following children to receive the Lunchtime award for being amazing role models and sports Games helpers at lunchtimes:

Lunch Time Champions – Jonny R & Oliver M (Amethyst)



EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

Amber: Teddy T

Garnet: Holly D

Turquoise: Olivia F

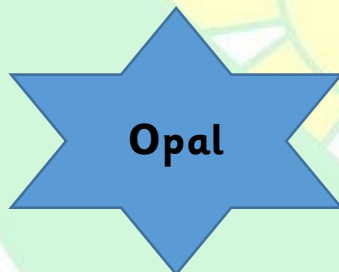


ATTENDANCE

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			100%
Nursery Amber	86.2%		
Reception Garnet		92.1%	
Reception Turquoise	87.3%		
1 Jade			95.2%
1 Crystal	89.7%		
2 Diamond		92.1%	
2 Pearl		94%	
3 Ruby		93%	
3 Emerald			96.2%
4 Coral	89.7%		
4 Opal			98.3%
5 Onyx		94.5%	
5 Sapphire			97.5%
6 Topaz		93.3%	
6 Amethyst		92.7%	







Well done to



Opal

for winning the attendance award this week!



 <p>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!</p>	 <p>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</p>	 <p>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</p>	<p>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</p> <p>Improves reading</p> <p>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</p>
 <p>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</p> <p>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</p>	 <p>100s OF SUBJECTS 1000s OF CLASSES</p> <p>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</p>	 <p>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</p>	<p>MORE SCHOOL =</p> <p>HIGHER GRADES INCREASED CONFIDENCE MORE FRIENDS BRIGHTER FUTURE</p>

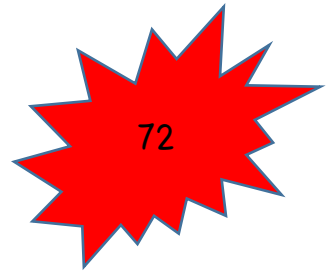
HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Horowitz!

