



# The Galley Hill Times

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024**

Tuesday	<b>5<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9am	<b>Year 1 Crystal Sharing Assembly</b>
Wednesday	<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9am	<b>Year 3&amp;4 Times Tables parent workshop</b>
Thursday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	All Day	<b>World Book Day</b>
Thursday	<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b>	3.15pm	<b>Open Classrooms</b>
Friday	<b>8<sup>th</sup> March</b>	All Day	<b>Girls Biggest Football Day Y5/6 girls</b>
Tuesday	<b>12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9am-9.15am	<b>Year 5 Onyx Sharing Assembly</b>
Wednesday	<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	3.30pm-6pm	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Thursday	<b>14<sup>th</sup> March</b>	5pm-7.30pm	<b>Parents Evening</b>
Friday	<b>15<sup>th</sup> March</b>	9am-10am	<b>Therapeutic Thinking parent workshop</b>

## **Message from Mrs Birch**

Welcome back to the second half of the Spring term. The days are definitely getting longer and the daffodils are well and truly blooming, I just wish someone would tell the weather!

This week, we started the new half term with Online Safety training for all staff. This really was informative and once again highlighted how much we need to be aware of and how much we need to educate our children in order to ensure that they stay safe online. We believe strongly that, like everything, a strong partnership between home and school is essential in supporting our children to be safe online. We strongly rely on the conversations you have with your children to reflect what is said in school and to ensure that your child is only accessing age-appropriate apps and games. As an example, we were reminded once again that WhatsApp has an age rating of 16+ and Fortnite is 12+ so we should not have children in school using either of these.

We are now trying to organise workshops for parents and children so you can hear some of the same messages. In the meantime, the provider we used have a very informative website for parents and teachers: [KIDSONLINEWORLD.COM](https://www.kidsonlineworld.com) - Home.

## **Parents Evening**

Our Parent Consultation Evenings for this term are being held on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March 2024. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they are doing in school. The booking system has already

opened and you have already had correspondence about accessing this. Please speak to the school office if you need any help at all. We really do encourage all parents to take this opportunity.

### **Key Stage Two Playground – Wednesday 6th March**

On Wednesday, we are hosting a staff meeting for a number of local schools. We will be using the Key Stage Two playground (with access from Gadebridge Road) for parking for this event. Please ensure that you leave the school site promptly on that day as cars will be arriving from around 3:35pm and we want to ensure the safety of all pedestrians. Afternoon Nursery parents and children should use the Pudding Lane gate only at the end of the day.

### **Value of the Month**

Our value for the month of March is honesty. As ever, we would appreciate it if you could speak with your children at home about what it means to be honest and why it is important that we always tell the truth. Many thanks for your support with this.

### **Red Nose Day**

This year, Comic Relief takes place on Friday 15th March. We will be raising money for this charity by having a non-uniform day, where we encourage the children to come in wearing red. We recommend a donation of £1 for this event. We are also now selling red noses. These are on sale at the office priced at £2 each. The School Council will also be coming round to classes from Monday selling them.

### **Sharing Assembly / Open Classrooms**

Just a reminder that Team Crystal will be presenting their sharing assembly at 9am on Tuesday (5th March). Parents and carers wishing to attend should report to the school office. Team Onyx will be presenting their assembly at 9am on Tuesday 12th March.

Next week is also Open Classrooms. Parents of children from all year groups are welcome to come into your child's class to look at their learning on Thursday 7th March, 3:15 to 3:45pm (3:30pm for Nursery).



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

Amber: *Cassian C*

Turquoise: *Louisa F*

Garnet: *Alicia C*

Jade: *Luna-Grace S*

Crystal: *Carina H*

Diamond: *Alex R*

Pearl: *Landen N*



Well done *Ronnie Y* in 5 Sapphire who has been scouted at football for MK Dons. Fantastic Ronnie!

*Helaina M* in 4 Coral has passed her Trampoline badge at gymnastics and can now move up to the Advanced group. Well done Helaina, keep up the good work.

Well done *Maya P* in 3 Emerald, who was awarded Gymnast of the Week for her roundoffs and bar work. Brilliant Maya!

*Oliver B* in 5 Onyx has passed his Stage 5 swimming. Amazing swimming Oliver, well done!

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](mailto: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 15<sup>th</sup> March 9-10am**. You will learn:

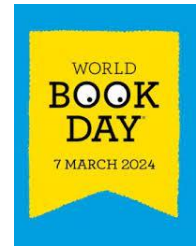
How early childhood experiences impact how children feel and therefore how they behave, The reasons behind disrespectful or dangerous behaviour, and how you can manage it, What happens in a child's brain when they feel threatened or angry, How to focus on positive behaviour and support your child's mental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



## World Book Day

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March for World Book Day the children are invited to come to school in their Pyjamas/onesies with their favourite story. The children will be taking part in various reading activities during the day, parents are then invited in at 2.45pm to come and share a story with your child.



Between 4<sup>th</sup>- 7<sup>th</sup> March if you have any good condition books that you would like to bring in and donate to our 'book swap' then they can be dropped to the office between 4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> March. We will then be holding a book swap for our whole school community.



Also don't forget about our Story in a Box competition – children are invited to create a scene from their favourite story inside a box – closing date for entries is now Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. There are prizes to be won for each year group!

### EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

Amber: Melody D

Garnet: Nikola B

Turquoise: Declan-James S



### 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		94.4%	
Reception Garnet	88.3%		
Reception Turquoise		90.9%	
1 Jade	89%		
1 Crystal		92.7%	
2 Diamond		94.7%	
2 Pearl			98.3%
3 Ruby			97.7%
3 Emerald		93.8%	

4 Coral			95.7%
4 Opal		95%	
5 Onyx		93.1%	
5 Sapphire		91.8%	
6 Topaz		95%	
6 Amethyst			95.3%







Well done to



**Pearl**

for winning the attendance award this week!



 <p><b>HIGH ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL GETS YOUR CHILD'S LIFE OFF TO A FLYING START!</b></p>	 <p><b>INCREASING ATTENDANCE BY JUST 5% CAN DOUBLE THE CHANCES OF GAINING GOOD QUALIFICATIONS</b></p>	 <p><b>MISSING TWO DAYS A MONTH MEANS A CHILD MISSES 10% OF THE SCHOOL YEAR</b></p>	<p><b>GOOD ATTENDANCE IN PRIMARY SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>Improves reading</b></p> <p><i>Writing + MATHS SKILLS</i></p>
 <p><b>THERE ARE 175 DAYS A YEAR NOT SPENT IN SCHOOL</b></p> <p><b>PLENTY OF TIME FOR SHOPPING, HOLIDAYS AND APPOINTMENTS!</b></p>	 <p><b>100s OF SUBJECTS   1000s OF CLASSES</b></p> <p><b>ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES</b></p>	 <p><b>TURNING UP JUST 5 MINUTES LATE EVERY DAY ADDS UP TO OVER 3 DAYS LOST IN THE YEAR!</b></p>	<p><b>MORE SCHOOL =</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HIGHER GRADES</li> <li>INCREASED CONFIDENCE</li> <li>MORE FRIENDS</li> <li>BRIGHTER FUTURE</li> </ul>

**HOUSEPOINTS**

**Rowling**

**Horowitz**

**Wilson**

**Dahl**



428



320



344



405

AND THE  
WINNER  
IS.....

Rowling!

