



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 16th February 2024

Monday	26 th February	Normal time	Back to school
Tuesday	27 th February	10.30am	Fire Engine visiting for Nursery
Thursday	29 th February	3.30pm-4pm	Y6 Parent Meeting re: Leavers Party
Tuesday	5 th March	9am	Year 1 Crystal Sharing Assembly
Wednesday	6 th March	9am	Year 3&4 Times Tables parent workshop
Thursday	7 th March	All Day	World Book Day
Thursday	7 th March	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
Tuesday	12 th March	9am-9.15am	Year 5 Onyx Sharing Assembly
Wednesday	13 th March	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	14 th March	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday	15 th March	9am-10am	Therapeutic Thinking parent workshop

Message from Mrs Birch

Here we are at the end of another half term of school and somehow we are now half way through the school year! In assembly this morning, I encouraged the children to reflect on what they have achieved this half term and what they can do now that they could not do back in January. It is always incredible to hear children talk about their learning and all should be extremely proud of their on-going achievements.

As if to illustrate this, straight after assembly, I was invited to Year 3 to see the incredible pop-up books the children in Team Ruby and Team Emerald had created in their Design Technology lessons. The books were real examples of co-operation and perseverance and it made me incredibly proud to look through them with the children. Well done!

Staff News

Many thanks to Mrs Wyatt, who has worked with us this term as a midday supervisor. She is now moving on to a role in another school and we wish her the very best in her new job.

Half Term Holiday

Obviously next week is half term and school will be closed. We hope that all of our families have a lovely week and look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 26th February.

Sharing Assembly

Many thanks to Team Topaz for presenting an informative sharing assembly - I particularly enjoyed your World War II facts and was blown away by the artwork you shared.

Our next sharing assemblies will be presented by Team Crystal on Tuesday 5th March and Team Onyx on Tuesday 12th March, both 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: Kwaku O

Emerald: Lily A

Opal: Subhan N

Coral: Darcie C

Sapphire: Martina C

Onyx: Lucy P

Topaz: Lois A

Amethyst: Nevaeh B



Well done to *Ruby C* in 4 Opal and *Henry K* in 4 Coral who have both become a Sixer of their cub groups. Fantastic achievement both of you, you should feel very proud.

Carter P in Turquoise has moved up to Stage 2 at swimming. Great work Carter, well done!

Well done *Isla C* in 4 Coral who was awarded Boxer of the Week. Brilliant Isla, keep it up!

Andreea A in 2 Diamond was awarded Gymnast of the week for her work on the bar and her cartwheels. Well done Andreea, fantastic work.

Well done *Tate S* in 4 Opal who has moved up a stage at swimming. Super swimming Tate!

Jake O'T in 1 Crystal was awarded Gymnast of the Week this week. Brilliant achievement Jake, well done!

Well done *Kyle T* in 3 Ruby who has passed his Stage 5 in Swimming. Amazing swimming Kyle!

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

Message from Kerry Edwards, our Chair of Governors

The Governors have a responsibility for the effective management of the school, acting within the framework set by Government legislation. The role of the Governing Body is to act as critical friends towards the school and its management team. The Governing Body aim to support the school with its strategic vision including curriculum and financial management.

The school Governors do their work voluntarily and put in a great deal of time to ensure the school is managed efficiently and to the benefit of all children.

Please note that individual Governors do not have the authority to act alone or represent the school with their own opinion. Any Governor who is approached with a query has a duty of responsibility to signpost individuals to the school in the first instance.

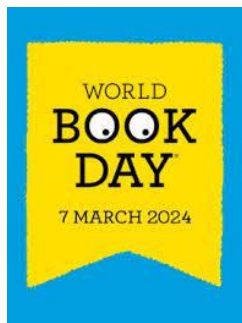
We do appreciate your feedback and look forward to speaking to you during parents' evenings in March.

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.



At Galley Hill, we are beginning to think about our World Book Day celebrations (7th March 2024). The theme this year is 'Read Your Own Way!' To link in with this the children will take part in a range of reading activities throughout the day, more information about this will follow after half term. As always, they will receive a World Book Day token to purchase one of this year's WBD titles/Get £1 off a book. We are also very excited that we are able to give every child a World Book Day title from us here at Galley Hill!

The Bits You Need To Know:

We would like the children to come to school in their PJs/Onsies. Any child who would prefer not to wear their PJs should come to school in their normal uniform. We would also like all children to bring in their current favourite book to share in their classroom. This can be a book, magazine, non-fiction... etc.

Book Swap: We are looking for parents to donate any good quality/condition books from home that children have outgrown or no longer read and these will be put out after school for all members of our school community to 'swap'. (We cannot guarantee if you bring in books that you will be able to take 'swaps'. This will be open to the whole school community). Please bring these into the office on or after 4th March - 7th March. We will not accept books before or after this time due to needing to sort and store them.

Story Time: All parents/carers/grandparents are invited to come and read with their children at the end of the school day on 7th March. 2:45 - 3.10. You might bring in a favourite book they have from home or use a book they have at school. Children will be dismissed at 3:15 onto their usual playgrounds to allow parents with multiple children to collect as usual.

World Book Day! 'Story in a Box' competition!

Children are invited to recreate a scene from their favourite story inside a box (shoe box/cereal box etc.) Please see the pictures below for inspiration.





Story boxes need to be brought into school by Monday 4th March. There are prizes to be won - Good Luck!

**EARLY YEARS
STAR OF THE WEEK**



Amber: Isla H

Garnet: Arthur H

Turquoise: Layla-Mae T

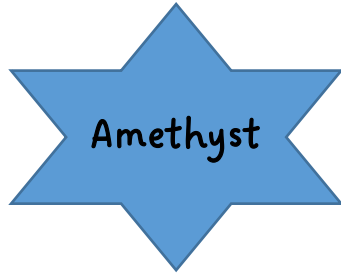
ATTENDANCE

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			
Nursery Amber		93.3%	
Reception Garnet		94.2%	
Reception Turquoise	87%		
1 Jade		91.4%	
1 Crystal		93.7%	
2 Diamond		90.7%	
2 Pearl		93%	
3 Ruby		92.3%	
3 Emerald		91.7%	
4 Coral		94.7%	
4 Opal		90.3%	
5 Onyx			95.7%
5 Sapphire	88.6%		
6 Topaz		91.7%	
6 Amethyst			98.3%

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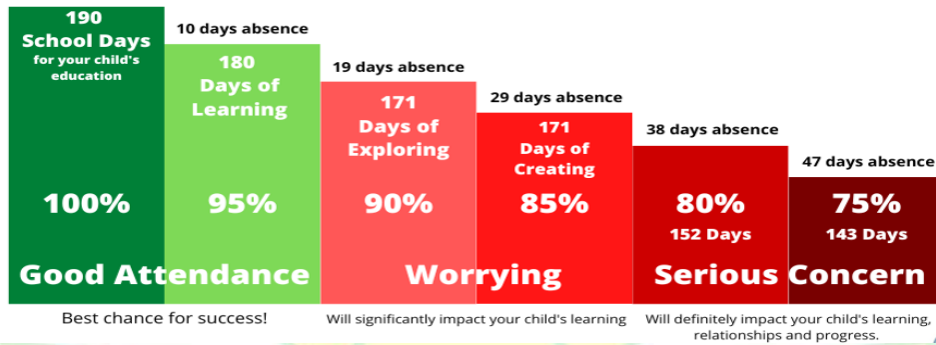
for winning the attendance award this week!



Every school day counts!

There are 175 NON school days every year!

Perfect for family time, visits, holidays, shopping, household jobs and other appointments!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Horowitz!

CHILD NURSERY