



# The Galley Hill Times

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> February	9am-9.15am	6 Topaz Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	13 <sup>th</sup> February	AM	Year 1 Sports Festival at Everyone Active
Friday	16 <sup>th</sup> February	Normal time	Break up for Half Term
Monday	26 <sup>th</sup> February	Normal time	Back to school
Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 1 Crystal Sharing Assembly
Wednesday	6 <sup>th</sup> March	9am	Year 3&4 Times Tables parent workshop
Thursday	7 <sup>th</sup> March	All Day	World Book Day
Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup> March	9am-9.15am	Year 5 Onyx Sharing Assembly
Wednesday	13 <sup>th</sup> March	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup> March	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
Friday	15 <sup>th</sup> March	9am-10am	Therapeutic Thinking parent workshop

## Message from Mrs Birch

This week has been Children's Mental Health week. This is something we are passionate about at Galley Hill. We started the week with a fantastic parent workshop by Suzanne Stace from Unlocking Children's Potential. I think myself, Mrs Birtchnell and all the parents in attendance all agreed that this was a really beneficial way to spend Monday morning and came away with lots of ideas both for supporting the children and ourselves. One suggestion was that we signed up to the weekly newsletter from Dr Rangan Chatterjee, who supports adult well-being. Anyone interested can sign up to his newsletter on his website: [Dr Chatterjee's website](#)

## Safer Internet Day

This week, it has also been Safer Internet Day. All of the children completed lessons about using the internet safely and this is something we talk about regularly in school. We have reiterated what to do if something that happens online worries us. Children are very good at explaining that they must always speak to a trusted adult. It is our responsibility to ensure that children are both digitally literate and safe when online. It is also your responsibility as parents to ensure that your children are safe online. To support you with this, we have attached a leaflet from CEOP. We would urge you to read it and hope that it will support you further.

## Sharing Assembly

Just a reminder that 6 Topaz will be presenting their sharing assembly on Tuesday (13th February) at 9am. There will be an opportunity to go up to the classroom after the assembly if you would like to see their learning in books and on the walls.

## Nursery Applications

If you have a child due to start Nursery in September 2024, please ensure that you have applied (directly to us at school) by Friday 1st March. Full details regarding this are available on our school website or contact the school office.



## 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.

Amber: *Rosie J*

Garnet: *Magdalena L*

Turquoise: *Ernie L*

Crystal: *Harley H*

Jade: *Isaac C*

Diamond: *Alice H*

Pearl: *Amber B*



Well done *Lila K* in 5 Onyx who has been selected to perform a solo dance at a Dance Competition. Good luck Lila!

*Madison V* in 3 Ruby has passed her level 1 Acrodance exam with Distinction. Fantastic Madison, well done!

Well done *Leah T* in 1 Crystal who has passed her Stage 4 swimming. Great swimming Leah!

*Ruby C* in 4 Opal competed in the Cub and Scout district swimming event. She won the finals for Breaststroke, her team were 3<sup>rd</sup> in the relay and they finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall in the district. Fantastic evening for you Ruby, well done!

Well done *Maddie B* in 4 Opal who took part in a cheerleading competition with her team 'Little Rebels' and finished in 2<sup>nd</sup> place! Brilliant Maddie!

Maya B in 4 Coral has passed her Stage 4 Swimming. Wonderful swimming Maya, 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

For a number of years schools across Hertfordshire, including Galley Hill, have adopted Therapeutic Thinking's approach to supporting and managing pupils' behaviour and mental health. Therapeutic Thinking provides a trauma-informed approach, focuses on the reasons behind children's behaviour and has helped us develop our schools' behaviour policy. 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.

### EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

Amber: Rosie J

Garnet: David P

Turquoise: Oliver H

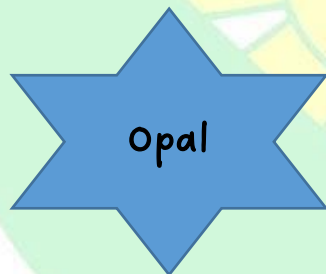
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## ATTENDANCE

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			96%
Nursery Amber	87.2%		
Reception Garnet		93.8%	
Reception Turquoise		93.5%	
1 Jade		94.1%	
1 Crystal			97%
2 Diamond		94%	
2 Pearl			97.5%
3 Ruby		91.3%	
3 Emerald			96.2%
4 Coral			96%
4 Opal			97.7%
5 Onyx		93.7%	
5 Sapphire		92.1%	
6 Topaz	89%		
6 Amethyst			97%

Well done to



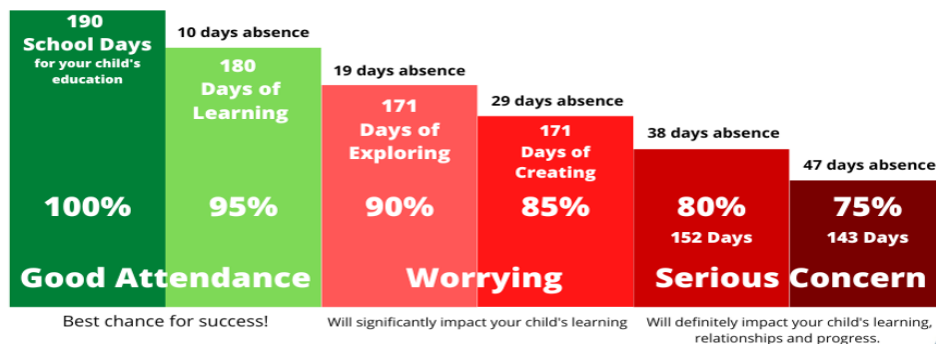
for winning the attendance award this week!



## 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



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