



# The Galley Hill Times

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024

Monday	5 <sup>th</sup> February	9am-10.30am	Parent Workshop - Unlocking Children's potential
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

## Message from Mrs Birch

This week, I have had the pleasure of going on learning walks across the school. Miss Keal and I had a particularly exciting morning on Wednesday visiting all of the Lower Key Stage Two classes. We were so impressed across both Year 3 and 4 with how well the children were focused on their learning and the engagement from all pupils. In Year 4, we were particularly blown away with the impressive Roman shields on display. I am aware that these were the outcome from home learning so thank you so much to parents and carers who have supported their children so well to create such fantastic artefacts.

## Value of the Month

Our value for the month of February is 'patience'. We will be talking with the children in assembly about what it means to be patient and we always appreciate the message also being reinforced at home. Many thanks in advance for your support.

## Sharing Assembly

Many thanks to the children from Team Pearl for their fantastic sharing assembly this week. Our next sharing assembly will be presented by Team Topaz on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February at 9am.

## Staff Car Park

Just a reminder that our car park is for staff use only and is not even big enough for that! Could we please respectfully ask that Breakfast Club parents pull in at the car park by the shops to bring their child in at 8am via the pedestrian entrance and not

pull into the car park. Many staff arrive at this time and it causing too much congestion and making the car park dangerous.

## WELL DONE 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: Jayden C

Emerald: Evan B

Coral: Shidaa T

Opal: Izzy D

Sapphire: Sahra K

Onyx: Tre E

Amethyst: Evie C

Topaz: Maria G



Well done to *Emma M* in 2 Diamond who was awarded Gymnast of the Week for her handsprings on the vault. Fantastic Emma, well done!

*Oliver V-N* in 3 Emerald has moved up a stage at swimming. Amazing swimming Oliver, keep up the good work!

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



### Children's Mental Health Week

Next week schools across the country will be celebrating Children's Mental Health Week. At Galley Hill we will be kicking off the week with the parent workshop led by Suzanne Stace from Unlocking Children's Potential, we will also have a Mental Health Practitioner from the NHS Mental Health Support Teams delivering assemblies to the children, and children will be taking part in a variety of activities and discussions focusing on mental health within their classrooms.

If you are worried about your child's mental health, you will find lots of information, ideas and guidance on the Wellbeing page on our school website, along with our parent

guide which details how to support your child with specific issues such as anxiety and low self-esteem. We want our pupils, and parents/carers, to know that it is OK to ask for help with your mental health, so please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher or Mrs Reynolds, our Mental Health Lead, if you have any concerns.



### Parking on Pudding Lane

As you will have noticed if you use the entrance on Pudding Lane, the Highways Agency have been out and painted the zig zag lines outside of the gate, and double yellow lines towards the corners of the road. We shouldn't need to remind you that it is illegal to park on either of these markings and they have been installed in order to help keep the children safe from dangerously parked cars. Please can you ensure that you adhere to these markings and park safely and respectfully around the local area.



### Coaching Me - February Half Term

**Multi-Sports & Activity Camps**  
9am - 4pm

**£20 per day**

**Feb 19<sup>th</sup> – Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Galley Hill Primary School, Hemel Hempstead, HP1 3JY  
[www.coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login](http://www.coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login)

Hockey	Tennis	Dodgeball	Badminton	Kinball	Archery	Axe Throwing
Volleyball	Gymnastics	Netball	Cricket	Football		

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**COACHINGME**  
★★★★★

### EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK



- Amber: Claudia G

Garnet: Indigo W

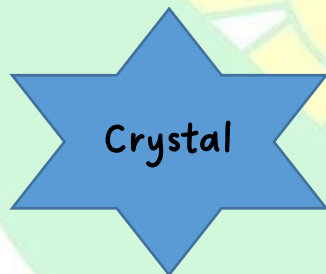
Turquoise: Mark C

## 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	82%		
Nursery Amber		92.3%	
Reception Garnet			95.8%
Reception Turquoise			96.1%
1 Jade		92.1%	
1 Crystal			98.7%
2 Diamond		94.3%	
2 Pearl		91%	
3 Ruby		92%	
3 Emerald			97.6%
4 Coral		92.7%	
4 Opal			98%
5 Onyx	88.7%		
5 Sapphire			97.8%
6 Topaz		92.3%	
6 Amethyst		95%	

Well done to



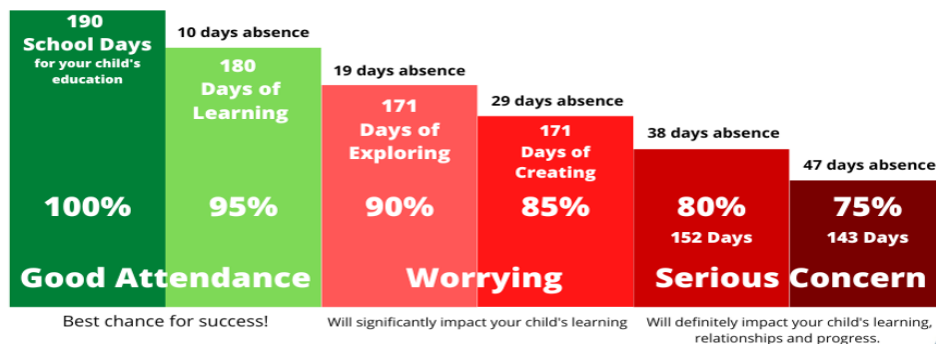
for winning the attendance award this week!



# Every school day counts!

There are 175 NON school days every year!

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



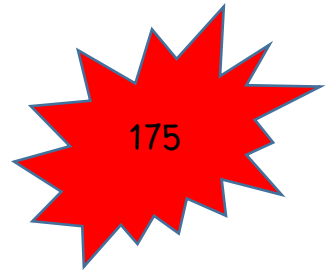
HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE  
WINNER  
IS.....

**Wilson!**

