



# The Galley Hill Times

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Tuesday	30 <sup>th</sup> January	9am-9.15am	2 Pearl Sharing Assembly
Thursday	1 <sup>st</sup> February	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
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

## Message from Mrs Birch

This week, I was discussing with some of our governors the impact of our lunch time initiative OPAL (Outdoor Play and Learning). It is sometimes hard to remember the times before we embarked on this project when there was very little for the children to play with or do during their free playtime as the changes have become so embedded. Every now and then however, it is a real joy to stand outside at lunchtime and watch children scooting, preparing meals in the mud kitchen, building dens, performing shows and generally having fun being children! It makes me really reflect on how positive these changes have been.

We continue to rely on the donations of items to keep this project exciting for the children. If you are able to donate wheeled items like pushchairs, balance bikes or suitcases, these are always particularly popular. Similarly, we are always on the lookout for companies who can donate things like pallets, scaffold boards and cable reels as these are regularly inspected and thrown away if they begin to look unsafe. Thank you to everyone who has donated items in the past, it is very much appreciated. Continue to bring bits to the boxes by the office door or contact the office for large items if necessary.

Having said all of this, we have just this moment taken delivery of 12 brand new didi-cars that we cannot wait to put out on the Key Stage One and Key Stage Two playgrounds and see the children whizz around!

## Road Safety Update

We are absolutely delighted that the council have now been out to paint the school zig-zags on the road outside of Pudding Lane. We have been told that these new markings are going to be monitored to ensure enforcement. We really hope this will make the

Pudding Lane entrance safer for our whole school community and thank all parents in advance for ensuring that they do not park in this area.

### Sharing Assembly

Our next sharing assembly will be presented by Team Pearl on Tuesday (30th January) at 9am. Parents / carers wishing to attend should report to the school office at this time. After the assembly, there will be a chance for parents to go back to the classroom to see their child's books and learning displays.

Team Topaz will be presenting their sharing assembly on Tuesday 13th February.

### Open Classroom

Just a reminder that we have our next Open Classrooms on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February which is another fantastic opportunity to come in to your child's class at the end of the school day to have a look at some of the work that they have been doing.



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: Coby L

Turquoise: Layla-Mae T

Garnet: Elena A

Crystal: Kevin H

Jade: Taylor-Rose A

Diamond: Penny F

Pearl: Harper C



Well done *Maya B* in 4 Coral who has been awarded Diamond level at Gymnastics and was also presented with Gymnast of the Week. Fantastic work Maya!

Well done to *Zachary P* in 5 Onyx who has moved up to Stage 8 in his swimming lessons. Great swimming Zachary!

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

## Parent/Carer Mental Health Day



Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January is Parent/Carer Mental Health Day, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind all of our parents/carers how important it is to look after your mental health and wellbeing. The Five Ways to Wellbeing can help with this - Give, Connect, Notice, Be Active, Keep Learning. For further information and advice on how to look after your family's mental health please see the Wellbeing page on our website. Have a wonderful weekend and remember to look after yourself!

## 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		

10% Sibling Discount Automatically Applied at Checkout

Sean: 07526 358 350    Chris: 07526 358 351  
Email: [coachingme.com@gmail.com](mailto:coachingme.com@gmail.com)  
 [coachingme](https://www.facebook.com/coachingme)

**COACHINGME**  
★★★★★

## Hemel Storm Basketball - home game this Saturday



Hemel Storm have another home game this weekend, this time against Newcastle University. It is a 7pm tip off at Hemel Sports Centre. Tickets can be purchased on the door or in advance at [www.stormbasketball.net](http://www.stormbasketball.net).

**EARLY YEARS  
STAR OF THE WEEK**



Amber: Arthur P

Garnet: Marnie C

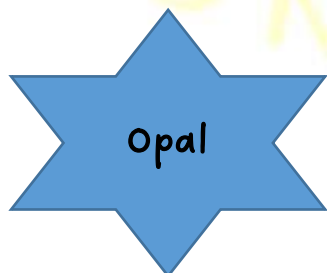
Turquoise: Lacey P

**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			98%
Nursery Amber		94.9%	
Reception Garnet		93.8%	
Reception Turquoise			95.9%
1 Jade			97.6%
1 Crystal		91%	
2 Diamond		93.9%	
2 Pearl			97%
3 Ruby			94%
3 Emerald			95.2%
4 Coral			98.7%
4 Opal			99%
5 Onyx		91.3%	
5 Sapphire		92.2%	
6 Topaz	89.7%		
6 Amethyst		91.7%	

Well done to



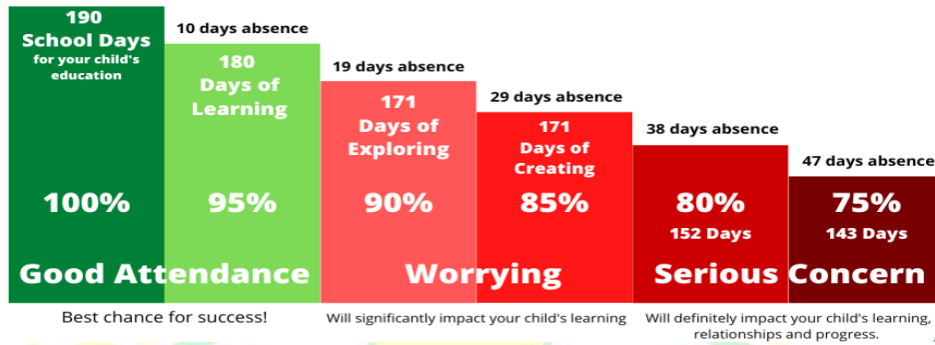
for winning the attendance award this week!



# 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 - AUTUMN TERM WINNER

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl

331

214

401

289

AND THE  
WINNER  
IS.....

**Wilson!**

AND NURSERY