



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 3rd November 2023

Tuesday - Friday	7 th November - 10 th November	3.15pm-4pm	Book Fair - everyday after school
Tuesday	7 th November	9am-9.20am	Year 6 PGL/Activity Week Assembly
Monday	13 th November	5pm-5.40pm	Year 6 Parent Meeting - SATS
Monday	13 th November	5.50pm-6.30pm	Year 5 Parent Meeting - Residential Trip Information
Tuesday	14 th November	9am	Year 5 Sapphire Sharing Assembly
Friday	17 th November	All Day	Children in Need Day
Friday	17 th November	All Day	Nursery/Reception Children - dress up as Nursery Rhyme Character
Friday	17 th November	9.10am	Nursery/Reception songs performance to parents
Friday	17 th November	2.45pm	Nursery/Reception songs performance to parents
Tuesday	21 st November	9am-9.15am	Year 3 Emerald Sharing Assembly
Monday	27 th November	9am-10am	Rocksteady Music Concert - Bands E,B,C & D
Friday	1 st December	5pm-7.30pm	Christmas Market
Monday	4 th December	9am-10am	Rocksteady Music Concert - Bands A,F,G & H

Message from Mrs Birch

Back in September, we were visited by Hero Slinn, the Director for Inclusion and Skills at Hertfordshire County Council. Over half term, I read a communication she had sent out to all schools in the county and was so delighted with our mention, that I felt compelled to share with you all:

'I just wanted to say how much I have valued being able to come out and see excellent inclusive provision in Hertfordshire in action so far this academic year. I have visited Galley Hill and Warren Dell Primary Schools and must say I was so impressed with the variety of provision on offer in both schools, really tailored around the needs of the children.'

As ever, I am incredibly proud of our Galley Hill community and really appreciated seeing our hard work acknowledged. Well done and thank you Team Galley Hill!

Changes for Times of Opening and Closing Gates

We are constantly reviewing our practices and policies relating to safeguarding. As such, we have decided to make some changes to the length of time our gates will be open for each day.

From Monday (6th November), there will be no access to the playground for parents or pupils before 7:55am. At this time, the gate onto the KS2 playground will be unlocked for access to Early Birds Club but will remain closed. We ask parents passing through it to take their children to Early Birds Club to ensure the gate is closed behind them.

The gates on Pudding Lane and Gadebridge Road will remain closed and locked until much later in the morning. The Pudding Lane gate will open at 8:25am and the Gadebridge Road gate will open at 8:30am. There is no need for any pupils or parents to be on the school site before this time.

In the afternoon, the Gadebridge Road gate will be closed and locked at 3:30pm and the Pudding Lane gate will be closed and locked at 3:35pm. Please ensure that you have exited the school premises by this time.

Again, the KS2 playground gate will remain unlocked for access to Coaching Me Afterschool Club only (all other clubs are dismissed from the main school office door) but we ask that parents who need to collect their children ensure that the gate is closed after you have passed through it.

Many thanks for your support in keeping our school safer for all.

Year 6 Activity Week / Class Sharing Assemblies

Next week sees the start of our sharing assemblies for the school year. On Tuesday (7th November), children from Year 6 will be presenting a short assembly to tell parents, and children from Years 4 and 5, about their adventures during the Activity Week (at PGL or at school) that took place before half term. We invite parents to join us for this assembly by reporting to the school office for a 9am start.

The week after that, children will begin to present their annual class assemblies with Team Sapphire kicking us off on Tuesday 14th November. The children will share some of their learning from the year so far and there will be the opportunity to go back to the classroom with your child to see their learning in their books and on display as well.

Parents wishing to attend should report to the school office at 9am. On Tuesday 21st November, Team Emerald will be presenting their learning in the same way.

Children in Need - Friday 17th November

It is Children in Need on Friday 17th November. In order to raise money for this fantastic charity, we will be inviting the children to wear something yellow, spotty or Pudsey themed to school on this day and bring in a donation (we recommend £1).

For children in the Early Years (Nursery and Reception), this is the end of World Nursery Rhyme Week and as you know, they are already coming to school dressed as a Nursery Rhyme character. This should take priority but if you wish to incorporate spots into your costume, you are more than welcome!

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.

Amber: Melody D

Garnet: Calvin J

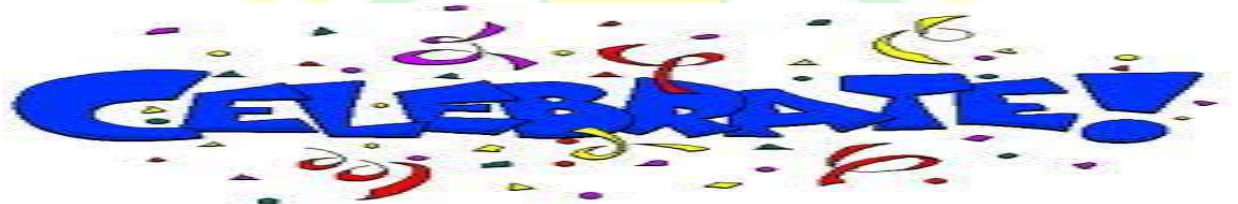
Turquoise: Andrada P

Jade: Leyla-Rose H

Crystal: Kevin H

Pearl: Alice D

Diamond: Maisie A



Well done *Shreyashi S* in 3 Emerald who took part in a solo performance of Indian classical dance Bharatnatyam in front of 200 people. What a wonderful experience!


Helaina M in 4 Coral has earned her rosettes for Vault and Bar at Gymnastics. Well done Helaina, keep it up!

Well done to *Ruby C* in 4 Opal who has earned her 200m swim badge. Great swimming Ruby!

Andreea A in 2 Diamond has been awarded Gymnast of the Week. Fantastic Andreea, 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 and we can include them on the next Newsletter.

Notice Board



Galley Hill School Council

We are relaunching our School Council and we need YOU!

Do you listen respectfully to the views of others?

Are you able to attend meetings at break time once a month?

Do you like sharing your ideas?
Do you want to help make our school even better?


If you answered yes to any of these questions then you should run for School Council Representative for your class. Each class will be electing one child to share their thoughts and opinions at School Council meetings by **Monday 6th November**. Mrs Birtchnell will be leading School Council meetings every other week where they will discuss a range of topics relating to our school.

If you would like to run for School Council Representative for your class then speak to your class teacher.




Book Fair

The book fair will be returning to Galley Hill School and will be in the hall every day after school from **Tuesday 7th November to Friday 10th November**. This is a great opportunity to pick up some early Christmas presents! You will be able to make both cash and card payments. Come and see us in the main hall from 3.15pm-4pm from Tuesday 7th November.



Casual MSA Required

We are wanting to recruit a casual MSA to work at lunch times when we require cover for staff who are unwell or attending training. We often know in advance when we need a casual MSA to cover a shift and will contact you in advance. Sometimes we might contact you in the morning to ask if you can work at lunch time. This work can vary between a day a week or working every day for several weeks depending on the cover required. A lunch time shift usually lasts for an hour and 30 minutes. If you are interested then please contact the office for an application form. If you know of anyone else who would be interested then please contact the office.



Camelot Rugby Club Fireworks Display

If you are looking for a fireworks event for tonight then Camelot Rugby Club are holding their annual fireworks display. Tickets are available on the gate. Gates open at 5pm and the fireworks start at 7.30pm.



EARLY YEARS
STAR OF THE WEEK



Amber: Skylar O-T

Garnet: Robbie M

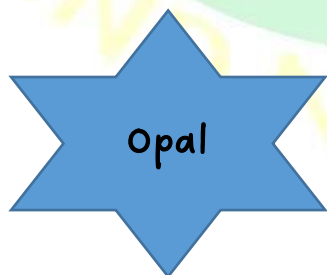
Turquoise: Carter P

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		92%	
Nursery Amber		94.3%	
Reception Garnet		94.8%	
Reception Turquoise		92.7%	
1 Jade		94.5%	
1 Crystal			96%
2 Diamond			96.6%
2 Pearl			96.3%
3 Ruby		93.8%	
3 Emerald			97.2%
4 Coral			95.9%
4 Opal			97.6%
5 Onyx			95.3%
5 Sapphire			96.4%
6 Topaz		94.9%	
6 Amethyst	88%		

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



Attendance Ladder



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl

153

138

135

116

AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Rowling!!