



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 20th October 2023

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| Monday | 30 th October | 8.45am | Return to School |
| Monday | 30 th October | | Individual School Photos |
| Wednesday | 1 st November | AM | Year 6 School Health Questionnaire |
| Thursday | 2 nd November | 10.30am | Year 2 Glow Dance event at Longdean |
| Friday | 3 rd November | All day | Non Uniform Day - Nurs/Rec/KS1 - donate chocolate. KS2 donate a bottle |
| Tuesday | 14 th November | 9am | Year 5 Sapphire Sharing Assembly |
| 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 |

Message from Mrs Birch

As it has got noticeably colder, it must be time for October half term! We are so incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved in this first half term of the school year. Our Nursery and Reception children have settled so well and the rest of the children have been working hard, making good progress with their learning and showing that they can follow the Galley Hill Expectations. I hope that everyone has a lovely week off and I look forward to seeing the children back in school on Monday 30th October. I am sure it will only then be a flash before we start hearing Christmas carols and glitter takes over the school!

FROGS Halloween Disco

I would like to say an enormous thank you to Mrs Sproat and her FROGS PTA team who have worked so hard preparing for this evening's Halloween disco. I hope all of the children have a wonderful time.

Open Classrooms

Our next open classrooms event will take place on Thursday 2nd October from 3:15pm to 3:45pm. During this time, you are welcome to visit your child's class (please wait for the

teachers to dismiss all of the children before crowding the door / entering the room) to see all of the wonderful learning they have been doing. School staff will probably be present in the classroom to answer your queries but this is not a time for extensive conversations. If you have a matter you wish to discuss in detail, please make an alternative appointment with your child's teacher.

Perspective Parent Talk and Tour

We will be holding a talk and tour for parents of children looking for a Reception place in September 2024 at 9:30am on Wednesday 8th November. If you know of any parents who may wish to join us, please ask them to contact the school office to book a place.

Speaking with Staff After School

Just as a reminder, our staff are always happy to speak with parents about concerns or questions after school each day. We please request that you ensure that the teacher has dismissed all of the children from the class before approaching them. We very much appreciate your patience at these busy points of the day.

Mobile Phones

We appreciate that many of you allow your older children to bring mobile phones to school so they are able to let you know they have arrived safely and that they are on their way home. Mobile phones are stored in the school office for the day so that they are kept safe once handed in. An increasing number of pupils are using their mobile phones before school on the playground. This is a breach of our safeguarding policy. Please remind your child/ren that they should hand their phone in as soon as they arrive on the school grounds. The only exception to this may be those children who attend Early Bird club who hand them in on arrival to the staff running the club.

Arrival at school (morning)

The school gates are opened early in the morning to allow access to parents who are dropping their children at Early Bird club. We have noticed some of our older pupils are arriving onto the playground before 8:35. These children are often those who walk to school on their own so there are not adults to supervise them. School is responsible for your pupils from **8:40 onwards** when an adult will be out on duty. Please ensure that your children are not leaving for school earlier than needed.

Non Uniform Day - Friday 3rd November

In preparation for our Christmas Market on 1st December, we are having a Non uniform day on Friday 3rd November. On this day the children are invited to wear their own clothes for the day (no coloured hair spray or face paints), and for this we would ask that the children from Nursery, Reception and Key Stage 1 donate some chocolate for

our chocolate tombola, and the children from Key Stage 2 donate a bottle (could be wine, ketchup, shampoo...) for our bottle tombola. Thank you so much for your support.

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.

Emerald: Lily A

Ruby: Freddie N

Opal: Ruby C

Coral: Grace D

Sapphire: Ambereen R

Onyx: Lucie S

Topaz: Tyler A

Amethyst: Sam M



Well done *Ronnie Y* in 5 Sapphire who is going for a trial at Luton Town.

Daniel S in 4 Opal was presented with a certificate from the Mayor Of Dacorum for achieving his Bronze Award at Beavers. Fantastic Daniel!

Well done to *Oakley W* in 6 Topaz who received his Chief Scout Silver Award from the Mayor of Dacorum.

Lara P in 3 Ruby has earned her Emerald badge at Gymnastics. Great work!

Well done to *Jacob C* in 5 Onyx who has passed his Karate Grading.

Grace D in 4 Coral has been awarded her Bronze award at Brownies. Brilliant!

Well done *Maya B* in 4 Coral who has earned her Topaz level badge at Gymnastics and was awarded Gymnast of the Week.

Freya F in 4 Coral has earned her Diamond badge at Gymnastics. Amazing!

Well done *Tate S* in 4 Opal who has moved up to the next stage in Swimming.

So many amazing achievements from outside of school for Team Galley Hill this week. Well done to all of them, and please do keep sending them in, we love to hear about them!

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

News from the Governors

We would like to welcome Helen Birch as a new parent governor. Helen has 2 children in Galley Hill and has a background in mental health and wellbeing. We still have a space for a co-opted governor. This cannot be a parent and would preferably be someone with a finance or health and safety background. After 3 years as a governor at Galley Hill myself I have now been voted in as vice-chair. I look forward to taking a more active role in school. So far this term we have implemented a rigorous monitoring schedule for example safeguarding, online safety, filtering and monitoring, attendance, risk assessments and record keeping.

We would like to thank all those parents who contributed to the graffiti wall at the parent teacher consultations. Your feedback is so important to us. We are always happy to hear your views. Online safety came up as a concern for many parents of older children. It can be very difficult to monitor what your child is accessing on their mobile phones. There is lots of advice online which will help you to control and manage their access, set screen time, secure accounts and restrict the use of apps.

We are very excited for the new academic year. Hive is up and running and already having a positive impact on the wellbeing and behaviour of our children. As a board of governors we would like to thank all the staff who work so hard to make Galley Hill a happy and safe place for your children to learn and play. We hope you all have a Great half term break.

Tracey Hunter

Secondary School Applications - Closing Date soon

Just a reminder for our Year 6 parents that the closing date for Secondary School applications is **Tuesday 31st October**. Please make sure that your application is completed online by this date. If you need any help with this then please do pop in to the office where we will try and help.



School Photo Day - Monday 30th October

Individual school photos will take place on the first day back after half term, Monday 30th October.



EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK



Amber: Theo F-L

Garnet: Kinanah Z

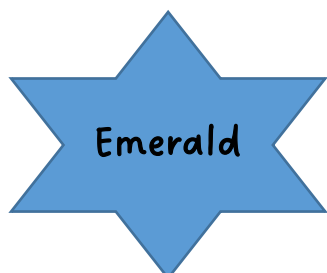
Turquoise: Lavinia H

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 | | 90% | |
| Nursery Amber | | | 96.6% |
| Reception Garnet | | 93.3% | |
| Reception Turquoise | | | 96.4% |
| 1 Jade | | 91.4% | |
| 1 Crystal | | | 98% |
| 2 Diamond | | | 96.9% |
| 2 Pearl | | 93.7% | |
| 3 Ruby | | | 96.9% |
| 3 Emerald | | | 98.9% |
| 4 Coral | | 92% | |
| 4 Opal | | | 96.9% |
| 5 Onyx | | 90.7% | |
| 5 Sapphire | | 92.5% | |
| 6 Topaz | | | 96.2% |
| 6 Amethyst | | | 95.7% |

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



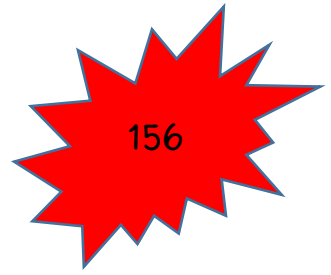
HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



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WINNER
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Wilson!!

