



# The Galley Hill Times

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2023

Monday	9 <sup>th</sup> October	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Wear something yellow (with your uniform) for World Mental Health Day
Wednesday	11 <sup>th</sup> October	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
All Week	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 6 at PGL residential
Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup> October	All day	Year 6 (not at PGL) trip to Phasels Wood
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	9am-10am	Reception/Year 1 Phonics Open Morning
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	4pm-5pm KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm KS2	FROGs Hallowe'en Disco
Friday	20 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October	8.45am	Return to School
Monday	30 <sup>th</sup> October		Individual School Photos
Thursday	2 <sup>nd</sup> November	10.30am	Year 2 Glow Dance event at Longdean

## Message from Mrs Birch

As ever, I have had a stream of children visiting my office this week to receive Headteacher Award stickers for fantastic learning. It is always so exciting to see what the children have been learning in lessons and see the effort they have put into their work. This week, I had the real privilege of lots of children being sent to me to show me their home learning and I was incredibly proud to see the effort that parents and children had together put in to extending learning outside of school.

We do try to ensure that our home learning is not onerous and is designed to be completed in short bursts to best support the core skills while also giving you an insight into what your child has been learning in school. Your support with this at home will have a direct impact on the progress of your child and we thank you for the help and encouragement that you provide to get tasks completed.

## Speaking with Teachers

As you will be aware, we feel strongly that good communication between teachers and parents is an essential part of school life. Our teachers will always find a time to meet with you or hold a conversation if you wish to discuss any aspect of your child's education. Unless your query is urgent, your very best approach for this is to send an email to [admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk) with FAO and the teacher's name in the subject bar. This will then be passed on to the class teacher who will call you back or arrange a meeting.

Unfortunately, it is not possible for teachers to have long conversations with parents before school each day. If you have a quick message, please pass it to whichever member of staff is on the door for your child's class or year group and they will pass it on. Teachers cannot be called out of class at this time because our learning does start at 8:45am when the school day starts.

Similarly, teachers are more than happy to speak with you after school but our number one priority is to safeguard all of our children and ensure that they go home with the correct adult. We politely ask that if you need to speak to an adult in school or they have asked to have a quick word with you, you wait for them to ensure the rest of the class have been dismissed safely before initiating a conversation and distracting them from this important job. Many thanks for your patience and support with this.

## Online Safety

You will know that ensuring our children know how to use the internet safely is something we take very seriously at Galley Hill. This is something we need to do in partnership with you as parents. This week, it has come to our attention that someone in our community has been using Snapchat with their location visible. We would like to remind parents that the Snapchat app has a minimum age of 13 for users so none of our children should be using it. There is further information about the app and controls that parents can use for their teenagers on the Internet Matters website: [Is Snapchat safe: A how to guide for parents | Internet Matters](#). Thank you for your support in ensuring that your child remains safe from harm online.

## Harvest

This year our action-packed calendar means that we will not be having any official harvest festival celebration. However, we do continue to hold stocks of non-perishable food and toiletries in school to support any of our families at times of need. If you would like to make a donation to our school pantry, we would be incredibly grateful for items passed to the school office or given to class staff. Similarly, if times are hard for you and your family, please do not go without. You can make a request to any member of staff that you feel comfortable speaking with and we will provide you with a bag of groceries to support your family. Your request will be dealt with discretely and without judgement.



## 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: *Louis W*

Emerald: *Shreyashi S*

Opal: *Tate S*

Coral: *Helaina M*

Sapphire: *Max S*

Onyx: *Lola H*

Amethyst: *Evie C*

Topaz: *Lois A*

Early Bird Club: *Freya F*



Well done *Flora C* in 2 Pearl who has passed her Dance exam with Honours. Fantastic achievement Flora!

*Lara P* in 3 Ruby has moved up to Stage 5 in Swimming. Well done Lara, great swimming!

Well done *Ruby C* in 4 Opal who has been awarded her Chief Scout Bronze award, and also received an award from her Boxing club for all of her hard work this season. Brilliant Ruby, keep it up!

*Rade R* in 4 Coral has passed his grading in Taekwondo and is now yellow belt with green stripe. Amazing achievement Rade, 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



### World Mental Health Day

Reminder: On Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October it is World Mental Health Day and Galley Hill School are supporting this by inviting the children to wear something yellow on top of their uniform. This could be a pair of socks, a scarf, a t-shirt etc worn with their

school uniform. We will also be raising awareness by joining in with YoungMinds' Hello Yellow Campaign, and holding a whole school assembly to discuss this.

Stop Means Stop Campaign



Your lollipop man or woman will be wearing a bright 'stop means stop' tabard this October. The 'stop means stop' campaign is run to highlight the ongoing danger the school crossing patrols face every day when cars do not stop, even when they have stepped into the road.



Please show your support for them by stopping for your patrol.

EARLY YEARS  
STAR OF THE WEEK



Amber: Rayhana Z

Garnet: David P

Turquoise: Joshua B

LUNCH TIME TIDY UP CHAMPION

Each week Miss Elsey will choose a Champion from Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 for being super helpful with helping to tidy up the playground and outside area after lunch.



KS1 Tidy Up Champion - Nate H (1 Jade)

KS2 Tidy Up Champion - Leo C (6 Amethyst)

ATTENDANCE

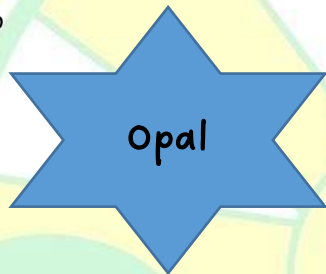
Green is for classes with attendance above 95%, Amber for classes with 90-95% and Red for classes with attendance less than 90%.

	Red	Amber	Green
Quartz			100%
Nursery Amber	89.8%		

Reception Garnet			97.5%
Reception Turquoise		94.5%	
1 Jade			96.9%
1 Crystal			96%
2 Diamond		93.6%	
2 Pearl			97.7%
3 Ruby		93.4%	
3 Emerald			95.8%
4 Coral			98.5%
4 Opal			99.3%
5 Onyx			98.6%
5 Sapphire			95.4%
6 Topaz			96.2%
6 Amethyst		94.7%	

Well done to

for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE  
WINNER  
IS.....

**Wilson!!**



Frogs News

The Hallowe'en disco is quickly approaching so be sure to book your ticket in advance for £4 including snack pack, bookable on Arbor or if you want to pay cash you can do this at the office.!

