



The Galley Hill Times

Friday 22nd September 2023

Monday	25 th September	All day	Year 3 Trip Celtic Harmony
Wednesday	27 th September	All day	Flu Nasal Spray Vaccinations
Thursday	28 th September	PM	Year 3 Glow Dance Event
Wednesday	4 th October	PM	Year 5 Orienteering Event
Thursday	5 th October	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
Monday	9 th October	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Wednesday	11 th October	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
All Week	16 th -20 th October		Year 6 at PGL residential
Friday	20 th October	9am-10am	Reception/Year 1 Phonics Open Morning
Friday	20 th October	4pm-5pm KS1 5.30pm-6.30pm KS2	FROGS Hallowe'en Disco
Friday	20 th October	3.15pm	Break up for Half Term
Monday	30 th October	8.45am	Return to School
Monday	30 th October		Individual School Photos

Message from Mrs Birch

This week, afterschool clubs began and Miss Elsey and I had a lovely time out in the sunshine with our gardening / eco club members yesterday! The very vast majority of these clubs are run voluntarily by staff and we really hope the children appreciate the wide range of opportunities available to them. We do have different numbers of spaces for different clubs so if your child's first choice is full, do have a look at other options as I know that there are still slots in some activities. Thank you to all of the staff who make this possible.

Positive Praise

As you will know, positive praise lies at the very centre of our Positive Behaviour Policy. We love to celebrate the children making progress, showing fantastic effort with their learning, following our expectations and achieving things outside of school. We have a whole range of ways of acknowledging these achievements including housepoints, stickers and notes home.

On a Friday in Celebration Assembly, we share achievements from outside of school so if your child has done something fantastic, please let us know by emailing admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk. In this assembly, we also announce that week's recipients of Well done Wednesday. One child from each class is chosen every other week (Key Stage Two one week and Key Stage One and Early Years the next). These children are chosen by class staff as those who are consistently following and going above and beyond with our Galley Hill Expectations.

Reporting Absence

We regularly communicate with you regarding the importance of school attendance. There is well documented evidence that children with good attendance (over 96%) make better progress with their learning. We do appreciate however that there are times when a child is genuinely too unwell to come into school. If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask you to let us know as soon as possible and certainly before the school day starts at 8:45am. We have a 24 hour answerphone where you can report absence (01442 406000) or you can email admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk at any time. We have a safeguarding duty to account for every single child in the school on a daily basis. If you have not reported the reason for your child's absence, we will contact you for a reason. If this is not provided in a timely manner, we will contact every emergency number we have for your child until we find a reason for their absence. If this also remains unsuccessful, we will be left with no choice but to contact the police.

Dogs

Just a polite reminder that dogs should not be brought onto the school site at any time, regardless of whether you are carrying them or they are walking. We also ask parents who do walk their dogs to school to be mindful that we have children in school who may be afraid of these animals. Please think carefully about your proximity to the school gate if you have a dog with you so children can feel safe when entering and leaving the school site.

Autumn Parent Consultations

Parent consultations for the Autumn term will take place on Monday 9th October (3:30pm to 6pm) and Wednesday 11th October (5pm to 7:30pm). This is the opportunity for parents to have a ten minute conversation on a one to one basis with their child's class teacher. In this meeting, teachers will talk about how your child has settled in their new class, their current successes and next steps with their learning and will make some suggestions about how you can further support your child at home. Further information about how to book a slot with your child's teacher will be sent out next week. We strongly encourage every parent to make an appointment.



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: Poppy C

Emerald: Evan B

Opal: Logan R / Grace D

Coral: Samuel G

Onyx: Zachary P

Sapphire: Aimee C

Amethyst: Sam M

Topaz: Somaia N



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

Parent Governor Applications

Just a reminder that parent governor applications need to be in by **Monday 25th September**. If you have any questions about this at all then please do email kedwards@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk

Hemel Storm Basketball - Home game this Saturday

Hemel Storm have a home game at Hemel Sports Centre on Saturday 23rd September. Tip off is at 7pm against London Elite. This is a great evening out for the whole family. Tickets can be purchased on the door or you can book in advance at stormbasketball.net




Wet weather

When it is wet or drizzling with rain, children will continue to play outside at break and lunch times. This means **all** children will need a water proof coat in school to wear outside. They could bring it each day or leave it on their peg for when it is wet. School fleeces are not waterproof. Children should be able to borrow a school spare waterproof coat if they don't have their own. It won't be long before the grass areas, field and woodland is too wet and muddy to use with our indoor school shoes. Once this happens children will only be allowed to use the school field or woodland if they have a **pair of wellies or high sided outdoor boots**. Shoes are not appropriate as socks, tights, trousers still get wet when on the grass or muddy areas. School does have spare wellies if children need to borrow a pair.



Donations

If you have any waterproof coats, trousers, or wellies that you do not use please send them into school or place in the OPAL donation box by the school office. Please continue to also donate items the children can play with outside. We really do appreciate all donations placed in the box. Also our Nursery class would love some more spare underwear/uniform in ages 3-4. Thank you.



Local Walks consent - Arbor

We have re-requested permission for local walks via Arbor. Could you please take a moment over the weekend to respond to this request on Arbor, and while you are there just check the information that is held for you and your child and update anything if there have been any changes. You can make these changes on the Arbor app and we will receive a notification through to approve them. It is important that we have always up to date information. Many thanks

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK



Star of
the
Week!

Amber: Cassian C

Garnet: Barnaby S

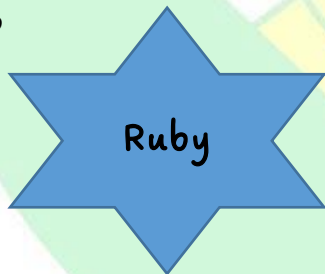
Turquoise: Louisa F

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			95.7%
Nursery Amber		94.2%	
Reception Garnet		94.2%	
Reception Turquoise		90%	
1 Jade		92.8%	
1 Crystal		93.2%	
2 Diamond		94.8%	
2 Pearl			97.3%
3 Ruby			98.6%
3 Emerald		91.4%	
4 Coral			95.5%
4 Opal			95%
5 Onyx			95.5%
5 Sapphire			96.8%
6 Topaz			97.5%
6 Amethyst		94%	

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Wilson!!