



# The Galley Hill Times

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

From Monday	18 <sup>th</sup> September onwards	After school	All clubs start
Monday	25 <sup>th</sup> September	All day	Year 3 Trip Celtic Harmony
Thursday	5 <sup>th</sup> October	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
All Week	16 <sup>th</sup> -20 <sup>th</sup> October		Year 6 at PGL residential
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

## Message from Mrs Birch

In assembly this week, I spoke with the children about our Galley Hill Expectations:

- Be Respectful
- Be Safe
- Be Your Best

I shared with the children what a pleasure it has been to see them following our expectations in so many ways already since the start of term. I have seen some wonderful examples of learning, children being caring towards each other, fantastic 'Galley Hill Walking' as children move around the school and some perfect manners, to name just a few things. I know the children will continue to make us all proud throughout the school year.

## Safeguarding

On Tuesday, two of the governors, our Assistant Head, Mrs Jackson and I did some monitoring of our safeguarding work. As part of this, we talked to children across the school and it was a real pleasure to hear them talk about how they feel safe in school and how adults look after them. The children also showed a really good understanding of online safety, which we will continue to promote across the school. We also always

appreciate parent support from home with this matter and remind you that most social media sites have a minimum age of 13.

Within school, we try to ensure that our children are safe online by using the filtering and monitoring system called 'RM SafetyNet'. This blocks illegal and unsafe content from our system and allows us to see what has been searched for and looked at on our school system. Serious alerts are sent straight to us and our computing technician, Mr Edwards, also runs his own checks every week.

### Welcome Meetings and Open Classrooms

Many thanks to all parents who attended 'Welcome Meetings' for their child's year group. We hope you found the meetings useful and informative and you learnt a little about what your child should be able to achieve by the end of the current school year. The presentations from these meetings will be available on the class pages of the school website if you missed the meeting.

Your next opportunity to find out more about your child's learning will take place on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October, when we hold our first open classrooms event of the year. This takes place at 3:15pm to 3:45pm and is a time for you to go into your child's class to look at their learning in their books and on display. Staff may be present during these sessions but these are not a time for detailed discussions. Teachers are always happy to make additional meetings with parents should you feel this is necessary. Our Open Classrooms event takes place at 3:15pm on the first Thursday of every month. We look forward to seeing lots of you throughout the year.

### Value of the Month

Our value for the month of September is 'courage'. As ever, we appreciate you taking some time at home to talk about what it means to show courage and why this might be important. Thank you in advance for your support with this.



## 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:** *Isla H*

**Turquoise:** *Kiara B*

**Garnet:** *Lexi R*

**Jade:** *Nate H*

**Crystal:** *Albie Y*

**Diamond:** *Freddie A*

**Pearl:** *Chloe V*



Well done to *Maya B* in 4 Coral who has passed her Stage 4 swimming lessons. Great swimming Maya!

*Lylah P-L* in 2 Diamond has passed her Taekwondo grading and has moved up to a white belt yellow tag. Fantastic achievement Lylah, keep up the good work!

Well done to *Willow A* in 1 Crystal who took her first Modern Dance exam and passed with High Merit. Amazing Willow, great work!

*Alice H* in 2 Diamond passed her second LAMDA exam with Distinction. Brilliant achievement Alice, keep working hard at it!

Well done to *Emmy D* in 4 Opal who has passed her Stage 5 swimming lessons. Wonderful swimming Emmy!

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



### Reception/Year 1 Phonics Open Morning

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, 9-10am, we would like to invite all parents/carers of children in Reception and Year 1 to a phonics open morning, where you will get a chance to watch your child's phonics lesson in their classroom, learn about our phonics scheme and how we teach it, and gain some ideas in how you can support your child with their reading at home. If you would like to attend, you do not need to do anything, just drop your child off at school as normal on the day then come round to the school office. We look forward to seeing you!

### Hemel Storm Basketball - Home game this Sunday

Hemel Storm are at home again this Sunday at the Sports Centre for a 6pm tip off, this week against Essex Rebels. Tickets can be purchased on the door or you can book in advance at [stormbasketball.net](http://stormbasketball.net)

### Fullerians Rugby Club - Free Girls Rugby Taster

Fullerians Rugby Club in Watford are working to try and promote Girls Rugby in the area and are offering a free taster session on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> September. This session is open to all girls aged 10-18 and will run from 1pm-2.30pm. For more information and to register then please visit <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/free-taster-session-girls-rugby-tickets-708449520587?aff=oddtcreator>

### Coaching Me October Half Term

**Multi-Sports & Activity Camps**  
9am - 4pm

**£20 per day**

**October 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>**

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### EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

Star of  
the  
Week!

Amber: Coby L

Garnet: Frankie H

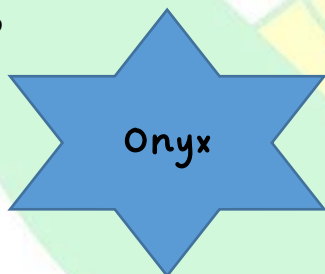
Turquoise: Riley R

## 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		90.9%	
Reception Garnet		94.2%	
Reception Turquoise			98.6%
1 Jade		90.7%	
1 Crystal			96.6%
2 Diamond		94.1%	
2 Pearl			97.3%
3 Ruby			97.5%
3 Emerald		92.9%	
4 Coral		93.1%	
4 Opal		93.1%	
5 Onyx			99.2%
5 Sapphire			95.6%
6 Topaz			97.6%
6 Amethyst		93%	

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



## HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



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**Dahl!!!**