



The Galley Hill Times

Dates for the diary...

Thursday 22nd June 2023

Friday	23 rd June	All Day	School Closed – Occasional Day
Monday	26 th June	All Day	Ark Farm Visit – Nursery & Quartz
Tuesday	27 th June	AM	Year 5 Olympics Festival
Friday	30 th June	All Day	Year 3 Trip Gadespring Cressbeds
Tuesday	4 th July	All Day	Year 6 Trip Food and Farming Festival
Wednesday	5 th July	9.15am EY & KS1 1.30pm KS2	Sports Day
Thursday	6 th July	AM	Switcheroo Day
Thursday	6 th July	2.15pm	Sports Day – Afternoon Nursery & Quartz
Friday	7 th July	All Day	Reception Trip – Whipsnade Zoo
Monday	10 th July	1.45pm Dress Rehearsal, 6pm	Year 5 / 6 Performance – The Lion King
Tuesday	11 th July	6pm	Year 5 / 6 Performance – The Lion King
Wednesday	12 th July	All Day	Year 2 Seaside Day
Friday	14 th July	5pm-7pm	Year 6 Leavers Party
Wednesday	19 th July	All Day	Year 6 Trip Legoland
Friday	21 st July	9am	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday	21 st July	1.55pm KS1 / 2pm KS2	Break up for Summer Holiday!

Message from Mrs Birch

We are early with the newsletter this week ahead of our occasional day tomorrow. We hope that everyone has a lovely day in the sunshine and the children get a little rest after another busy week at Galley Hill!

Staff News

It is with enormous sadness that I share with you that both Ms Handel and Miss Irish are moving on from Galley Hill at the end of this academic year. It has been a delight to have Miss Irish start her teaching career with us and we are very proud of the teacher she has become. Ms Handel is a veteran of Galley Hill, having been with us since the school opened in 2008. Over her years in Early Years, she has made a huge contribution to the lives of so many of our children and their families. We will miss both teachers greatly and want to say an enormous thank you for all they have done.

We are delighted to let you know that we have appointed a new Early Years Leader for September. Mrs Oakley will be joining us as one of our Reception teachers and will be part of the senior leadership team. We also have two other new teachers starting at Galley Hill in September, Miss Rolph and Miss Woods. We look forward to welcoming them all.

As well as this, both Mrs Parsons and Mrs Reynolds will be returning from maternity leave just before the end of term and we are looking forward to welcoming them back. Miss Linnane and Miss Draper, who are both with us on long term supply, will be continuing to teach Nursery and 5 Onyx to the end of term. We are very grateful to them for all they have done this term.

Swimming Pool

Many of you will have seen the swimming pool structure which is now on the KS2 playground by Year 5. Lessons in the pool begin on Monday. We request that you please ensure that your children do not touch the pool structure or water bags weighing it down before or after school. This project is already costing a lot of money and we do not wish to also be paying for repairs. Many thanks for your support with this.

Open Classrooms / Meet the New Teachers

Our next open classrooms session is taking place on Thursday 6th July at 3:15pm. On that day, your child will have had the opportunity to meet their new teacher and spend time with their new class in their new classroom. During this open classroom session, the children will be able to take you to their new class so you can see where they will be in September and can say hello to their new teacher. This is not a time for long discussions with the teachers. We will have 'welcome to' meetings in the Autumn term and class teachers spend a long time on transition conversations with the previous teacher to share any vital information. If you would also like to hold a meeting with your child's new class teacher, please organise a meeting at a separate time.



Celebrate

Well done to *Finley R* in 4 Opal who has passed his Stage 3 swimming and has moved up to Stage 4. Great swimming Finley!

Freya F in 3 Ruby has passed her Stage 2 swimming and has moved up to Stage 3. Brilliant work Freya, well done!

Well done also to *Maya B* in 3 Ruby who has also passed her Stage 2 swimming and moved up to Stage 3. Excellent work Maya!

Emily B in 3 Emerald was awarded Gymnast of the Week. Well done Emily, keep up the good work!

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

HOSPICE OF ST FRANCIS SUMMER SOUND FEST

The Hospice of St Francis is holding its first ever Summer Sound Fest at our Exclusive Event Field (HP4 3TA) on Saturday 24th June, which is open to all of our pupils and their families. At this family friendly live music festival there will be something for everyone - children's activities, bouncy castle, food/drink vendors, stall holders, Berkhamsted fire engine and more! It is a great way to involve your child in supporting a local charity. Their flyer is attached below.

<https://www.stfrancis.org.uk/support-us/events/detail/summer-sound-fest>

1ST GADEBRIDGE SQUIRREL DREYS OPENS JUNE 2023



Tired of dull weekdays? Want to try something new, learn new skills and meet a whole new group of friends? Squirrels is for ages 4 and 5 meeting Thursday evenings 4.15-5pm or Friday 5-5.45pm 1st Gadebridge Scout Group is located along the footpath between Long Arrotts and Manscroft Road, HP1 3EY. We also have space for Beavers & Cubs (ages 8-10) who meet on Thursday or Friday evenings and Scouts (ages 10-14) who meet on Monday or Wednesday evenings. You can email: join@hemel-scouts.co.uk for more information.

YEAR 6 ENTERPRISE FAIR

Our Year 6 children are holding an Enterprise Fair on Friday 30th June. The children have been given £5 each on behalf of Virgin Money. They are working together in small groups to come up with a business plan on how to increase their money. There will be a number of enterprise stalls set up in the hall offering various items and games for the children to buy and take part in.

The stalls will be set up from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The children from Reception and Year 1 will have the opportunity to visit the stalls before the end of the school day so they may want to bring a bit of pocket money in to spend. Everyone is then invited to come along after school. There are 2 posters attached with today's newsletter which give details of the activities and items on offer. Please take a look and support the Year 6 children if you can. Any profit raised goes towards their Leavers Party.