



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 28th April 2023

Dates for the diary...

Thursday	4 th May	3.15pm-3.45pm	Open Classrooms
Friday	5 th May	2pm-4pm	Kings Coronation Tea party
Monday	8 th May	All day	Bank Holiday for Kings Coronation
Tuesday - Friday	9 th – 12 th May	AM	Year 6 SATS week
Monday	15 th May	9am	Year 4 Coral Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	16 th May	9am	Reception Garnet Sharing Assembly
Friday	26 th May	All Day	Inset Day – School Closed
Monday - Friday	29 th May – 2 nd June	All week	Half Term
Monday	5 th June	AM	Back to school
Monday	5 th June	All day	Year 4 Trip Natural History Museum

Message from Mrs Birch

This week, I had an incredible opportunity to attend a meeting at the Department of Education in Westminster. Along with four other local primary, secondary and special school headteachers, I was invited by Sir Mike Penning MP to speak with the minister in charge of Special Educational Needs provision. This is a subject that we are passionate about at Galley Hill, as we fight to get the best possible opportunities for our children with special needs, and all children, in our school. I am very grateful to have had the chance to have my thoughts on the matter shared at such a high level and hope that I might have contributed in some way to some sustained change.

Open Classrooms

Our next open classrooms event will take place on Thursday (4th May) 3:15pm to 3:45pm. This is the opportunity for you to come into your child's class to look at their learning on walls and in their books. You are welcome to go straight into your child's class once they have been dismissed at the end of the day. Although staff may be present in the classrooms, this is not the time for a detailed conversation about your child's progress. Please feel free to make an alternative appointment if you wish to do this.

Attendance

We wanted to stress once again the importance of good school attendance as an essential part of your child making good progress with their learning and reaching their full potential. Children should be in school every day unless they are genuinely too unwell to be learning. We would encourage all families to aim for as close to 100% attendance as possible but each child's attendance should certainly be over 96%. You can find your child's current attendance percentage by logging on to the Arbor app. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, we become extremely concerned. This equates to your child having a day off school in every two week period and has a significant impact on children's learning. We will send letters to any child whose attendance is below 90% regardless of the reasons. This is to offer support in improving your child's attendance in any way we can.

Coronation Party

You should have now received full details of our Coronation Party that is taking place next Friday, 2pm to 4pm, on the school field and playground. We are very much looking forward to having the whole school community come together and hope to welcome lots of parents, carers and grandparents, and of course, younger siblings, to our celebration.

Value of the Month

Our value for the month of May is 'RESPECT'. I am sure you will all agree that this is an incredibly important value and is at the centre of our school expectations - 'Be respectful'. Showing 'Mutual Respect' is also a fundamental British Value. Please take the opportunity to speak with your child about what it means to show respect and praise them when you catch them doing so. Many thanks 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.

Amber: *Robbie M / Ernie L*

Turquoise: *Harley C*

Garnet: *Harley H*

Jade: *Sienna P*

Crystal: *Alice D*

Pearl: *Ruby B*

Diamond: *Enzo D'A*



Well done to *Archie S* in 2 Pearl who was awarded Boxer of the Week at his Boxing club. Great work Archie, well done!

Lillie H in 5 Sapphire has been doing so well with her Horse Riding lessons and just won a 2nd place rosette in a relay race on her on Pony Day. Brilliant work Lillie, well done!

Well done to *Loui W* in 3 Ruby who has gone up a level in Diving and is now training to compete. Fantastic achievement Loui, keep it up!

Oliver B in 4 Opal has passed his stage 4 swimming and has now moved up to Stage 5. Great swimming Oliver, 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 and we can include them on the next Newsletter.

Notice Board

CASUAL MSA REQUIRED

We are looking for a casual MSA to help out with our lunchtime team when required. Hours would be between 11.30am and 1.15pm as and when extra help is needed. If you are interested in applying then please pop into the office to collect an application form.

VAPING ON THE PLAYGROUND

Please can we remind parents not to vape on either of the playground's. If you do bring a vape on site with you then please ensure that it is kept somewhere safe. Thank you for your support.

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Lois S

TURQUOISE

Luna S & Joshua A

Star of
the
week!

NURSERY

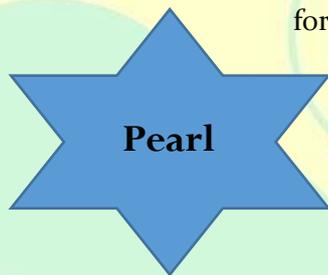
Billy E

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			96.7%
Nursery Amber		94%	
Reception Garnet		93%	
Reception Turquoise		90.3%	
1 Jade		94.8%	
1 Crystal			98%
2 Diamond		93.2%	
2 Pearl			98.9%
3 Ruby		90.7%	
3 Emerald			96.7%
4 Coral			97.6%
4 Opal		91.9%	
5 Onyx		93%	
5 Sapphire		93.7%	
6 Topaz		91.5%	
6 Amethyst		94.4%	

Well done to **Pearl** for winning the attendance award this week!



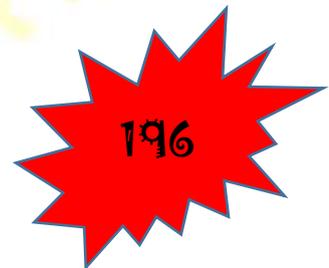
HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Horowitz!!