



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 21st April 2023

Dates for the diary...

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

Welcome back – we hope that all of our families had a lovely Easter break despite the extremely temperamental weather! While the children still relaxed, the teachers were hard at work on Monday looking at our History curriculum. This is a subject that our children already really enjoy and it was interesting to look at how we can make links even more explicit for them and further develop their historical skills.

Staff News

We are delighted to share with you all that Miss Edmonds got married over the Easter holidays and so we have welcomed Mrs Meggitt back for the new term. We are sure you will want to join us in congratulating her and her new husband.

As the Nursery parents are already aware, Mrs Dormer has now moved on from Galley Hill and we are delighted to welcome Ms Linnane as our new Nursery teacher from Monday to Wednesday each week. As we shared before the holidays, we have also welcomed Miss Draper as the teacher for 5 Onyx and Mrs Winn as the higher level teaching assistant for 1 Crystal this week. It is a pleasure to have them both in our team.

We are very sad to be sharing that our school cook, Mrs Pearce, is moving on from Galley Hill next Thursday. Although not a direct employee of the school, Mrs Pearce has been part of our

team for a number of years and is well known to all of the children. We are very grateful to her commitment to our school on a daily basis, but special mention has to go to her work during the Covid-19 pandemic where she kept our kitchen running every day. We are very pleased that Mrs Pearce will be continuing in her role as a governor.

Teacher Strikes

We are sure that you will have heard that the NEU are continuing with their industrial action this term. As before, this is the only teaching union who are currently on strike so not all teachers are eligible to do so. As it stands, we are expecting the school to be fully open on Thursday 27th April, which is the first strike day. We have already directly communicated with any parents whose child's class will be closed on Tuesday 2nd May. We thank you for your continued support and understanding.

Chickens

It has been a pleasure to welcome our chickens back to school this week as restrictions put in place due to avian flu were lifted. We are extremely grateful to Mrs Prince, who does such a fantastic job of caring for our chickens and provides this amazing experience for our children.

Scooters

Just a reminder that children should not be riding their scooters across the playground or on the paths around school before or after school. This is because there are too many people around and we want to keep everybody safe and injury free! Thank you to all parents who already enforce this and the children who instinctively step off their scooters when entering the school grounds.

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.

Emerald: *Mason R*

Ruby: *Freya F*

Coral: *Archie L*

Opal: *Tyson B*

Sapphire: *Cruz D*

Onyx: *Edward B*

Topaz: *Leona W*

Amethyst: *Alyssa M*

Celebrate

Well done to *Shreyashi S* in 2 Diamond who wrote a poem and submitted it to Young Writers Talent. Her poem has been selected to be published in their next book and she was awarded a talent for writing merit certificate. Well done Shreyashi, what a wonderful achievement, you must be very proud.

Gabriella S in 4 Opal has passed her Stage 2 swimming and moved up to Stage 3. Well done Gabriella, fantastic work!

Well done to *Freddie A* and *Freya S* both in 1 Jade have achieved their Stage 1 swimming badges! Great work both of you, wonderful swimming!

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.

KINGS CORONATION TEA PARTY



On Friday 5th May we are holding a Coronation Tea Party on the school field from 2pm until 4pm. Parents are all invited to join in the fun! We will have a number of garden games and circus skills to try out, La Quench coffee van will be onsite serving up lovely hot drinks, Noviello's Ice Cream van will be there selling ice creams and lollies, we will also have our PTA running a cake stall and a Teddy Tombola! We hope to see lots of you there (and hopefully the sun will come out too!) If you do have any preloved teddies that you can donate for our Teddy tombola then please drop these in to the office.

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Bailey C



TURQUOISE

Albie Y

NURSERY

George B

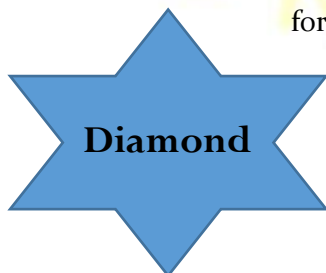
ATTENDANCE

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			
Nursery Amber			95.3%
Reception Garnet			96.3%
Reception Turquoise	83.6%		
1 Jade			95.4%
1 Crystal		92.7%	
2 Diamond			98.7%
2 Pearl			95.5%
3 Ruby		94.4%	
3 Emerald		93.8%	
4 Coral		94.6%	
4 Opal			95.4%
5 Onyx		90.8%	
5 Sapphire			95.4%
6 Topaz			95%
6 Amethyst		90%	

Well done to

for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Rowling!!

