



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 24th March 2023

Dates for the diary...

Monday - Friday	27 th March-Friday 31 st March	All week	Year 5 Bikeability
Monday	27 th March	6pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance
Wednesday	29 th March	All day	Year 2 Trip to College Lake
Wednesday	29 th March	6pm	Year 3 / 4 Easter Performance
Friday	31 st March	1.55pm/2pm	Break up for Easter Holidays
Tuesday	18 th April	8.40am – 8.50am	Back to school
Wednesday	19 th April	AM Y3, PM Y4	Whole Year group Rugby Tournament

Message from Mrs Birch

I was incredibly proud yesterday when myself and Ms Ambrose, received our long-service awards from Hertfordshire County Council for 20 years of service. Although this made me feel extremely old, it also was a moment to reflect on the incredible honour it has been to serve the local community (I worked at Martindale School prior to Galley Hill) and make a difference to so many children over the last 20 years. I would like to say thank you to Ms Ambrose for her hard work and dedication to our school. We look forward to the next 20 years!

Staff News

As the parents of children in Team Onyx are already aware, we are delighted to share with you all that Mrs Pritchett gave birth to a baby girl, Olivia Jane, on Sunday. We are sure you will all want to join us in congratulating Mrs Pritchett and her husband on their new arrival. Olivia did decide to arrive a little earlier than expected so we are extremely grateful to Miss Reardon for taking on the responsibility of teaching and doing parent consultations for Onyx until the Easter holidays.

We are also pleased to announce that we have now appointed a new Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA) to work in Year 1 Crystal. Mrs Winn will be joining us after the Easter holidays.

Punctuality

We have recently seen a rise in the number of children arriving late at school. This is very disruptive both to your own child's education and to the rest of the class when teaching sometimes has to be repeated. We fully appreciate that there may be exceptional days when something goes wrong in the morning however this should not be the norm. Our soft start means that children (in Years 1 to 6) can arrive at school from 8:40am each day. They need to be in school by 8:50am as this is when the day's learning begins. Thank you for your support in ensuring your child is punctual to school.

Parent Survey

Your views are incredibly important to us. Following the feedback given to governors in the October Parent Consultation meetings, we revisited our Home Learning Policy based on your ideas. Thank you to everyone who shared their opinions of our changes to lunch time during our Parent Consultations this week. We will be looking through and reflecting on the feedback provided.

We are also currently running a more formal parent survey. Thank you to all who have already responded. If you have not yet had the opportunity, please do follow this link to share your opinions: <https://forms.office.com/e/CdCmhnjPKr>

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: *Mia G*

Ruby: *Maddie B*

Coral: *Colby-Jai S*

Opal: *Sidelya C*

Sapphire: *Molly S*

Onyx: *Rebecca N*

Topaz: *Freddie L*

Amethyst: *Mackenzie G*



Well done to *Ayah M* in 2 Diamond for passing her swimming Stage 2 and for being awarded Gymnast of the Week. What a great week for you Ayah! Super job!

Sawyer S in 1 Crystal has passed his Stage 1 swimming and has been awarded his 5 metre badge! Well done Sawyer, great swimming!

Well done to *Maddie B* in 3 Ruby who took part in the Future Cheerleading spotlight showdown competition and her squad Scarlet came second place! Brilliant Maddie, you must be very proud!

Helaina M in 3 Emerald has passed her Stage 4 swimming. Fantastic swimming Helaina, 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

BOOK FAIR

We have the Book Fair in school from Friday 24th March to Wednesday 29th March. We will be accepting cash and card payments. It will be open from 3:15 to 3:45 each day after school in the big hall.



COMIC RELIEF WEAR IT RED DAY



Thank you for your support with our Wear it Red day for Comic Relief last Friday. With your donations we have managed to raise **£290** for Comic Relief. Thank you as ever for your support.

SCHOOL FOOD BANK

We are still collecting donations of food for our school food bank. If you are in a position to order any extra items on your food shop we would be so grateful for donations of: Squash, cereals, pasta, pasta sauces, noodles, tuna fish, tinned vegetables (sweetcorn, carrots & peas), hot dogs, jam, chocolate spread, part baked bread, tea/coffee. Thank you so much, we have so many families at school who these would benefit.

STORM EASTER BASKETBALL CAMP

Hemel Storm are holding their Easter Basketball camp during the Easter Holidays. Their one day camp, priced at £40 for the day is based out of JFK school from 9am-3pm on Wednesday 5th April for Primary aged children. The camp will be coached by 4 of the regular Hemel Storm players. To book a space please visit: stormbasketball.net/junior-camps



EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Millie B



TURQUOISE

Alfie B

NURSERY

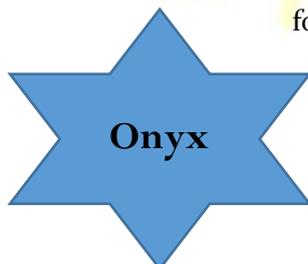
Jaxon C & Declan S

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			98.1%
Nursery Amber		90.1%	
Reception Garnet			95.7%
Reception Turquoise		92.4%	
1 Jade		94.1%	
1 Crystal			96.9%
2 Diamond		95%	
2 Pearl			96.8%
3 Ruby		91%	
3 Emerald		95%	
4 Coral		95%	
4 Opal		93.9%	
5 Onyx			98.3%
5 Sapphire			97%
6 Topaz		93.5%	
6 Amethyst	83.2%		

Well done to



for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl

128

159

131

110

AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Horowitz!!



FROGS NEWS



Don't forget to book your table for our quiz night! Tables are selling quickly! Cost just £5 per person – teams of up to 6 people. Adults only! Cash payments to be made in advance to the office to reserve your table! We hope to see you there!

Guess the name of the bunny!



Come and see us before or after school with your £1 to guess the name of one of our bunny friends for your chance to win them and give them a new home for Easter. £1 per guess. Winners will be announced on Friday 31st March.