



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 17th March 2023

Dates for the diary...

Monday	20 th March	9am	Y5 Sapphire Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	21 st March	9am	Y2 Pearl Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	21 st March	3.30pm-6pm	Parents Evening
Thursday	23 rd March	5pm-7.30pm	Parents Evening
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

Message from Mrs Birch

On Wednesday, Mrs Spooner, Ms Handel and I had the incredible opportunity to take a group of our children from Years 4, 5 and 6 to Wembley Arena to sing as part of the Voice in a Million concert. The children we took with us conducted themselves fantastically throughout the afternoon and evening and we were also thrilled to see the parents who came all the way to Wembley to watch. Thank you to everybody involved in making this amazing experience possible for our children.

Also this week, we invited a group of our governing body into school for our 'Governor Open Morning'. During this visit, we visited all classes in the school, spoke with pupils and staff and watched Maths Fluency lessons in Years 3 and 6. Throughout the morning, the excellent learning behaviours of children across the school was evident throughout, with children engaged in their learning and being respectful to others. We are very grateful to our school governors, who take on this role on a voluntary basis, and to the staff of Galley Hill, who work so hard to create a wonderful learning environment for our children.

Teacher Strikes

I wanted to say a huge thank you to everyone in our school community for the way they have conducted themselves during the recent industrial action by one of the teaching unions. As outlined in my letter back in January, this strike action was based on a number of issues and only involved staff from one of the unions. You will have seen it widely publicised that teachers

were encouraged not to inform leaders of their intentions with regards to striking, however our teachers kept me up to date throughout, meaning I could keep parents informed. We are aware of the huge impact this would have had on some families and we are extremely grateful for how supportive parents have all been during this time. As things stand, there are currently no further dates for planned teacher strikes.

Sharing Assemblies

Next week, we will have sharing assemblies presented by Team Sapphire (Monday 20th March) and Team Pearl (Tuesday 21st March). Parents and carers are invited to attend to hear about their child's learning. Anyone wishing to join us should come to the school office for a 9am start. Afterwards, there will be the opportunity for you to go back to your child's classroom with them to look at their books and wall displays. We look forward to seeing you.

Parent Consultations

As you know, next week we have our Spring Parent Consultation meetings and we hope that you have all signed up for an appointment to see your child's teacher and discuss their learning. If you have not yet done so, please do sign up for an appointment as soon as possible.

As you know, both Miss Hosein and Miss Walmsley are on jury service from Monday. Due to the unpredictable nature of this duty, we are currently unable to say for sure whether or not their appointments will be able to go ahead. We are extremely sorry for the inconvenience caused by this and will endeavour to let you know as soon as possible if they can take place or need to be reorganised.

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: *Teddy W*

Turquoise: *Florence S*

Garnet: *Daphne B*

Jade: *Percy S*

Crystal: *Evalyn P*

Diamond: *William G*

Pearl: *Kyle T*



Celebrate

Well done to *Isabella G* in 5 Sapphire who passed her Stage 7 swimming and has now moved on to Stage 8. She was also awarded Gymnast of the Week at K Gymnastics. Great work Isabella!

Leah T in Reception Garnet passed her first Karate grading and has been awarded her blue belt, and her brother *Kyle T* in 2 Pearl passed his third Karate grading and has been awarded his orange belt. Amazing achievement both of you, keep working hard!

Well done to *Freya J-K* in 3 Ruby who was awarded T of the Week at her Tumbling and Cheerleading class for mastering her handstand into a forward roll. Great perseverance Freya, super 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

PRIME BOTTLES

There has been an increase over the last few weeks of children bringing in bottles of Prime, or using empty Prime bottles to bring in their own water/squash. Prime is not a drink that is allowed in school as it is not recommended for children. With this in mind we are **placing a ban on all bottles of Prime** even if its use is just to bring water to school. Please can you ensure that any drinks that you send in with your child are in a suitable bottle. Thank you for your support with this.

PARENT QUESTIONNAIRE

As mentioned on last week's newsletter, we would really appreciate it if you could take a few moments to complete our parent questionnaire. Your feedback is really important to us. The form can be accessed here: <https://forms.office.com/e/CdCmhnJpKr>

THINGS AT SCHOOL ARE GETTING BUSY!

Just a gentle reminder that we are getting towards a very busy final term. There will be a lot going on in and around school so please do keep an eye on your emails and texts. Most communication from school now will be going out via email so if you have trouble receiving emails from school then please do go on your child's Arbor app and check your contact information is correct. A lot of time is spent sending reminders out about various events, trips and performances so please do keep a check on your emails and the calendar on the school website and newsletter. We wouldn't want you to miss out!

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. We are running another competition. Entries to be handed in to class teachers by 23/3. Winners will be selected on this date. Children should come home with entry forms.



BOOK FAIR COMPETITION 24th - 29th March - DESIGN YOUR OWN BOOKMARK!

Win a £5 Book Token to spend at our book fair!

There will be one winner in each category:

Nursery/Reception, 1/2, 3/4, 5/6

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Kiara C

TURQUOISE

Jacob C

Star of
the
Week!

NURSERY

Haajira R & Marnie C

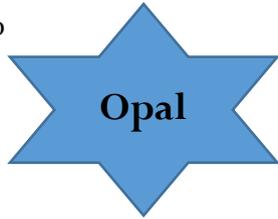
ATTENDANCE

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	86.7%		
Reception Garnet	84.7%		
Reception Turquoise		92.1%	
1 Jade		92.7%	
1 Crystal		92%	
2 Diamond		91.8%	
2 Pearl		91.1%	
3 Ruby			95.5%
3 Emerald			95.3%
4 Coral	88.6%		
4 Opal			96.4%
5 Onyx		93.7%	
5 Sapphire			95.7%
6 Topaz			94.3%

6 Amethyst		91.6%	
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Well done to



Opal

for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



317



306



213



258

AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Rowling!!!



FROGS NEWS



Details have gone out today for our first Galley Hill Quiz Night! Come and join us on Friday 21st April from 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Sure to be a lot of fun, prizes to be won, and an amazing raffle. 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!



From Monday 20th March we are looking for some help to guess the names of our 2 bunny friends! Visit the office with your £1 to guess the name of one of our cuddly bunny friends. £1 per guess. If the name you pick is the winning name then you get to take him home!



The Easter Egg decorating competition is still running and we have had lots of eggs go out already this week. Sign up for this is on Arbor. We can't wait to see your creations. Remember all eggs need to be decorated and returned to school no later than Wednesday 29th March.

There are prizes up for grabs for Early Years (Nursery & Reception), KS1 (Years 1 & 2), Lower KS2 (Years 3 & 4) and Upper KS2 (Years 5 & 6). An Easter tree will be going up by the office for all of your designs to hang on!

