



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 3rd February 2023

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday	7 th February	AM	Reception Screening with School Nurse
Friday	10 th February	9am-10.30am	Coffee Morning with Mary Nyariki
Friday	10 th February	Normal time	Break up for Half Term
Monday	27 th February	9am	Y3 Ruby Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	28 th February	9am	Y1 Jade Sharing Assembly
Thursday	2 nd March	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
Tuesday	7 th March	All day	Y6 Trip to Lincolnsfield Centre
Tuesday	7 th March	All day	Y5 Trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum

Message from Mrs Birch

It has certainly been a very busy week at Galley Hill and I have hosted many visitors to our school, including governors and our Hertfordshire Improvement Partner. During these visits, I have been incredibly proud of our children. Everyone has commented on the positive, respectful behaviour that they have seen around the school and how enthusiastic the children are about their learning. All of the children that have been spoken to by visiting adults have been incredibly polite and a real credit to our school. Well done Team Galley Hill!

Feeling Good Week

Next week is Feeling Good Week. This is a Hertfordshire-wide event that encourages schools and the wider community to promote children and young people's emotional wellbeing by raising awareness of mental health and showing where help can be found within communities.

This year the theme is 'Be Kind and Connect'.

As part of this, the children will all be working with a partner class on Tuesday (7th February) so they can connect with other children from across the school. In addition, Miss Lewis, our Mental Health and Well-Being Lead, will be working on a 'kindness wall' for display in the hall. She will be on the playground before school each day asking parents and children to write kind messages and positive affirmations for others to see. Please support us by completing a little slip at some point next week.

Safer Internet Day

Next week, we will also be marking Safer Internet Day, which takes place on Tuesday (7th February). The children will all be learning, once again, about online safety during their Computing Lessons next week. The Keeping Children Safe in Education 2022 statutory guidance puts a particular focus on the importance of Online Safety and the four categorised risks of Content, Contact, Conduct and Commerce. Within school, our internet is closely monitored by our filtering system 'RM Safety Net' and this helps to keep the children safe from potentially harmful content. Obviously, we need your support with keeping your child safe online when they are at home and we are very grateful to all parents who regularly check on their child's phone / devices.

Mary's Coffee Morning

Mary's next coffee morning for parents wanting to discuss any aspect of parenting is taking place on Friday 10th February 9am. Afterwards, Mary is available to open the computer suite to any parent who would find it useful to use the internet / do a small amount of printing.

Value of the Month

Our value of the month for February is 'patience'. We will be talking about having patience in assemblies in class throughout the month. Anything you can do to reinforce these discussions at home would be excellent. Thank you as ever 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: *Eva G*

Turquoise: *Nate H*

Garnet: *Sienna C*

Jade: *Macie Mc*

Crystal: *Amber B*

Pearl: *Kyle T*

Diamond: *Lily A*



Celebrate

Well done to *Isabella G* in 5 Sapphire who has passed her Stage 6 swimming lessons and has now moved up to Stage 7. Great swimming Isabella!

Jacob C in 4 Opal has passed his Stage 4 swimming lessons and has moved up to Stage 5. Amazing Jacob, keep up the good work!

It is certainly the week for swimming awards! Well done also to *Zachary P* in 4 Coral who has passed his Stage 5 Swimming and moved up to Stage 6. Brilliant swimming Zachary, well done!

Well done to *Chloe K* in 1 Crystal who has been awarded her Emerald badge at Gymnastics. Amazing Chloe, great 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

NURSERY APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN

If you have a child who would be starting Nursery in September then applications are now open. You can apply direct to the school for Nursery and application forms can be found on our website or you can collect a paper copy from the office.

<https://www.galleyhill.herts.sch.uk/admissions/>

ABSENCES

Please can we kindly remind you to contact the office (call/email/leave an answer machine message) to report your child's absence. Late arrivals or early collections should also be reported along with evidence of appointment confirmations where possible. Thank you for your support with this.

SCHOOL FOODBANK DONATIONS

Thank you so much for your continued support with our school foodbank. Your donations are very generous and are helping a number of families within our school community. This service is here to support any of our school families so if you find yourself in need of some extra support then please speak to Mary our Family Support Worker, or you can speak in confidence to any member of staff. If you have any donations that you wish to bring in then these can be dropped off to the office.

COACHING ME AFTER SCHOOL CLUB & FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

Don't forget we have Coaching Me after school club available every day. You can book direct online up until 3pm on the day required.

<https://coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/club/8464/booking/2023-01-09>

They are also taking bookings now for February half term so if you are looking for a holiday club for Half Term you can book here:

<https://coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/login#/club/8464/booking/2023-02-13>

HEMEL STORM HOME GAMES THIS WEEKEND



Hemel Storm have a double header this weekend with 2 home games. Saturday they are in action with a 7pm tip off against Reading Rockets, and on Sunday they are playing London Lions with a late tip off of 8.15pm. Tickets are available on the door or you can book in advance at www.stormbasketball.net

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Noah C

TURQUOISE

Carina H



NURSERY

Aanya A

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		94.5%	
Nursery Amber	81.4%		
Reception Garnet		90.7%	
Reception Turquoise		94.8%	
1 Jade		94.8%	

1 Crystal	89.3%		
2 Diamond		91.4%	
2 Pearl			98.2%
3 Ruby	89.3%		
3 Emerald		93.1%	
4 Coral		92%	
4 Opal			98.5%
5 Onyx		95%	
5 Sapphire		94.3%	
6 Topaz	87.6%		
6 Amethyst	87.6%		

Well done to

for winning the attendance award this week!

Opal



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl

474

371

298

531

AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Dahl!!!