



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 27th January 2023

Dates for the diary...

Monday	30 th January	9am	Y5 Onyx Sharing Assembly
Thursday	2 nd February	3.15pm	Open Classrooms
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

In assembly on Monday, we talked about our school expectation 'Be Respectful'. We discussed how this linked to the Fundamental British Value of showing 'Mutual Respect'. The children at Galley Hill are very good at being respectful in lots of ways, for example they nearly always remember to say please and thank you and they are kind to their friends. We talked about how the way we treat others reflects how other people view us and their opinions of the sort of person we are. I hope your children have been showing that they can be respectful while they are at home.

Teacher Strikes

Earlier this week, you will have received a letter with information about the up-coming teacher strikes. The first strike is taking place on Wednesday 1st February. The parents of children whose classes are going to be impacted by this strike have already been made aware. At this stage, it is not expected that any further classes are going to be impacted this time round. If you have not specifically been told that your child's class is closed, they should come to school as normal on Wednesday.

Remembering Emma Carder

Most of you will know that we tragically lost our dear friend and sports' coach, Emma Carder, after a battle with cancer, back in June. It was a real tribute to her that the whole school

community came together for our Fun Run in September and raised a lot of money in her memory. We have now made donations to Team Macy, who donated our defibrillator to the school, and to The Hospice of St Francis, which were Emma's family's chosen charity.

This week our plaque in memory of Emma was put up in the hall so please look out for it when you are next in school. We have also now received into school brand new netball posts and balls and new basketball posts, which felt like appropriate items to buy with the money raised for the school from the fun run. Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

Children's Drinks

Back in September, we slightly relaxed our rules on drinks that the children could have in their water bottles in school. They are only allowed water or highly diluted squash (which should be sugar free please). The children should not have any pre-mixed, shop-bought drinks with them in the classroom. They will not be permitted to drink these during the school day. This would include things like Oasis, Prime, ready-made Ribena etc. Many thanks for your support with this.

O.P.A.L. (Outdoor Play and Learning)

We are continuing to work on our project to improve the quality of play at lunchtime across the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds and the children are certainly responding positively to this project. You will have noticed that we have now had new sheds built on both playgrounds, which were funded by

FROGS (Friends and Relatives of Galley Hill School - our PTA). Many thanks to all who have run or supported FROGs events both prior to the pandemic and as they have tried to get re-established this year.

We continue to want donations for items for OPAL: suitcases, drainpipes, cable wheels, pallets, wooden planks / off-cuts, tubing, old kitchen items, old push chairs... the list really is endless! Our children appear to be able to make a toy / game out of almost anything. Given the time of year, donations of wellies are also very welcome please so we can distribute these to those children that do not have their own. We really appreciate your continued support with this project.

Sharing Assembly

Just a reminder that 5 Onyx will be presenting their sharing assembly on Monday (30th January) at 9am. We invite parents / carers of the children from Team Onyx to come and watch. There will also be the opportunity to join the children back in their classroom to look in more detail at their learning after the presentation.

Open Classrooms

Our next open classrooms event will take place on Thursday (2nd February) at 3:15pm (3:30pm for Nursery parents). This is an opportunity for you to come into your child's classroom and look at their learning in their books and on displays. We look forward to seeing lots of you on Thursday.

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.

Ruby: *Isla T*

Emerald: *Filip L*

Opal: *Olivia C*

Coral: *Ronnie-g R*

Sapphire: *George K*

Onyx: *Eesah A*

Topaz: *Elliott T*

Amethyst: *Leah C*



Well done *Tanner R* in 3 Ruby who passed his Stage 3 Swimming award. Fantastic swimming Tanner!

Maya B also in 3 Ruby, has passed her Ruby gymnastics badge this week. Brilliant Maya, keep up the hard work!

Well done *Helaina M* in 3 Emerald who passed her Sapphire gymnastics badge and will now move up to the intermediate group. Great work Helaina, you must be very proud!

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

DSPL Parent/Carer Newsletter

Please find below a link to this terms DSPL Newsletter with information for Parents/Carers about a selection of courses and support for Parents/carers:

<https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

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 GAME THIS SUNDAY



On the back of winning their National Cup Final last Sunday, Hemel Storm are back in league action this weekend at home at Hemel Sports Centre. Come along and support the team on Sunday 29th January, 5pm tip off against Westminster Warriors. Tickets are available on the door or you can book in advance at www.stormbasketball.net

EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Daphne B



TURQUOISE

Florence S

NURSERY

Alicia 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	87%		
Nursery Amber	86.5%		
Reception Garnet		92%	
Reception Turquoise		94.5%	

1 Jade		92%	
1 Crystal		91.3%	
2 Diamond		94.1%	
2 Pearl			96.8%
3 Ruby			98%
3 Emerald			96.6%
4 Coral		93.9%	
4 Opal		93.1%	
5 Onyx			98%
5 Sapphire			95.3%
6 Topaz		89.2%	
6 Amethyst			97.6%

Well done to **Ruby & Onyx** for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



**AND THE
WINNER
IS.....**

Wilson!!!