



The Galley Hill Times

Friday, 13th January 2023

Dates for the diary...

Monday	16 th January	9am	Y6 Topaz Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	17 th January	9am	Y2 Diamond Sharing Assembly
Thursday	19 th January	All Day	Y4 Trip St Albans Abbey
Wednesday	25 th January	AM	Y1 Sports Taster Morning at Sports Centre
Friday	27 th January	9am-10.30am	Coffee Morning with Mary Nyariki (Family support worker)
Monday	30 th January	9am	Y5 Onyx Sharing Assembly

Message from Mrs Birch

Yesterday, you will have received a letter about our revised Home Learning Policy. We hope that the changes support you in knowing what your child has been learning in class and how you can support this learning at home. Additionally, our focus on basic skills (particularly reading and times tables) will be continuing as these are such important building blocks for the rest of the curriculum and for life. We really do value the contribution that parents make in supporting their child's learning and progress – thank you!

After-School Clubs

Once again this term, we have tried our best to put on a range of after school clubs to give the children the opportunity to participate in some different activities. These are being run both by school staff and external agencies. We hope the children enjoy participating in their extra activities, which start on Monday (16th January).

Sharing Assemblies

Just a reminder that 6 Topaz and 2 Diamond will be sharing their learning in their Sharing Assemblies next week, both at 9am. The assembly for 6 Topaz will take place on Monday 16th January and the assembly for 2 Diamond will take place on Tuesday 17th January. We look forward to seeing parents and carers next week.

School Trip Donations

We fully appreciate that times are currently very hard financially. However, we would still like to offer the children engaging activities such as trips and visits. These activities can only run if we get enough donations from parents to support in funding them. If ever you are struggling to make the requested payment for a trip, please do speak to a member of the school team so we can consider the options – even a small donation makes it more likely that we will be able to run the trips that we have planned. Many thanks to all who pay for trips and give consent in a timely way. This really does help us.

Dealing with Concerns

We would like to remind parents that we will do everything possible within school to deal with any concerns that you may have. We request that you please always speak to us about these concerns rather than approach other parents directly. As a reminder, your first port of call should be the class teacher. If this does not resolve the issue, please contact the phase leader as the next step (Miss Elsey for Nursery and Reception, Miss Penning for Year 1 and 2, Miss Keal for Year 3 and 4 and Mrs Spooner for Years 5 & 6) by calling the school office or sending an email to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk with FAO and the staff members name in the subject bar.

Well done Wednesday

Well done to these children who have all been selected for the first Well Done Wednesday of 2023 to come and have milkshake and cookies with Mrs Birch.

Ruby: *Tilly T*

Emerald: *Darcie C*

Opal: *Jacob C*

Coral: *Max S*

Sapphire: *Oliver M*

Onyx: *Oakley W*

Topaz: *Maisy B*

Amethyst: *Neve O*



Celebrate

Well done to *Isabella P* in 5 Onyx who became a Sixer in her Brownie Pack. Great work Isabella!

Iyaarah M in 3 Emerald has managed to skip 3 levels in her Gymnastics class and has gone straight from Amber badge to Topaz badge. Amazing work Iyaarah, you should be very proud!

Well done also to *Stanley P* in 4 Coral who had a great sporting weekend scoring a goal in his first Football match on Saturday and then played his first away game for Camelot Rugby Club on Sunday and scored 2 tries! Fantastic Stanley, 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

RECEPTION APPLICATIONS CLOSING DATE

Reminder that if you currently have a child who would be due to start Reception this September you need to apply for a Reception place on line. The closing date for applications is Sunday 15th January. Applications can be done on Hertfordshire County council website:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/primary-junior-and-middle-schools/primary-junior-and-middle-school-places.aspx#makinganapp>

PARKING ISSUES IN THE LOCAL AREA

We receive numerous complaints at school from parents and local residents about the dangerous parking that takes place in the local area at school drop off/pick up times. This has been flagged to our local councillor who is currently dealing with the Highways Agency to try and arrange for double yellow lines to be put along Pudding Lane as this seems to be the worst area for parking. We would again ask please try to leave home a couple of minutes earlier for the school run to give you time to park safely either at the shops or at the cricket pavilion and take the short walk to the school gate. Thank you for your understanding and support with this matter.



OUTSIDE PLAY ALL WEATHERS

As you are aware children are going outside to play in all weathers. We have been having fun outside at break and lunch time in the wet this week. This does mean all pupils need a waterproof coat at school each day. The school fleeces are not suitable as a replacement for a coat on wet or cold winter days. Please send your child into school each day with a waterproof coat or provide a waterproof coat that they can keep on their school peg. Thank you.



EARLY YEARS STAR OF THE WEEK

GARNET

Leah T



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NURSERY

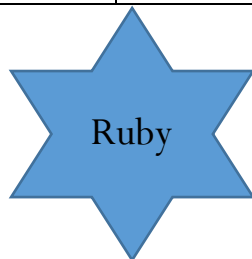
Teddy-James W

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	86.4%		
Nursery Amber		90.7%	
Reception Garnet		92%	
Reception Turquoise			96.2%
1 Jade		93.2%	
1 Crystal			95.3%
2 Diamond		94.1%	
2 Pearl			95.6%
3 Ruby			98.2%
3 Emerald			96.2%
4 Coral		91.4%	
4 Opal		94.4%	
5 Onyx			95.7%
5 Sapphire		94.8%	
6 Topaz		90.4%	
6 Amethyst		93.2%	

Well done to



Ruby

for winning the attendance award this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

Rowling

Horowitz

Wilson

Dahl



AND THE
WINNER
IS.....

Horowitz!!!

