



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 25th NOVEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Thursday	1 st December	All Day	Year 2 Windsor Castle Trip
Thursday	1 st December	3.15pm-3.45pm	Open Classrooms
Monday	5 th December	9am-9.15am	4 Opal Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	6 th December	2pm	KS1 Performance dress rehearsal
Wednesday	7 th December	6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday	8 th December	6pm	KS1 Christmas Performance
Monday	12 th December	9.45am	Yr 3 & 4 Church Carol Service
Monday	12 th December	2pm	Reception Christmas Performance dress rehearsal
Tuesday	13 th December	9.45am	Yr 5 & 6 Church Carol Service
Tuesday	13 th December	2.15pm	Reception Christmas Performance
Tuesday	14 th December	All day	Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper day
Tuesday	14 th December	2.15pm	Reception Christmas performance
Friday	16 th December	10.45am	Nursery Christmas Songs
Friday	16 th December	2.45pm	Nursery Christmas Songs
Friday	16 th December	4pm-5pm / 5.30pm-6.30pm	Christmas Disco
Tuesday	20 th December		Class Christmas party - Nursery, Reception, Year 1, 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday	21 st December		Class Christmas party - Quartz, Year 5 & Year 6
Wednesday	21 st December	1.55pm/2pm	Break up for Christmas

Message from Mrs Birch

This week, Miss Featherstone and I were fortunate enough to visit Maths lessons across the school and we were very impressed with what we saw! The behaviour in all of the lessons we visited was excellent and the children were really showing our Galley Hill Expectations. We saw children engaged in their learning and really persevering to solve even the trickiest of problems. In all of the Key Stage Two lessons we saw, a good working knowledge of times tables was important for success and we encourage all parents to continue to rehearse times tables regularly with their children at home.

School Trips

As you will know, the children have been having a wonderful time on school trips over the last couple of weeks, including the Year 4 trip to Cadburys World and the Year 5 trip to the National Gallery. Next week, Year 2 will be getting the chance to visit Windsor Castle.

We feel school trips are an important experience for the children in our school and we know they greatly appreciate them. We are however finding that we are having to chase more parents for a contribution and consent for their child to attend the trip. We fully appreciate that we are in the midst of a cost of living crisis, and we are always happy to discuss what is manageable for individuals but we cannot take your child on a trip without your permission. Please ensure that this is completed in a timely manner to save us administration time in the office.

We will be looking at our offerings in terms of school trips with consideration of the rising costs, as there is only so much that we can cover as a school. If you have any suggestions or comments on this theme, please do get in touch.

Sharing Assemblies

Many thanks to Team Emerald for sharing their learning this week and for all parents who attended the assembly. Our next Sharing Assembly will be presented by Team Opal on Monday 5th December.

We would like to apologise once more to parents of children in Team Amethyst, whose sharing assembly had to be postponed this week. We will get a new date to you as soon as possible.

WELL DONE WEDNESDAY

The following are the Key Stage 2 children who should feel very proud for being selected for Well Done Wednesday. I'm sure that they are all looking forward to their milkshake and cookies!

Well Done Wednesday



Ruby: *Ivy-Rose A*

Emerald: *Tate S*

Opal: *Sahra K*

Coral: *Zachary p*

Onyx: *Sophia C*

Sapphire: *Amelia B*

Topaz: *Billie-Rae S* Amethyst: *Finley E*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Gabriel H* in 2 Diamond who has achieved his Topaz award at Sapphire Gymnastics. Great work Gabriel!

Connell H in 3 Emerald has gained his 'Night Away' and 'Experiment Badge' at Beavers. Fantastic Connell, well done.

Well done to *Flora C* in 1 Crystal who received a Dance award from her dance school. Brilliant work Flora, keep it up!

Well done to *Emily H* in 4 Coral who has passed her Stage 5 swimming (which included swimming 25m of butterfly!). Brilliant achievement Emily!

Lucy P in 4 Coral who was awarded 'Most Improved Dancer Runner Up' at her dance awards. Well done Lucy, fantastic work!

Well done to *Frankie D* in 3 Emerald who was awarded Most Committed Dancer at her dance awards at the weekend. Amazing Frankie, well done and keep up the good work!

Sienna C in Reception Garnet who won 'Mini Star Dancer' at her dance awards in her age group. Well done Sienna, you must be very proud.

If your child has anything from outside of school that you would like to share then please email them over to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk and we can include them on the next newsletter.



SPARE SOCKS / UNDERWEAR FOR EARLY YEARS

Our early years team are looking to replenish their supply of spare socks/tights/underwear to keep in the classrooms. If you have any spares that your child may have grown out of that you could donate as spares then we would be very grateful.

SCHOOL FOOD BANK DONATIONS

Thank you so much for the donations for our food bank that you have been sending in this week. Mary has asked if anyone is able to donate tea/coffee/sugar, tins of beans or spaghetti, tinned tuna, tinned vegetables/potatoes, bake in the oven rolls, instant noodles, pasta, pasta sauces, soup and jam/peanut butter and chocolate spread we would be so grateful. As always thank you for your support, especially in these difficult times.

SCOOTER / BIKE PARKING

Please can you remind your children if they are bringing their bikes/scooters to school to make sure that they are parked up in the scooter rack or next to the fence by the scooter rack and not in the walk way outside the dining room.

CHRISTMAS DISCO – FRIDAY 16TH DECEMBER



For the first time in 3 years we are finally back to holding a school disco! The Christmas disco will take place on Friday 16th December and is always a popular event. The disco will be from 4pm-5pm for the children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and 2 (parents may accompany Nursery and Reception children). For our children in Years 3 through to 6 the disco will be from 5.30pm-6.30pm. Tickets for the disco **MUST** be prebooked. This can be done on Arbor or alternatively you can bring cash to the office. There is also a snack pack available separately. All details for this can be found under Clubs on your child's Arbor account. We look forward to seeing many of you there!

CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATION COMPETITION

Due to the popularity of the Christmas Tree decoration competition we have opened it up again for an additional 60 entries and are just waiting for some more stock to come in. Those who have already paid should have received their disc today. For the new entrants the discs should go home no later than Friday next week. All entries are to be returned no later than Wednesday 7th December ready for judging and winners to be announced on Friday 9th December.

COACHING ME AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Winter Half Term

Dates Between
22nd Dec - 4th Jan
9am - 4pm
Galley Hill School
Hemel Hempstead
HP1 3JY



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**Winter
Wonderland**



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EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Tallulah B / Alfie B

TEAM GARNET

Rupert B

TEAM AMBER

Kiyoshi-Li M & Robbie M

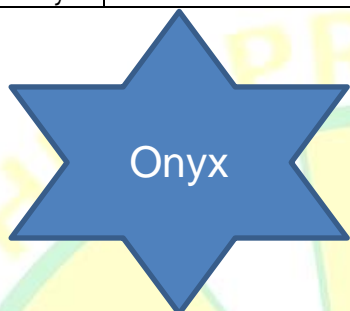
ATTENDANCE

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		95%	
Nursery Amber	89.5%		
Reception Garnet		90.7%	
Reception Turquoise			96.2%
1 Jade			95.2%
1 Crystal			95.7%
2 Diamond			95.9%

2 Pearl			96.4%
3 Ruby		91%	
3 Emerald		90%	
4 Coral		91%	
4 Opal			95.2%
5 Onyx			96%
5 Sapphire			95.9%
6 Topaz	84.8%		
6 Amethyst	85.4%		

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:



Well done **Rowling** for winning this week!

