



THE GALLEY HILL TIMES

FRIDAY 11th NOVEMBER 2022

Dates for the diary...

Tuesday	15 th November	All day	Year 4 Cadbury World Trip
Wednesday	16 th November	All day	Flu Vaccinations - Reception - Year 6
Friday	18 th November	All Day	Wear something brown/yellow/spotty for Children in Need
Monday	21 st November	9am-9.15am	3 Emerald Sharing Assembly
Tuesday	22 nd November	9am-9.15am	6 Amethyst Sharing Assembly
Thursday	24 th November	All day	Year 5 National Gallery Trip
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

Message from Mrs Birch

On Monday morning, the children from Year 6 shared an assembly about their adventures during their activity week with their parents and the children from Year 5. It was a real treat to hear about the fun they had participated in, whether at school or away at PGL and what came across very clearly is how many of them conquered fears and challenged themselves with activities such as rock climbing. We are really proud that they truly showed aspects of our school vision: resilience and perseverance. Well done Year 6!

Staff News

We are delighted to share with you that Mrs Reynolds gave birth to a little boy, Alex Maurice Reynolds, on 15th October. We are sure you will all want to join us in congratulating Mrs Reynolds and her husband on the safe arrival of Alex.

In preparation for our next Galley Hill arrival, Mrs Parsons will have her final day before maternity leave next Friday (18th November). We want to wish her lots of luck and look forward to hearing more happy news. As Nursery parents are already aware, Mrs Dormer and Miss Edmonds will be teaching Nursery in Mrs Parsons' absence.

This week we welcomed our new Computing Administrator, Mr Edwards to Team Galley Hill. He will be working in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays to support staff in all things technical!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Ringrose for the amazing work she has done in this role and for staying on to keep us up and running while we found a suitable replacement.

Chicken News

Many of you will have realised our chickens have been missing from school this week. Sadly they have got to stay away while the Bird Flu rules state that domestic birds have to be kept indoors. We really hope to see the girls back at Galley Hill really soon. In the meantime, we are incredibly grateful to Mrs Prince for the care she is giving them at home.

Communication with School

As I hope you know, we are always happy to communicate with parents as much as possible. Class staff and members of the school senior leadership team are usually available before and after school for quick messages or we are happy to organise meetings or phone calls for longer conversations. If you would prefer to send an email to the school, please use admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk and put FAO and the staff member it is for in the subject line. Staff will endeavour to reply to emails within 3 school days.



Children in Need

On Friday 18th November is Children in Need day and the children are invited to come to school wearing something brown / yellow or spotty. We would ask for a suggested donation of £1 which will all go to Children in Need.

Sharing Assemblies

We are delighted that our programme of class sharing assemblies will soon be starting for this academic year. Every class (Reception to Year 6) presents their learning for parents once a year in a sharing assembly. This year, after your child's class has presented their assembly, you will also be invited back to their classroom (should you wish to) to also look at your child's learning there. We are hoping this might be useful to those parents who are unable to attend our monthly open classroom events. Parents wishing to attend assembly should report to the school office at 9am on the day your child's class assembly is scheduled for. The assembly and classroom visit will take no longer than one hour.

The upcoming sharing assemblies are:

3 Emerald – Monday 21st November

6 Amethyst – Tuesday 22nd November

4 Opal – Monday 5th December

Value of the Month

The Value of the Month for November is empathy. We have already had an assembly on this theme and we will be using opportunities in class and around the school to reinforce the value. Please talk to your child about this value and how important it is to think about things from another person's point of view and consider their feelings.

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: *Amy-Leigh R* Emerald: *Emmy D* Opal: *Oliver B*
Coral: *Mustapha T* Sapphire: *Isabella G* Onyx: *Sienna C*
Amethyst: *Rose K* Topaz: *Mason H*

SPECIAL ACHIEVEMENTS



Well done to *Finley R* and *Oliver B* in 4 Opal who have both passed their first Taekwondo grading and have received their yellow tag belts. Great work boys! Keep working hard!

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.



OUTDOOR PLAY

From Monday 14th November children will only be allowed on the grass areas at break and lunch times when they are wearing wellies or outdoor boots/shoes. **(Football boots are not permitted)** Please send your child in to school with a pair of outdoor wellies or shoes in a bag. This bag can be any bag that can hang on their peg eg a carrier bag/rucksack etc. Please ensure that your child's name is written in their outdoor wellies or shoes and the bag.

Please donate any spare wellies or waterproof coats or clothing you do not need. This means we can increase our stock of wet wear for children. You can hand these items to your child's class teacher or place them in the donation box outside the school office. We would recommend that you cut out your child's name from donated items. This means you will not end up with them back! Children will be going outside in all kinds of weather. Please send your child to school with a waterproof coat each day.

Please keep donating unwanted toys or play items. We would also like any donations of pallets. We have used the ones that were donated already. We would accept single pallets or a van load! Thank you for all of the donations you are making.

LATE ARRIVALS / ABSENCES

Please can you try to ensure that you bring your child to school on time. Nursery starts at 8.30am, doors for all other classes open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am. If you are running late then your child does need to be signed in by an adult at the office. If your child is off school for any reason please ensure that you call the office and let us know. We do have a 24 hour answer machine if it is outside of school office hours. You can also email your absence in to admin@galleyhill.herts.sch.uk. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

HEMEL STORM MATCH THIS WEEKEND



Hemel Storm are playing against Bristol Academy flyers this Sunday in a National Cup game. The match is played at Hemel Sports Centre with a 5pm tip off. Tickets can be purchased on the door or you can buy in advance at www.stormbasketball.net

YEAR 5 / 6 AFTER SCHOOL FOOTBALL

A message was sent earlier this week to confirm that at the moment the Year 5/6 after school football club is cancelled until further notice. Unfortunately we brought in a coach to run the sessions. Due to staffing issues with the company providing them, we have been let down most weeks and have been trying to cover these sessions with our own staff. We are working to source an alternative and so for the time being the club is cancelled. We hope to have it up and running again soon and will keep you updated on this. Please accept our apologies for this.

CHRISTMAS COSTUME DONATIONS

If you have any outgrown nativity costumes/reindeer/angels/star that you would be able to donate to our Reception/Key Stage 1 classes for their Christmas production we would be so grateful. If you do have any that you could spare then please hand them in to the office. Thank you so much again for all of your donations for everything!

COACHING ME AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Please can we remind you that if you are putting your child in to Coaching Me After School Club then you must pre book and pay for their space as they need to ensure that they have enough staff in place for the number of children attending. Spaces for each day can be booked right up until 3pm on the day via the link <https://coaching-me.kidsclubhq.co.uk/rdr?u=book&id=8052> Spaces for Christmas camp will be available for booking soon!

EARLY YEARS STARS OF THE WEEK

TEAM TURQUOISE

Mayson F-L



TEAM GARNET

Cruise R

TEAM AMBER

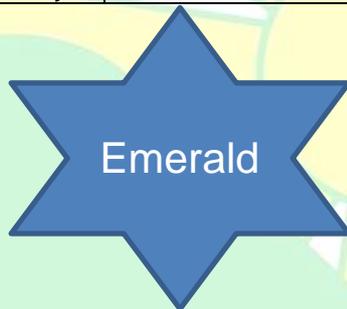
Alicia C, Haajira R & Eva G

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		91.7%	
Nursery Amber	89%		
Reception Garnet		92%	
Reception Turquoise		95.2%	
1 Jade		92.4%	
1 Crystal		94.7%	
2 Diamond			95.9%
2 Pearl	84.4%		
3 Ruby			96.9%
3 Emerald			97.2%
4 Coral	86.2%		
4 Opal			96.3%
5 Onyx			95.3%
5 Sapphire			96.9%
6 Topaz			96.5%
6 Amethyst	89%		

Well done to



for winning this week!



HOUSEPOINTS

And the winner with the most housepoints this week is:

Horowitz
237

Dahl
193

Rowling
193

Wilson
112

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

