



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Year 2 Emerald** who are this weeks winners with **99.3%** attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 4th July: Sports Day for Reception—Year 6
- 5th July, 3.10 pm: Reception Sunstone Class Assembly
- 5th July: Year 2 Great Fire of London Workshop
- 6th July: Year 1 Trip to Whipsnade Zoo
- 7th July: Meet the Teacher Morning & Secondary Transfer Day
- 8th July: Governors Prize Giving Assembly
- 8th July: Year 4 Camping at School
- 20th July, 4.30—5.30 pm: Year 5 & 6 Play
- 20th July, 5.30—7.00 pm: Year 6 Leavers BBQ
- 22nd July, 9.00—10.00 am—Year 6 Leavers Assembly
- 22nd July, 1 pm—End of Term



**If you are able to donate cakes for Sports Day on 4th July,** Friends of Hammond would be very grateful to receive them! Please bring to the top playground on the morning of Monday 4th July. Thank you!

**PAYMENTs: Dinners, Breakfast & After School Club;** Please check your child's account and ensure that regular payments are made to bring the balance to zero by the end of the school year (22nd July). Debts will be referred to our Governors for action. Thank you.

Dear Parents and Carers

Again another super week across the school! I really do think we should have renamed science week as 'Potions' week as I have seen so much engaged learning and moments of awe and wonder from the children whilst taking part in some strange experiments and workshops. From slime making to seeing how many helium balloons would lift an apple off of the ground, the learning has been fantastic. I hope you have been able to share in this learning with your child through either talking to them or by viewing the class tweets on Twitter!

Yesterday we welcomed back Year 6 from their residential to Tolmers. This week, Year 6 have had a brilliant time, I know that many parents have been keeping up to date with the action through Twitter. It has been great seeing such happy children participating in new activities and challenging themselves - they have been a credit to the school. I would also like to thank Mr Griffiths, Mr Rickman and Miss Norris for accompanying the children, I believe they have had as much fun as the children!

I am delighted to announce that after our own democratic elections in school, we now have our House Captains for next year. Congratulations to:

Jack Keen and Zebada Nyarko - Bancroft

Jake Gilkes and Jessica White - Kingsley

Lily Hitchin and Coby Cooper - Livingstone

Jay Chapman; Grace Bailey - Raleigh

Crystal Close and Hriday Nandwani - Drake.

Please can you make sure that you check your child's book bag for a letter with information regarding staffing for September. There has also been an email sent out. Next Thursday your child will be able to meet their new teacher for the morning. They will register as usual with their current teacher and return to them in the afternoon.

I hope to see many of you on Monday for Sports Day and have my fingers crossed for sunshine. Should it rain, a decision will be made on Monday morning and you will be informed on Twitter or by text.

Have a great weekend with your families.

**Mrs Denise Kennedy, Acting Head of School**

## Year 5's Trip to Phasels Wood (22nd—24th June)

Last week Year 5 had a wonderful time at Phasels Wood activity camp. Across the three days, the children participated in a variety of activities. We played Aeroball and enjoyed racing down the Cresta Run track in small carts to see who would be the winner. We also had great fun on the bungee trampolines and racing each other on the rolling rock and traverse wall. As well as this, we all had the chance to fly through the air on the zip wire and work together in team challenges. In between, Year 5 had a brilliant time having water fights, making dens, playing rounders in the mud, going on a night-time walk, playing a quiz and washing the dishes! Every one of the Year 5s was fantastic and made it an excellent trip (and also managed to keep their rooms tidy!).

*Well done again to all of you and a huge thank you once again to Mr Swords and Mr Rickman for helping Miss Gonzalez*



## Sports Day: Reception to Year 6: Monday 4th July

9.20—11.50 am: Reception, Year 1 & 2 12.55—3.15 pm: Year 3, 4, 5 & 6

Children can come to school wearing their PE kit (PE top in their house colour, PE shorts and trainers). If the weather is sunny, please remember sun hats and sun cream. Please collect your children from their classrooms at 3.30 pm. Friends of Hammond will be selling refreshments so please remember to bring some change! In the event of bad weather, Sports Day will not go ahead, please watch Twitter and the website. A message will also be sent via Schools Gateway.

## Tolmers 2016!

Our Year 6's have spent an action



packed four days at Tolmers and created memories to last for a long time to come! For now we have this fabulous picture to sum up our week but more details will follow in next week's edition.

## Science Week



This week we have all been taking part in an exciting science week. The children have loved exploring Roald Dahl during their science week as this has been the focus. There have been many exciting experiments and investigations taking place, including how many balloons can lift a peach, how to make marshmallows and slime making! Children across all year groups also took part in a science workshop where they learnt about static energy, electrons, protons and electricity. The week was concluded with a showcase for parents to see

the learning from the week.

**Tayna "Boffin" Bridgeman, Science Boffin HQ:**

*"So very proud of all years that became scientists with me! They were all so engaging and interested! I had lots of fun with your intelligent students!"*

## Rotary Young Essay Competition 2016

Recently, all Year 6 children wrote an essay entitled "Why I love Hemel Hempstead and Dacorum". These essays were sent off for judging!

We are pleased to announce that **Luke** won 3<sup>rd</sup> prize!

**Congratulations!!**

Luke should be very proud of himself as there were almost 200 entries from 6 local schools this year.

Well done to all the pupils in Year 6 for participating!

## Milk for Autumn Term 2016

If you would like your child to receive milk at the start of the autumn term, please ensure you register with Cool Milk ([www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)). Payment must be made by no later than 30th August to receive milk on the 5th September (first day of the autumn term). A letter detailing the above was emailed last week.

**Remember!** You can register at any point with Cool Milk. However, payment must be made by the Tuesday to receive milk on the following Monday.

If your child receives Pupil Premium or receives Free School Meals (not the Universal School Meals available to children in Reception through to Year 2), and you would like your child to receive milk, please notify the office.



## The Big Friendly Read, Summer Reading Challenge 2016

Hertfordshire libraries are getting ready to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Roald Dahl's birth with this year's Summer Reading

Challenge 'The Big Friendly Read' 2016.

Research shows that the Summer Reading Challenge helps to tackle the problem of children getting out of the reading habit during the school holidays, helping to improve children's confidence then sends them back to school fired up and ready to learn. It is the UK's biggest promotion of children's reading - last year over 18,600 Hertfordshire children took part - and it's free!

The children are challenged to read six library books or eBooks of their choice during the holidays. There are limited edition Quentin Blake collector cards up for grabs and on completion of the challenge an exclusive 'Big Friendly Read' wristband, certificate and medal for every child. In addition, participants will have the opportunity to win tickets to an exclusive author event. There will also be large print Summer Reading Challenge materials available for children with a visual impairment. 'The Big Friendly Read' packs will be available in all Hertfordshire public libraries, from **Saturday 16th July until Saturday 10th September 2016**, while stocks last!

Please promote 'The Big Friendly Read' in your parents' newsletter this term. Further information on the Summer Reading Challenge in Hertfordshire and a link to The Big Friendly Read website can be found at [www.hertsdirect.org/libraries](http://www.hertsdirect.org/libraries)

What the children said about last year's challenge:

*"It was good fun and quite a challenge."* - Max, age 6

*"I really enjoyed the reading challenge because it helped me to keep reading in the summer."* - Evie, age 7

## NOTICE

### Pennine Way Car Park

The rugby club has recently obtained a long-term lease on the car park at Pennine Way and will very shortly be introducing a car park management scheme.

The scheme will be enforced between 8am - 6pm Monday to Friday and the following restrictions will be applied:

1. All vehicles must be parked only within a marked bay
2. Three hour maximum stay no return within 90 minutes (unless displaying a valid permit)
3. Breaches of restrictions will incur a parking charge of £100 reduced to £60 if paid within 14 days of issue

This scheme should have no effect on parents/guardians who use the car park to drop off/pick up children due to the 3 hour free parking. However, those who park in disabled parking bays, reserved bays or double park will incur the parking charges.

Our intention is not to raise money from the scheme but to ensure correct and considerate parking.

We will shortly be leafleting all cars that use the car park to inform them of the imminent scheme.

*Bob Brown, Chairman, Hemel Stags Rugby League Club*



## LOOM BANDS FOR SALE!

Our Year 3 children are keen to raise money for Great Ormond Street. If you would like to support them please come to our sale on: **Friday 8th July, 1pm, Top Playground**

Contact the office if you are interested in **guitar and/or piano lessons**. £15 per session (30 mins). Sessions take place during the school day.