



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Y3 Sapphire** who are this week's winners with **99.2%** attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 22nd May, 3.30 pm: Y5 Cuffley Camp meeting
- 22nd May, 3 pm: Y4 Jasper Sharing Assembly
- 23rd May: Y6 Enterprise Day
- 24th May, 2.30 pm: Parent Forum
- 25th May, 3.30 pm: Y4 Camping meeting
- 29th May: Bank Holiday— school closed
- 29th May–2nd June: **Half Term, school closed**
- 5th June: Return to school
- 5th June: Y6 residential trip & Y3 trip to Science Museum
- 13th June: Reception trip to Wendover Woods
- 15th June: Y6 trip to Chessington
- 19th June: Shakespeare Week
- 21st June: Y2 trip to Southend on Sea
- 26th June: Class photographs
- 27th June: Rec Sunstone Sharing Assembly
- 28th June: Y5 residential trip
- 28th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire class assembly
- 7th July: Y4 Camping

Dear Parents and Carers

You know that I am very proud to be Principal of Hammond Academy and this week continued to confirm that for me. As you are aware the Year 6 children took their end of Key Stage tests (SATs) last week and this week was the turn of some of our younger children in Year 2. What made me smile is that if you spoke to the children, it could have been any other day of the year. The children were focussed, smiling and most importantly gave their all to every assessment. Attitudes and behaviours were exemplary all week, in fact comments from the children ranged from "It was great fun!" and "Was that a test?" Every single Year 2 child should be proud of their efforts this week and deserve praise and reward. Giving their all will give them the rewards they deserve and as a Principal I could ask no more.

This week our Senior and Middle leaders have been working in partnership with our Aspire Trust leaders. We were all looking at creative and exciting opportunities for continuing to network with The Grove Academy and Bovingdon, alongside the two new schools joining our family in the very near future. We are passionate about providing quality opportunities for children, whatever their age or ability, and are therefore a Trust with big ambitions. At Hammond we have already seen the impact that collaborative partnership with the other Trust schools has had on our staff and pupils: sharing of best practice, moderation purposes and continuing professional development. This is such an exciting time moving forward.

Again this week we have had the pleasure of inviting so many parents into school for class assemblies; congratulations to Year 1 Amber for performing so confidently and enthusiastically about their learning. I hope you will join myself and other SLT members next Wednesday (May 24th 2.30pm) for an opportunity to discuss school improvement. Partnership really is the key for improving the outcomes of our children.

I hope we finally see some sunshine this week. Please no more rain!

Kind regards,

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**



## Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Louie Nursery Opal: Esa

Reception Sunstone: Genevieve Y1 Amber: Daisy Y1 Jade: Tiana Rose Y1 Pearl: Sophia

Y3 Amethyst: Isabella Y3 Moonstone: Hudson Y4 Jasper: Mara

Y5 Garnet: Taren Y5 Tigers Eye: Lily

## Class Update: Year 2 Diamond

**By Maisie**

*This week, we have been doing our SATs in the morning.*

*We made ice lollies after lunch. We watched two different videos to help us with our mini lollies. We are having a practice with our lolly so we know what we want. We are tasting them today!*



## Reminders

**Afternoon Nursery (Opal)** begins at 12.30 pm. Please ensure that your child is waiting at the gate, ready to start the session at that time. Lateness proves to be very disruptive to the children.

**Final instalments** for the Y5 and Y6 residential trips are due by 26th May (Y5) and 31st May (Y6). Please ensure payments are met. If you are having difficulties, please speak to the office.

**Y6 parents** are invited to come to the Y6 Enterprise fair at 2.45pm on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. We hope to see you there to support the children!

Please return the SRE form and the Tolmers form to school by no later than Monday.



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The children found a big branch on the ground and wondered whether 'a big giant broke the branch' or whether 'the cutter wanted to make a truck wash with the branch'. We also pretended to ride 'the witch's broom!'

**Nursery** are having great fun exploring the roaming area and developing their imagination.



**Well done** to all the children for their fantastic efforts in speaking French outside French lessons –bravo!  
**Congratulations** in particular to Year 3 Sapphire, Year 3 Moonstone, Year 5 Tiger's Eye and Year 4 Jasper who have each been chosen this half term as 'La Meilleure Classe de la Semaine' (Best Class of the Week).

Don't forget to ask your children regularly for the Phrase of the Week – this week it's 'Je ne comprends pas' = 'I don't understand'. It's great to hear children speaking about their enjoyment in accessing from home the wonderful games and resources at [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com). Our username is 'hammond' and the password is 'salut'. Enjoy!

### Notice to Year 2 Parents: Dinners in Y3

When your child moves from Y2 to Y3 in September, dinners will no longer be paid for under Universal Infant Free School Meals. Please bear this in mind in time for next term. However, if you feel you may be entitled to Pupil Premium Free School Meals, check your eligibility at [www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals](http://www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals).

### Walk to School Week

Next week we are having a Walk to School Week Competition. We would like to encourage the children to walk to school and walk home from school. Each class will be collecting points on how many times they walk during the week. The class with the highest score will be the winners!

Daily results will be updated on Twitter. Go to @Mr\_RickmanPE for more information during next week!

**On Thursday** year 3 classes participated in an interactive workshop delivered by a team from ADD-Vance, a Herts based charity providing information, training and support for children, adults and families on issues relating to Autism and Attention Defect Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD). Following on from National Autism Week held in March, the children learned more about Autism and ADHD. They especially enjoyed finding out about successful actors, sportsmen and women who are on the Autistic spectrum or have ADHD. Please do ask your child what they learned.

## We hope to see you tonight at the Friends of Hammond

### Pamper Night!

*What's on offer:*

**Medium and Tarot Reading**

**Jamberry Nail Wraps** (10 - 15 mins) and **Stella & Dot** - Jewellery, Bags and Accessories

**Gel Nails**, (£8 - 15mins) Beauty by Char

**Neck, Back and Shoulder Massage** (£10 - 15mins) Discover Freedom Holistic Massage Therapy

**Quick Facial** - £10 **Full Make Up** - £15 Motives Cosmetics, Skin care and Wellness

**Forever Living Products; Cordon Creations;** - Jewellery Bags and Accessories

**Tropic Skin Care Stall**

**Licensed Bar**

*Treatments will be booked on the night and tickets can be purchased on the night, so why not bring along family and friends.*

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# Pamper Night

19th May 7 - 9pm

- Stella and Dot - Tarot Reading -  
- Holistic Massage - Forever Living -  
- Jamberry Nail Wraps - Medium -  
- Angelic Realms - Nail Bar -

£5 Entry Includes a free glass of Prosecco (Or soft drink) and a raffle ticket