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Attendance

Well done to

Year 3 Amethyst who are this week's winners with **98.5%** attendance.

Target: 100%

Forthcoming Dates:

- 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
- 6th June: EYFS (Nursery & Reception): Pirate Dress Up Day.
- 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
- 27th June: Animal Fun Run for the RSPCA
- 28th June: Y5 residential trip
- 28th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire class assembly
- 3rd July, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Talk For Writing Open Evening
- 5th July: Sports Day for KS1 and KS2
- 6th July: Sports Day for EYFS
- 7th July: Y4 Camping

Dear Parents and Carers

In what has been a very difficult time as a nation and incredibly sad, I came to school on Tuesday with a very heavy heart. However, simply walking around the school during the morning, raised my spirits. Being greeted by so many happy and smiling faces, made me incredibly proud to be Principal of Hammond Academy. This was also shown this morning when we held a minutes silence in respect for the tragic events that happened on Monday. Our whole school demonstrated the Hammond Values that I see daily. The children are a credit to you all and to themselves.

We have had a very busy week indeed. Firstly I would like to congratulate Year 6 and Miss Simpson for organising a fantastic 'Business Enterprise' event which was enjoyed by all. There really was a lovely atmosphere across the school, especially seeing Year 5 and Reception working together. Our Year 5 children nurtured our reception children and watching them together was a pure joy.

We had our annual Phonics development day on Wednesday where we evaluated and monitored our phonics teaching in Reception and Key Stage 1. We always take pride in our phonics teaching and learning across the school and in the past two years have been above the national standard in the phonics screening test. Yet again, the teaching of the phonics across the school was outstanding. This is a compliment to all the teachers and teaching assistants who deliver phonics daily. I would also like to thank you, the parents, for working with your children on their phonics sounds at home. Your support is greatly valued and does contribute to your child's progress.

Also on Wednesday, SLT held our termly Parent Forum. I would like to thank the small number of parents who attended and thank them for their comments in helping to move the school forward. We discussed a number of items and all these will be fed into the next academic years school plan. It was a pity though that we did not have more parents attend. If anyone has any ideas of how we can encourage more parents to attend these valuable sessions I would love to hear from you.

Each week in staff meetings I always have a little reminder to staff for improvements across the school. Today I would like to give this little reminder to parents. At the end of the day, when the children are leaving the hall after assemblies on their way back to class, please can I ask that parents do not stand beneath the walk or too close to the classroom doors as teachers are finding it difficult to walk their children back without having to walk through a crowd of parents. We aim to maintain high standards of behaviour as well as trying to get out on time. Thank you for your cooperation.

As the weather (hopefully) is on the turn - I would like to remind parents to ensure their children have sun cream applied before school, a sun hat as well as water in their water bottle. Thank you in advance. I hope this warm weather continues and families make the most of being outside together. Fingers crossed. Keep safe and we will see you back at school on Monday 5th June.

Kind regards, **Denise Kennedy, Principal**

Class Update: Year 2 Emerald

Emerald have been working extremely hard lately on our SATS. All children persevered and have made themselves very proud! We focused on D&T during SATs week and analysed, tested, designed and created a fruity ice-lolly. The results were great. We are now continuing with our story of The Lighthouse Keeper's lunch, we will be describing nouns and using exclamation sentences.

Miss Kennedy

Note to Nursery/Reception Parents

This is a reminder to please not use any of the equipment in the EYFS area before and after school. Many children are seen playing in the sand area, mud kitchen and construction area and then leaving it untidy for the day ahead. Although they shouldn't, if your child does play on the equipment please ensure they tidy it up.

Thank you for your co-operation.

The EYFS Team

Reminders / Notices

- If your children have dress up costumes they no longer use (suitable for Reception age), **Reception** would be very delighted to receive them as a donation.
- **Y1 Jade: Forest Schools** commences after half term. The children all need to have boots, waterproof clothing and warm clothing if the weather is not that warm.
- **Before and after school sports clubs** will continue to run after half term until 14th July. Autumn term clubs will be available to book in September.
- **Payments** Please check your child's dinner accounts to ensure there are no outstanding debts. The same applies for Breakfast and After School Club. Thank you.
- **After School Club (Mon—Thu)** This club runs until 6pm. Please ensure you are not late collecting your child.



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Contacting After School Club Our main office is staffed until 4pm, however if your child is attending our Monday – Thursday after school club and you need to contact us the number to use is 07542 867665.



Keep safe in the sun

Now that we are moving into the warmer and sunnier part of the year, can we remind you of the importance of ensuring your children come to school wearing sun cream?

As we will endeavour to allow them to enjoy as much outdoor time as possible, it is essential they are wearing protection against harmful UV rays. We would also strongly suggest you send a sun hat (or similar) with your children, which our staff can then help to make sure they wear.

Thank you in advance.

Year 6 Enterprise Week—£628 raised!!

Over the years our Y6 Enterprise Week has always been a roaring success—and this year was no exception! The focus was to encourage the children to put into practice their entrepreneurial skills whilst working as a team— and having a fun time whilst doing it! The children's enthusiasm was infectious. What a brilliant class they are!

The total raised will be put towards the Chessington World of Adventures trip which will take place on the 15th June.

Congratulations, Year 6 and thank you to the generous parents who kindly donated sweets and lollies throughout the week.



Boundaries and Routines

Date, time and Venue of the next program:

Date: Thu 8th June 2017

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Venue: Hammond Academy - Year 6

Please contact school reception to sign up for a place on the next program.



Dacorum and Link Family Services presentation Supporting Families improve Boundaries and Routines for all

Covering areas including:

- Relationships in the family
 - Influences of Behaviour
 - Consequences of behaviour and Praise
- Visual Timetables and Reward Charts

The M&S Your School Uniform Summer Promotion is nearly here!

All uniform for your school that appears on the Your School Uniform website will be reduced by 20% from 6th June to 4th July 2017.

This offer is running during the peak school uniform buying period so parents will get to make a great saving, especially those in need of a complete uniform ready for new enrolments in September!

Remember the promotion ends on the 4th July and all orders should be received by the 31st July to ensure delivery for the new term.

Check your uniform

Over the half term, please take the time to check your child's uniform to ensure they have their own items as over the past few weeks, several items, such as blazers, have gone astray. If you find that you have uniform which does not belong to your child, kindly return it to the office.

Thank you.