



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Y1 Jade** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 28th Sept, 8:50 am—9:30 am: Reading Workshop for parents
- 28th Sept, 2:45 pm: Reception Stay and Play Fine Motor Development
- 9th Oct: School Photographs (individual)
- 12th Oct, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Calculations Evening for parents
- 16th Oct: School Photographs (Siblings)
- 17th Oct, 3:45—6:00 pm: Parents Evening
- 18th Oct, 3:45 pm—7:30 pm: Parents Evening
- 20th Oct: Harvest Festival
- 23rd Oct—27th Oct: Half Term, school closed

## Reception Stay & Play

28th Sept, 2:45 pm

Please come along to your child's classroom on the above date/time to experience some of the activities that the children are partaking which develop their fine motor skills, which are crucial for early writing.

Ms Bennett

Dear Parents and Carers

Well our third week back is complete, and what another great week it has been! The school has had an amazing feel to it this week, a real buzz of happiness and learning around every corner. We hope you are getting that same feeling too.

Some of you may have noticed that behaviour incident forms have been emailed rather than paper copies given out. This is our new way of improving communication between school and home. In addition to this, we are using 'Time Out' notifications which are paper copies. This is so parents are now informed when their child has had to have time out in their Year group leaders or Key Stage Leaders classroom. This is very serious and therefore we felt parents should know so the inappropriate behaviour can be discussed at home. Once a child has received three of these 'Time Out' slips, a meeting will be arranged between the Key Stage leader and parents to discuss strategies for supporting your child's behaviour in school. Thankfully we haven't had to issue many of these slips because our children are behaving very positively. This week we were joined by some Initial Teacher Trainees from the West Herts Teaching School, who remarked upon the school's high standards of behaviour.

As I highlighted to you all in my welcome back letter, one of the main school priorities for this academic year is to improve the standards of reading. One of the areas we are focusing on is comprehension. Miss Simpson will be holding a reading workshop next **Thursday 28th September at 8.50am** in the school hall. It will be an opportunity for you to learn further how you can support your child's reading comprehension at home. I know Miss Simpson has some great practical tips to share with you all and looks forward to seeing you. I hope you can join us.

I hope you have a lovely weekend with your families and treasure your time together. I know that the events not only to the people in the Caribbean Islands and Florida, with the terrible hurricanes, but also recently to the people of in Mexico, with the devastating Earthquake, makes us reflect on the importance of our own loved ones.

Take care everyone.

Kind regards,

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**



## Star of the Week

Y1 Jade: Breanna Y1 Pearl: Sonny Y2 Diamond: Zoe Y2 Emerald: Isaac Y2 Onyx: Anya

Y3 Amethyst: Lily Y3 Moonstone: Tianna Y3 Sapphire: Naitik Y4 Jasper: Harry

Y4 Quartz: Oliver Year 5 Garnet Ayyub Y5 Tigers Eye: Serine Y6 Aquamarine: Ella Y6 Crystal: Russel

## Class Update: Year 1 Jade

We have been continuing to explore the mysterious case of the runaway gingerbread man. They have been learning the text, story mapping and hot seating the Gingerbread man character using role play. We have continued to develop our storytelling voice.

In Maths we have begun using pictorial representation to explore sharing and halving even numbers including making sure we can count in one's and two's confidently.

Within Science we have begun talking about the body.

Our Topic this term is Victorians. The children will be explore interior decoration which links to our Art focus and artist William Morris.



We will continue to explore 'The Gingerbread Man' story this term. Please encourage the children to practise their story with actions.

Miss Fernandes

### Year 4 Trip to Affinity Water

*'We had such an amazing time at Affinity Water on our trip. We learnt lots about the water cycle, took a grand tour of where they clean our water and took part in some great science experiments'. Y4 Jasper*



**Club Cancellations:** On Monday 9th October, Y5-6 Dodgeball and Boys Football Team training will be cancelled due to Mr Rickman attending Bronze Ambassador Training. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

**Autumn Term Choir Club:** This club commences on Wednesday 1st November and will be held every Wednesday after school until 4.30 pm. The last session will be on Wednesday 13th December. Please note these dates as our choir letter gave the incorrect dates. This club is now full.

**Game On** are now running a Mini Olympics (multi sports) Club after school on a Tuesday (3.30 pm—4.30 pm) for children in Reception through to Year 2. There are places available. If you would like your child to attend, please complete a consent form available from the office.



### Online Safety

Please be aware of what your children are downloading and the age restrictions in place for various social media sites. Our website has lots of information regarding e-safety including parent fact sheets that you may find useful.



### Reading Skills Workshop

On Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September, I will be running a workshop on Reading Skills. During the workshop I will be discussing the different skills children need as a reader and how we teach this at school. I will also be giving practical tips and resources for you to use at home to help support your child in reading. This workshop will be based on reading comprehension, not learning how to read and phonics.

The workshop will run in the school hall from 8.50am- 9.30am. If you are able to attend the workshop, please complete the form at the bottom of the letter, which was sent home this week.

I look forward to seeing you there.

Miss Simpson



### Hurray for Hammond!



Our football team played their first friendly match of the season on Monday against Bovingdon.

Success was all ours! We managed a 4-2 win! Two of the four were scored by Taylor, one goal from Alfie and the fourth goal was a Bovingdon own goal.

We showed plenty of promise and look forward to more matches to come. Well done, team!

### Safeguarding

Please do not take photographs on the school site. This is to protect our children. We hope you understand and thank you for your cooperation.

### New Parents

Please note, on a Friday, school finishes at 1 pm. Please ensure your child is collected promptly as they would be every other day. Punctuality for all pupils (including Nursery) is extremely important. Lateness causes disruptions and prevents children from settling into their school day. Making every effort to be on time will help your child adapt to school life.

### ASC Monday to Thursday

The booking system for ASC Monday to Thursday should be used at all times so that your child appears on the register. For those who are not aware, booking must be done on Gateway before 2.30pm on the day of the session (at the latest). Under normal circumstances, the office will contact you and request you collect your child if their name is not on the register.

Please ensure you are selecting the correct session times. This helps the ASC team to organise their session and ensures that no additional charges are added to your child's account. If you are having difficulties with Gateway, which we appreciate does happen from time to time, please report them to the office. Thank you.