



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to **Y1 Jade & Y6 Crystal** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance. **Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 13th Nov: Anti-Bullying week
- 14th Nov, 3 pm : Y6 Crystal Music Performance
- 16th Nov: Y6 trip to Natural History Museum
- 17th Nov: 'Wear Blue for Bullying' Day
- 23rd Nov, 2.45 pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 28th Nov: Reception to Y4 Nasal Flu Vaccination
- 7th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y5 & 6 Christmas Performance
- 8th Dec: School Council Fund Raising Day
- 11th Dec, 2.30 pm : Reception & Y1 Christmas Performance
- 12th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y4 Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec: Christmas Lunch
- 13th Dec, 2.45pm: Y2 Christmas Performance
- 13th Dec, 9.30 am: Nursery AM & PM Christmas Performance
- 14th Dec: Pantomime Performance (Aladdin)
- 18th Dec, 2.45 pm: Y3 Christmas Performance
- 19th Dec: Christmas Jumper Day
- 19th Dec: End of term (school closes at 1pm—no After School Club)

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly apologies for the late newsletter. This was entirely my fault as I spent Friday supporting Broadfield, one of the new schools to our Trust. It really is rewarding to work in partnership and collaboration with other schools, sharing best practice as well as continuing to further develop our own school.

A few weeks ago we held a Maths workshop for parents, those who attended said how beneficial and informing it was, full of ideas to support their children at home. However, unfortunately this was only attended by a handful of parents. We are aware of how important parental support and engagement is so we want to be able to provide workshops at a time that is most beneficial to all. Therefore on the school APP there are a couple of questionnaires which I would ask you to complete so we can gain your feedback. They will not take more than a couple of minutes to complete. We would really like to hold another Maths Talk, which will talk you through all of the strategies that we use in your children's class. However, we have only received a couple of responses as to which time would be best for you to come in. Please do respond as we really appreciate all the feedback you give us.

This week across the country it is Anti Bullying Week. Anti-Bullying Week shines a spotlight on bullying and encourages all children, teachers and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year. The theme this year is 'All Different, All Equal'. Mrs Shergill has organised for classes to take part in workshops as well as performances linked to the theme of Bullying. We will also be basing much of our curriculum on the theme. Please talk to your children this week about the performances or workshops. On Friday the children will be wearing blue to celebrate this theme.

Have an enjoyable week

Kind regards

**Denise Kennedy, Principal**

## Class Update: Y4 Jasper

Year 4 Jasper have had an exciting week learning the new actions to our text map 'How the tortoise got his shell'.

We have been thinking about the characters within the text and how we could describe them. We even went on our very own animal hunt and thought about all of the features of the animal that we were looking for using the clues that we had found.



We have also been looking at Georges Surat and his impressionist painting. We even had a go at painting his work 'bathers' ourselves.



## Pupil Voice (last week's disco)

*"I really enjoyed the disco last night! It was fantastic and really cool!" James, Y1 Jade*

**Volunteers needed** to help on our Y6 trip to the Natural History Museum of 16th Nov and Y5 trip to Hudnall Park on Wed 22nd Nov. If you have a DBS, are up to date with safeguard training and can be available, please contact the office. Thank you in advance.

## Deadline:

Apply for Reception (Sept 2018) by 15th Jan 2018 (apply now)

Until further notice, the **Star of the Week** assembly will be held on Mondays at 3pm.

### Anti-Bullying Week

As you may be aware, it is 'Anti-bullying' week from the 13<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> November. To enable us to provide children with an opportunity to work with outside agencies to further enhance and support their learning and understanding of such an important topic area, we have organised for a company called 'ACTION WORK' to come into school. They will work with all year groups throughout the day on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November. Action Work are known to deliver award-winning workshops, which are engaging, powerful, empowering, innovative and most importantly, educational. All the work they do will complement the theme for this years' Anti Bullying Week: 'All Different All Equal'.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November it is 'Wear Blue for Bullying' day. **Children can come dressed in non-uniform, wearing anything blue.** It can include anything from a blue t-shirt, jumper, jeans or just a blue accessory. We ask that you bring in a donation of at least £1. This money can be put towards the cost of these workshops. Your support in this matter is highly valued and appreciated.

### We are calling on all parents to share their knowledge and skills!

We are looking to make an audit of all parents with specialist Design and Technology skills.

We are also planning to organise a special DT week where we would like parents/carers to share their knowledge and what they do in their jobs.

Whether your job involves being in the construction industry, professional cook/caterer, a product/fashion designer, technology expert or other we are looking for you to come in to speak to the children either on a class to class basis or as a Key stage assembly.

In the future we are interested in running focussed master project weeks where the children focus on making a major project possibly for display within school.

Any help or advice you can offer will be greatly appreciated. Please contact the office or Teresa Fernandes (Y1 Jade). Thank you in advance.

### Teamwork

#### Year 1 Sports Festival

Year 1 travelled to Sportspace, Hemel to take part in the Annual Year 1 Inter School competition. They took part in many activities and all scores were added up and collated at the end. Year 1 Pearl came 8th place out of all the schools and Year 1 Jade finished in 2nd place! A fantastic end to a brilliant event. Amazing to see so many of our Year 1 children being active and taking part in a competitive event. Well done everybody!



### Update

This week, our Boys A Team travelled to Leverstock Green and came out on top, winning 8 -1. Goals from Taylor x 2 / Spike x 2 / Jamie x 2 / Alfie and Jack. M.O.M Luca.

On Tuesday, our Girls Team started their season off with a 3 -0 victory against Gade Valley.

Goals from Robyn x 3. G.O.G Robyn and Grace K.

Well done Girls!

Finally, on Wednesday, our Boys B Team rounded off another unbeaten week of Football with a 5-2 victory against Chambersbury.

3 wins out of 3 for the B Team! M.O.M Hat Trick Hero Jake R.

### Annual Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Y4:

Consent Forms were emailed to you today (13th). Please complete and return the form to the office by no later than **Friday 17th November**.

Thank you.



Tired of talking to yourself?

Do you feel like you are being given the run around?

Routines and Boundaries

Are you having the same conversation again and again?

Come along and get some new ideas and different approaches with Becky Smith that may help

And chat with other parents that are living the same thing!

You are NOT alone!

Please let the school office know

(01442 424920 /admin@hammondacademy.org.uk or just pop in!)

Hot drinks and biscuits

November 15th

9.00am

The Canopy

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### Reception Sept 2018 intake:

Open Days:

13th Nov, 20th Nov, 8th Jan (9.30 am only)

Session times: 9.30 am, 11 am, 2 pm. Please contact the school office to book your session.



### Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Ella Nursery Opal: Elijah

Reception Sunstone: Munachiso Reception Coral: Dolly

Y1 Jade: Dylan Y1 Pearl: Oscar

Y2 Diamond: Evie Y2 Emerald: Kayleigh Y2 Onyx: Mia

Y3 Amethyst: Aaliyah Y3 Moonstone: Kallie Y3 Sapphire: Millie

Y4 Citrine: Kelsie Y4 Jasper: Amelia Y4 Quartz: Max

Year 5 Garnet: Adam Y5 Tigers Eye: George

Y6 Aquamarine: Tupele Y6 Crystal: Billy

**Assembly: Monday 13th November, 3 pm**