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Attendance

Well done to **Y4 Jasper** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 24th Sept: Choir club starts
- 27th Sept, 8:45—10:45am: MacMillan Coffee Morning (see overleaf)
- 27th Sept, 2:45pm: Reception Stay & Play
- 27th Sept, 3:30pm: Leanne's Gateway Workshop (Hall)
- 3rd Oct, 3pm: Y5 Garnet Sharing Assembly
- 9th Oct: Y4 Citrine & Jasper: Affinity Water trip
- 10th Oct: Y4 Quartz: Affinity Water Trip
- 12th Oct: Rec to Y5 Flu Immunisations
- 17th Oct, 3pm: Y4 Jasper Sharing Assembly (Hall)
- 18th Oct: Y1 trip to Museum of Childhood
- 22nd Oct: Dental hygiene talk to Reception
- 23rd & 25th Oct: Parent Consultations
- 29th Oct: 2nd Nov: Half Term (school closed)
- 5th Nov: Inset Day (school closed)
- 6th Nov: Return to school
- 7th Nov, 11:00am—11:35am Nursery Stay & Play

Dear Parent / Carer

Gosh, where did that week go? It just seemed to vanish. I hope you all had a lovely week. As you are aware, we are really trying to introduce and embed our culture of everyone in our community finding the good in each other. In order to achieve this, we have launched our new Learning Hero box in our library. At any time of the day, both children and adults get the chance to post a note about how a particular child or adult has acted in a way in which our Learning Heroes would be proud: persevering in lessons; asking others to play at lunch times; contributing more in lessons; or the fact that they have gone out of their way to help them. After it's first week, we had over fifty notes and messages from children and adults across the school! Reading them made my day. To read such positive observations children have made of each other was so lovely to read. I then gave some of these children and adults a "shout out" in assembly by sharing what had been written. I am hoping to get a Learning Hero box set up for yourselves and visitors to the school to post thank you messages or messages of how children or adults in the community have acted like one of our Learning Heroes - it would be lovely to read some of your positive messages too. Please keep an eye out. It will be situated just outside of the office.

This week has also been exciting because it has seen the launch of our very first class' Learning Heroes. Each class' Learning Hero will have a wall dedicated to them in the week - children from their class will be encouraged to find and write about at least one great thing about their Learning hero and stick it up on this wall. Then at 3.15pm on a Monday afternoon, the child's peers will present these observations to the Learning Hero in front of their parents/carers. These children will then be invited to share their work and messages over a hot chocolate with myself or a member of SLT in the week. This, I am very much looking forward to!

I hope to see many of you at our Coffee Morning on Thursday at 8.45 am. If you can contribute any cakes and/or biscuits for our fundraising morning, we would really appreciate it.

I hope you all have a lovely week.

Kind Regards,

Miss Graham Acting Principal

Aspire News

This week, the Principals from Aspire all met together to discuss our ethos and what the Trust really means to us all. We also discussed key Ofsted updates to ensure that we are up to date with key policies.

Quotes of the week

"Eric has been really helpful and kind. He always helps me when I get stuck with my maths" Pryce.
"Leon has asked me if I wanted to play a game every day this week - this makes me feel really happy and part of a team" Louis.
"Thank you to Mrs Sutherland for all your help with my displays." Mr Lacey.

Learning Hero of the Week



Y1 Jade: Samuel Y1 Pearl: Mikeala Y2 Diamond: Olivia Y2 Emerald: Nakin
Y3 Amethyst: David Y3 Moonstone: Jason Y3 Sapphire: Xavier
Y4 Citrine: Emily Y4 Jasper: Stephen Y4 Quartz: Krishna Y5 Garnet: Oscar Y5 Jet: Corey
Y5 Tigers Eye: Harry Y6 Aquamarine: Emma Y6 Crystal: Scarlett



Parents are invited to **Leanne's Gateway Workshop** at 3:30pm on Thursday 27th September. This is for anyone that has not yet used Gateway or is having trouble with the Gateway system. A lot of the questions we have at the window in the mornings are about Schools Gateway. Please call the office to sign up. We look forward to helping you.

Class Update: Y2 Diamond

(Miss Matthews) Diamond class have been using instruments to learn their Talk for writing text 'How the world was made.' The children have really enjoyed making up actions to support their performance.

Our afternoons have been exploring key events in 'space': looking at the time line of space travel, thinking about what they would take with them if they were to go to space as well as finding out lots of facts about Neil Armstrong, the first man on the moon.

We are really enjoying having the chance to work with a new learning partner each week and thinking about the learning values they have used... there are so many positive phrases being shared. We are also looking forward to our first class presentation for our 'Star learner of the week' Who will be next?

Apologies to those of you who are waiting Twitter confirmation, there has been a slight problem with the technical side and we will be in touch shortly.

Y1 Parents, do you have...?

In line with our toy project this half of the term we would be interested to look at any toys you (or your parents) may still have from childhood. Please speak to Mr Lacey and/or Mrs Fernandes if you are happy for us to borrow the toys for a short time.



Walking Home (Y5 & Y6)

As of 1st October, children with permission to walk home may only walk home if they are leaving school at 3:30pm. If your child is attending any of our clubs, they must be collected so walking home in the dark can be avoided. Thank you for your co-operation.

Our Year 1's enjoying their **Teddy Bear's Picnic** on Thursday.



Football Update

The Boys A Team started their season off with a 6-4 victory in their friendly against Bovingdon on Thursday. Well done, boys!!

Goals: Dany (2) Elliot (1) Alfie (1) Jamie C (1) Prestyn (1) Man of the Match: Elliott

You are all invited to our Coffee morning to raise money for MacMillan Cancer Support. Join us next Thursday 27th September from 8:45 – 10:45am.



Here you will get the chance to meet **Rebecca Smith** our Family Support Worker, **Debbie Bloomfield** our New SENDCO, **Julie Pollard** our Family Liaison Officer and **Miss Graham**, our Acting Principal over a nice cup of tea.

Rebecca will be available to talk about how we can work with your family to provide details of light bite workshops available for parents and carers.

Debbie Bloomfield our new SENDCO will be available from 8.45 – 9.45 to discuss how we can support additional needs within the school.

We would love you for you to join us. Please do confirm if you will be attending by **Wednesday** so that we can know which space in the school to use and how much cake to purchase! Hope to see you there!

Welcome to the new term!

I cannot believe we are already in week three! I would like to introduce myself: my name is Mrs D Bloomfield; I am the new SENDCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) at Hammond Academy. It was nice to have met some of you already at Meet the Teacher evenings. I have begun working with some of your children and teachers, helping ensure that any additional needs that your children may have are identified, tracked and appropriate strategies and provisions are put into place. This is very much a team effort: with the support from yourselves as parents/carers, teachers and pastoral support staff, we can get it right for our young children. Since starting my new role here, I have been getting to know not only how things work at Hammond, but getting to know the pupils and the different staff in their roles and how we all work together in ensuring that any additional needs are met. If you have previously had any support from our last SENDCO (Mrs A Sawyer) then all that information has been forwarded to me. If you have any new concerns or queries, then your first point of contact is the class teacher and we will work together in responding as required. You can also send a message for my attention via the school office.

As you can see we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee morning on Thursday; we would welcome donations of cakes to support this very worthwhile cause. Even if you cannot attend then your contributions would be most welcome. Please bring any cakes (homemade or shop bought) to the dining room at pick up on Wednesday or Drop of Thursday morning.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs D Bloomfield

To check whether you are eligible for Free School Meals please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

Volunteers Needed

Reading: Year 1 would welcome a helper to listen to the children read during the afternoons (Tue to Thu), ideally from 3.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

Y4 trips to Affinity Waters: Helpers on either or both of the days (9th and 10th October) are needed.

If you have a Hammond DBS and are up to date with safeguard training, please contact the office. Your help is always appreciated. Thank you in advance.