

Hammond Academy

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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y2 Diamond** and **Y2 Emerald** who are this week's winners with **99%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 30th Jan—Y2 Diamond Mill Green Museum Trip
- 31st Jan—Y2 Emerald Mill Green Museum Trip
- 31st Jan—Reception Stay & Play @ 2.45pm
- 11th Feb—Y5 Jet Hazard Alley Trip
- 12th Feb—Y5 Garnet/Tigers Eye, Hazard Alley Trip
- 13th Feb—Y5 NSPCC Workshops
- 14th Feb—Y6 NSPCC Workshops
- 18th Feb—22nd Feb, Half Term
Whole School Closed
- 25th Feb—Return to School
Whole School @ 8.45am
- 4th March—Y3 Classes Celtic Harmony Trip

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another lovely week at Hammond Academy! It has been World Religion Week! We started the week with an assembly led by Reverend Austin from our local church. Children across the school have been learning about different religions around the world and it has been so lovely to have parents come in to talk to the children about their faiths and religions. Thank you ever so much to all those parents who came in to speak with the children – I hear the sessions were really informative, engaging and the children learnt a lot.

I thought I'd take this opportunity to inform you of what we will be teaching at school over the next few weeks so that you can talk to your child/children about their learning. First, we have National Mental Health Awareness Week and the following week is a National Feel Good Week. We will therefore be having lots of discussions in class about thoughts and feelings. This is also a perfect opportunity for us to relaunch our Wellbeing wheels and introduce Zones of Regulation which work really nicely together, side by side. These will be up on display in all of the classrooms. They are excellent tools that can be used for us to talk through our emotions which many of our children really struggle to do. They also help us to find strategies which can help us feel calmer/relaxed/happier – all of the emotions that we need to feel in order to learn.

Over the next couple of weeks we will be taking part in activities which help us explore feelings and emotions and as a class, children will be creating symbols for each emotion (such as sadness, frustration, anxiety, happiness) which will then be stuck onto their class wheel. This will make it easier for them in the future to talk through how they feel as they can point to the symbol which they had a part in creating. We will also be teaching them strategies that they can use when they feel anxious/nervous/sad/angry and will be introducing them to Mindfulness. They will also be brainstorming 5-10 minute exercise breaks that they can do in school each day – to not only help their mental health but to also keep them fit and healthy. You might want to think through some ideas with your child/children this week ahead of the discussions that we have in class next week!

I am really looking forward to going into the classrooms next week to take part in these discussions and activities.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend

Miss Graham

Acting Principal

Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class on **Monday 28th Jan at 3:15 pm**

Y1 Jade: **Harriet**, Y1 Pearl: **Lewis**, Y2 Diamond: **Lilly**, Y2 Emerald: **Jeremy**

Y3 Amethyst: **Alice**, Y3 Moonstone: **Rayver**, Y3 Sapphire: **Wesley**

Y4 Citrine: **Lucie**, Y4 Jasper: **Bobby** Y4 Quartz: **Luke**

Y5 Garnet: **Jodi**, Y5 Jet: **Tommy** Y5 Tigers Eye: **Arthur Jay**

Y6 Aquamarine: **Jamey**



Early Years

Presented today: Nursery: **Amy T**

Reception Coral: **Toby**, Reception Sunstone: **Whole Class (Their behaviour was outstanding during the trip to Pizza Express).**



Aspire News

Thank you and well done to the office staff who have carried out the Census this week. Our SENDCOs across each of the schools have met this week to discuss strategies moving forward and ways in which we can track the attainment and progress of our SEND children. Each of the mental health leads from across Aspire have also met to discuss key priorities both National and for each individual school.

Open Day; for Nursery Sept 2019 intake

The application process for Nursery September 2019 opens on 4th February and closes on 15th March 2019. If you are considering applying and would like to attend an open morning, please contact the office to book one of the sessions below:

6th, 11th, 27th Feb, 4th, 13th March

All tours start at 9:15 am. (for approx. 30 minutes).

Nursery Application forms will be available on the website at the end of January. Paper copies will also be available at this time from the School

RECEPTION: HEALTH SCREENING

Screening for Reception children will be taking place on 6th and 7th March. On Wednesday, we emailed (and sent on the app) information from the school nurse concerning the screening. If you have not received this information, please contact the office or speak to Mrs Bennett or Mrs Lacey. Thank you.



Outdoor Clothing

Now that the colder months are here, can you please ensure your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. A warm coat, hat and gloves are advised. Thank you.

PE Kit

PE is an important part of the school curriculum. We have a large number of children without the appropriate kit which is not acceptable. Please ensure your child's PE kit is in school every Monday for the week ahead.

Thank you for your co-operation.

RECEPTION PIZZA EXPRESS TRIP

Reception had a fantastic time at Pizza Express making margherita pizzas! We learnt about the ingredients needed, like passata and mozzarella, and how to cook our pizzas!



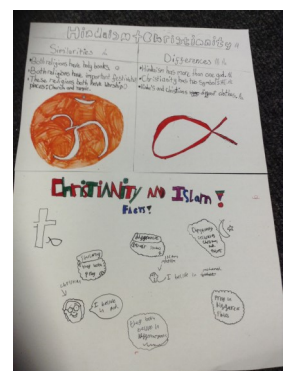
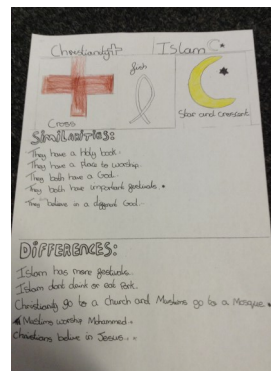
World Religion Day

Pupil Voice

"World Religion Day is a day where we have world peace and think." – Harry Year 5 Jet

"It's not about being different it's about working together and loving each other." – Maisie Year 5 Jet

"We celebrate all religions and have peace – come together." – Ollie Year 5 Jet



Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place as follows:

- Mon 1th February - Year 5 Jet Parents only,
- Tues 12th February - Whole School
- Thurs 14th February - Whole School (except Y5 Jet)

This is an important evening for us and provides you with an opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and identify the next steps in their learning.

The Parents Evening Booking System will be open from 4pm on Friday 25th January and close on 8th Feb. To book your appointment please visit:

<https://hammondacademy.parentseveningsystem.co.uk/>