



# Hammond Academy

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## Newsletter

### Attendance

Well done to **Y5 Tigers** who are this week's winners with **99.3%** attendance.

### Forthcoming Dates:

- 4th Feb—Mental Health Awareness Week (Whole School)
- 4th Feb—Applications Open for Nursery intake for Sept 2019
- 5th Feb— Y3 Moonstone Sharing Assembly, 3pm Hall
- 6th Feb—Y5 Tigers Eye Sharing Assembly, 3pm Hall
- 8th Feb—Year 6 Cake Sale
- 11th Feb—National Feel Good Week (Whole School)
- 11th Feb—Y5 Jet, Hazard Alley Trip
- 11th Feb—Y5 Jet Parent Consultations
- 12th Feb—Whole School Parent Consultations
- 12th Feb—Y5 Garnet/Tigers Eye, Hazard Alley Trip
- 13th Feb—Y5 NSPCC Workshops
- 14th Feb—Y6 NSPCC Workshops
- 14th Feb—Whole School, Parent Consultations (except Y5 Jet)
- 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
- 5th March—Reception Classes Theatre Performance, The Three Little Pigs
- 12th March—Year 1 Mountfichet

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a cold week it has been!

This week started with Mrs Bloomfield taking an assembly on telling the truth (Honesty Hawk) and the importance of accepting responsibility for our actions. Only if we do this, can we truly learn from the mistakes we make. There have been lots of children talking about the assembly and when some have found themselves in a difficult situation this week, they have reflected on Monday's assembly and have remembered why it's always best to tell the truth.

Year 2 have had their trip to find out all about the Fire of London which they have all come back very excited about. It's been nice taking part in Year 3's maths lessons this week too. It's great to see how the children are starting to reason and explain their justifications in lessons. They're using the bar model to solve multi step problems too which is great. I actually went to observe a Shanghai maths lesson the other day in Bishop Stortford and it was incredibly interesting; children were all working on mastering the curriculum; all working on the same activity, yet some were showing their workings out in several different ways. This is something that we are all working on at Hammond. It's also been nice to have some Year 6 children come down and show me their maths work which they're incredibly proud of - and so they should be. They were using the bar model to find and compare percentage of amounts. Well done Year 6!

So, next week is the start of our National Mental Health and Feel Good weeks which I spoke about in last week's newsletter. So please do talk to your children about the activities that they will be working on in class to do with feelings and emotions. I have attached a 'mindfulness' activity sheet which you may want to work on with your children over the next couple of weeks together. You could all engage in taking part in a daily 2-5 minute mindfulness activity.

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

**Miss Graham**

**Acting Principal**



### Aspire News

SENDCOs, EAL Leads, Maths Leads and Principals have all met in cluster groups this week to discuss initiatives across our schools. We are planning our next T4C (Time for Curiosity) workshop where all teachers across the Trust come together one night to discuss their school's vision for their creative curriculum. It's a great time to share expertise and experience with each other. It's great for networking too!



### Learning Hero of the Week



To be presented in class on **Monday 4th February at 3:15 pm**

Y1 Jade: **Sasha**, Y1 Pearl: **Daiyan**,

Y2 Diamond: **Lucas P**, Y2 Emerald: **Oscar**

Y3 Amethyst: **Summer**, Y3 Moonstone: **Gabriela**, Y3 Sapphire: **Ellisia**

Y4 Citrine: **Megan**, Y4 Jasper: **Leon** Y4 Quartz: **Max M**

Y5 Garnet: **Krish**, Y5 Jet: **Lilly O** Y5 Tigers Eye: **Michelle**

## Nursery Sept 2019 intake

Our Nursery admission form for 2019/2020 intake is now available on our website. Our admissions for Nursery open on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> February. The deadline to apply is 15<sup>th</sup> March. Offers will be made on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

Please note that our nursery offers 15 funded hours per week. Session times are Monday to Friday, 08:45 am to 11:45 am. For a fee, lunch and an additional childcare provision will be offered on a Friday, which will bring collection time to 1pm, which is in line with the rest of the school.

Our Open Mornings (11<sup>th</sup> Feb, 27<sup>th</sup> Feb, 4<sup>th</sup> March and 13<sup>th</sup> March – 9:15 am) should be booked with the school office.

If you have any other enquiries please contact us.



## Book Fair 2019

The Book Fair will be returning to school from 4th March 2019 – 8th March 2019 .

We will be inviting parents in from 3 o'clock on 5th March 2019 to hear the teacher read and read with your children.

## World Book Day

We will be celebrating world book day on 7th March 2019. Children are invited to come into school dressed up as their favourite book character.

## Parent Consultations

Parent Consultations will take place as follows:

- Mon 11th 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/>

## Link Family Support/SENDCO

During the parents evening on Tuesday 12th February and Thursday 14th February; Caroline Smart our Links Family Support Worker will be holding a drop in surgery/coffee and chat session for any families who may benefit from the services offered by the Links Support Network. This will be located in the Little Sunshine Classroom in the Dean Wing; feel free to pop in either before or after your class teacher meeting.

Debbie Bloomfield (SENDCO) will also be available throughout the evening in the same location; if you would like an appointment, then please contact the school office, but you are welcome to pop in for an informal chat about any issues relating to your child.

## NUT-FREE ZONE

Can we please remind parents that this is a Nut-Free school. Please refrain from sending your children in with lunch products containing nuts. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.

## Club Cancellation

A reminder that there will be **No Dodgeball Club** after school on **Tuesday 5th February**. Mr Rowlands will be on a training course.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

## Year 6 Cake Sale

Year 6 will be holding a cake sale after school on Friday 8th February to raise money for their residential trip in June.

We would be grateful to receive cake donations (homemade or bought). Ideally, we would like larger cakes to be sliced. Please bring them to the office on the day.



Thank you for your continued support.

## A Thank You from The Royal British Legion

January 2019

Dear Headteacher

A very big thank you for helping to collect for the 2018 Poppy Appeal. Your School has raised a total of **£ 536.66** which is a fantastic amount. At the time of writing to you the current total for Hemel Hempstead is over £49,000 and is still rising.

The Displays this year were overwhelming and raised so much awareness within the community. We are sorry not all photos were printed in the paper this year but ALL of them were posted via Facebook on the Royal British Legion page and the Hemel Hempstead Community page. We hope the children enjoyed making the displays as much as we all enjoyed seeing them.

May I take this opportunity to wish you, your staff, children & parents a very Happy New Year and we are looking forward to seeing your displays for this year.

This year we have also attached a certificate for you to display in the school.

Thanking you once again for all your support.

*Sue Rose*

Honorary Poppy Appeal Organiser

**LIVE ON** 