



Hammond Academy

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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y5 Tigers** who are this week's winners with **100%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 11th Feb—National Feel Good Week (Whole School)
 - 11th Feb—Y6 Indoor Athletics
 - 11th Feb—Y5 Jet, Hazard Alley Trip
 - 11th Feb—Parent Consultations (Y5 Jet)
 - 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—Parent Consultations (Whole School, except Y5 Jet)
 - 18th Feb —22nd Feb, Half Term
- Whole School Closed**
- 25th Feb—Return to School
- Whole School @ 8.45am**



Aspire News

Science leads have met this week across the Trust and Year 2 teachers have met to moderate maths work. This is to ensure that we are all confident as teachers in assessing our children's work. We as Principals have also been planning our next T4C event across the Trust, where all teaching staff come together to share good practice with one another. We are very much looking forward to it!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a lovely week. I would be really interested in hearing from you as to whether your children have been coming home and discussing feelings and emotions and what we have been learning in class about how we can manage these. Please do send your positive comments to admin@hammondacademy.org.uk as I love reading them and it is wonderful to share them with staff in our staff briefings. As I have said before, our staff here really do work incredibly hard for our children so it's always so lovely to hear nice comments from yourselves - it is very appreciated.

The class teachers have been very positive about how receptive their children have been about mindfulness and actually already they are seeing a huge impact. They have heard the children talking about how they are feeling; identifying the fact that that they are in the 'green zone' feeling happy and ready to learn, but equally I have heard a child say that they are in the 'yellow zone' and want help getting back to the 'green zone' which is amazing really, seeing as these have only been introduced this week. It's so important that children feel that they can open up to us about the way that they are feeling and most importantly that they are given a bank of ideas/activities/resources to help them reach the calmer, happier place. Our teachers have been working extremely hard on learning all about Mindfulness so that they teach it to our children. As a school we are now working on the Mental Health Award so there are a team of teachers who are on this who meet regularly to discuss how we can make a difference to children's lives. Children have also been discussing how exercise plays such an important part of having happier minds - the fact that it can get you outside in the fresh air and it can release endorphins in our bodies. The children are creating their own monthly challenge charts in class - each class will be carrying out 5-10 minute daily exercise activities that they have chosen themselves.

I want to also thank some of you for your support in removing children from using WhatsApp and games such as Fortnite - both of which they shouldn't have access to until the age of 13. We have praised children who have said that they have come off it and parents that I have spoken to have actually said that it has had a huge impact on the behaviour choices that their children are making - both at school and at home. Since my last message, I'm so pleased to say that we haven't had to spend any time investigating situations which have been happening at home over social media, which has meant that SLT have been able to spend this time going into classrooms and developing teaching and learning which will have a huge impact on driving the school forward. Great news and the way it should be!

Next week is parents evening and we really look forward to inviting you all in to our school again. On the tables outside of the classrooms, we will have slips of paper for you to write comments on - please do use this opportunity to share how things have gone this year for your child; what they have enjoyed and the progress that you can see in their books. Just to make you aware, we have adapted our Feedback for Learning policy which will be up on the website shortly. Both child and teacher assesses how they have done in the lesson (next to the lesson objective)- the child writes in green and the teacher writes in red. Please see what each code stands for below. This means that teachers straight away can see how the child thinks they are doing. This allows for the teacher to address any confidence concerns or give the child extra guided learning to help them with their misunderstanding. We all look forward to seeing you next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Graham Acting Principal

/ I do not feel confident. I think I need GL. I am stuck in the Learning Pit.

/_ I am starting to feel more confident. I just need some more time to practice. I am almost out of the Learning Pit.

Δ I am really confident with this. I am out of the learning pit and I am ready to be given a challenge!

/ Child has not achieved the LO therefore they need GL with a teacher/Teaching Assistant as soon as possible.

/_ Child has almost achieved the LO therefore they need some more time to consolidate their learning.

Δ Child has achieved the LO therefore they now need to master the LO through working on a Greater Depth Challenge.

Year 1 Class Update

In Year 1 we have been using the story 'The Colour Monster' by Anna Llamas to learn about feelings and emotions. We can now talk through feelings from **Anger (red)** and find solutions to get to **Calmness (green)**.

Sport; Club;—New Pickup Time

From Monday 11th February, After school sports clubs (Monday to Thursday), run by Mr Rickman and Mr Rowlands (including Hemel Stags Tag Rugby) will finish at 4:30pm. This is due to the lighter afternoon/evenings. As always, please be prompt collecting.

Thank you.



Hammond APP

This is a reminder to parents that we have our own mobile App! This is designed to keep you well informed about your child's education and life in general at Hammond Academy, and to help cut down on paper and ink consumption. We hope you appreciate it.

As well as an information source we will also contact parents from time to time via alert messages carried by the app. These will appear on your phone's notifications screen with the Hammond Academy logo next to them. You can filter the alert messages if you wish: go to the Settings page on the app and choose whether to receive all alerts or just those relevant to your child's class.

The app is free for anyone to download so tell your child's grandparents, other relatives, godparents etc about it so they can keep up to date. And any friends who are thinking of sending their children to Hammond Academy too!

School Dinner Payments;

A reminder to parents that **ALL MEALS NEED TO BE PAID FOR IN ADVANCE**. Years 3 to 6 will be charged £2.30 for each meal taken. You need to ensure that your account is in credit on our School Gateway payment system. If your account is in debt please provide a packed lunch for your child until the account is back in credit.

To use this system you should log onto www.hammondacademy.org.uk and follow the link to School Gateway.

Nursery Sept 2019 intake Open Mornings;

Nursery admission for 2019/2020 intake is now open. Forms are available on our website or from the office. The deadline to apply is 15th March. Offers will be made on 29th 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 (11th Feb, 27th Feb, 4th March and 13th March – 9:15 am) should be booked with the school office.

If you have any other enquiries please contact us.

Learning Hero of the Week



To be presented in class on



Monday 11th Feb at 3:15 pm

Y1 Jade: Munachiso, **Y1 Pearl:** Dolly-Angel,

Y2 Diamond: Ianis, **Y2 Emerald:** Marshall,

Y3 Amethyst: Sasha, **Y3 Moonstone:** Summer,

Y3 Sapphire: Daniel, **Y4 Citrine:** Jack,

Y4 Jasper: Alesha, **Y4 Quartz:** Tansy,

Y5 Garnet: Chloe, **Y5 Jet:** Apoorv,

Y5 Tigers Eye: Matthew,

Y6 Aquamarine: Ramsey, **Y6 Crystal:** Carly

Early Years;

Presented today:

Nursery: Amy H,

Reception Coral: Freddie,

Reception Sunstone: Zach



Football Result 5—0

Great result for our A Team against Yewtree winning 5-0. An excellent team effort with the best football being played in the first half. Goals from Alfie (VC) 2 Harley 2 and Jamie M.O.M goes to both Harley for his two fantastic goals and Elliot for a solid performance at the back.

Dietary Requirements;

Allergies and Intolerances;

Can we please ask you to take a few minutes to update your child's dietary requirements. Generally, some children grow out of these but we need to ensure our records are kept up-to-date.

A form has been emailed out to all parents today for completion (if applicable).