



Hammond Academy

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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y2 Diamond** and **Year 3 Sapphire** class who are this week's winners achieving **99.6%** attendance. **Target: 100%**

Forthcoming Dates:

- 16th Sept—Year 1 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm
- 18th Sept—Year 2 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm
- 19th Sept—Year 3 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm
- 23rd Sept—Year 5 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm (Hall)
- 24th Sept—Reception Stay & Play (2.45pm-3.30pm)
- 24th Sept—Boys A team vs Hobelets Manor (Home)
- 25th Sept—Link Family Support Worker Surgery (9.30-12.00)
- 25th Sept—Year 4 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm (Hall)
- 25th Sept—Boys B team vs Hobelets Manor (Away)
- 26th Sept—Year 6 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm (Hall)



Aspire News

On Thursday morning Mrs Gibson (School Business Manager) and Miss Anderson attended a meeting with all the Aspire Principals and School Business Managers to receive updates on school budgets, HR, premises and catering from the Aspire central team. It was a very informative meeting.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our new nursery and reception families. I have spent some time in nursery and reception this week and your children have amazed me. They are already getting to know the routines in their classrooms, they are playing beautifully with their new class mates and they have shown a great enthusiasm for learning.

On Tuesday afternoon the Senior Leadership Team and I spent time observing teaching and learning in every classroom. It was a pleasure to see the variety of learning experiences on offer at Hammond and to see how well the children are engaging with their learning. These observations will help the Senior Leadership Team and I make plans for how we make further improvements to the school.

This morning saw the first of our Friday Celebration Assemblies. The newly elected House Captains were introduced to the school and one child from each of the Y1 - Y6 classes received a certificate to acknowledge the effort they have put into an aspect of their learning or behaviour this week. Congratulations to Riley (Y5 Garnet) who designed the certificate we have chosen to present to the children each week. The celebration assembly was a lovely way to end the week.

Why does Hammond employ temporary staff?

That's a question I've been asked several times this term so I thought I'd explain Hammond's circumstances. Hammond currently has 17 classes from reception through to Y6 (2 classes in each year group from reception to Y3, and 3 classes in each of Y4, Y5 and Y6). When the three Y6 classes leave in July 2020, 2 classes of reception children will join Hammond in September 2020 - this means we will need one less teacher than we have now. This will be repeated when the current Y5 and Y4 children leave us so that in September 2022 there will be 14 classes instead of the 17 classes we have at the moment. Since we know we don't have permanent jobs for 17 teachers, we cannot employ all teachers on permanent contracts. The same applies to teaching assistants. I know it's not ideal but we would be breaking the law if we employed staff on permanent contracts knowing we don't have permanent jobs for them. I hope that explains the situation but please do come and ask if you have further queries.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Eileen Anderson
Interim Principal

Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class as follows:

Thursday 12th September at 3.15pm

Y1 Jade: Tobias Year 1 Pearl: Alex
Year 2 Emerald: Vinodhini Year 2 Diamond: Mihir
Year 3 Sapphire: Chance Year 3 Moonstone: Macey
Year 4 Citrine: Year 4 Jasper: Reagan Year 4 Quartz:
Year 5 Garnet: Riley Year 5 Jet: Lily-Mae Year 5 Tigers Eye: Emily L
Year 6 Aquamarine: Matthew Year 6 Crystal: Year 6 Turquoise: Telisha

Early Years

Presented in class today:

Nursery:
Reception, Coral: Reception, Sunstone:

House Captaincy

Congratulations to our newly elected House Captains:

Bancroft: Chloe and Matthew
Drake: David and Lilly
Kingsley: Xander and Zafia
Livingstone: Autumn and Scott
Raleigh: Finleigh and Elise

Reading

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the development of reading is a priority for Hammond this year. We have plans to establish small libraries and reading areas in each of the classrooms and to ensure the main library is always welcoming and helps make children feel excited about reading. Thank you Mrs Happe who has created some lovely displays in the library this week, including this 'Reading is magical' display.



European Day of Languages

Parents who speak another language are being invited into school to share some phrases/ a story with their child's class - please contact the school office if you see the attached letter. Kelly has kindly agreed to forward any emails from parents regarding this onto you so that you can liaise with them to agree a suitable time. Please let me know if you have anyone coming into your class.

Reception

A reminder to parents: You are invited in to your child's class for a "Stay & Play" session on Tuesday 24th September 2019 at 2.45pm.



Reception children have had a super first week together in school! We ended the week by celebrating receiving our gift from the Book trust - We love stories!

Year 6

Height & Weight Measurements (as communicated), where applicable, we require your "opt-out" forms by no later than Friday 21st September 2019.

Also your child's homework this week is to research a leading historical person from WW2. E.g. Winston Churchill, Neville Chamberlain, Adolf Hitler or any other person of their choice that they would like to write their biography about.

Resources wanted for our classroom reading corners:



As part of our whole school objective to increase the enjoyment and progress in reading throughout the school, we would like some help developing spaces within the classrooms to help the children feel settled and focused.

We would like to ask you for donations of the following items in clean and good condition:

- Small bookcases
- Storage boxes
- Small shelving units
- Bean bags
- Cushions
- Rugs
- Throws/blankets.

If you are able to help us, please send the small items into school.

Please do not send any furniture in, but send us a photo, so we can check if it's the right size/style for what we need.

Anything donated, which is then not needed will be donated to a local charity.

Thank you for your support;

Mr; Bloomfield & Mr; Phillips