



Hammond Academy

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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y1 Jade** class who are this week's winners achieving **99.7%** attendance. **Target: 100%**

Forthcoming Dates:

- 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 Hobletts Manor (Home)
- 25th Sept—Year 4 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm (Hall)
- 25th Sept—Boys B team vs Hobletts Manor (Away)
- 26th Sept—Year 6 Meet the Teacher @ 3.35pm (Hall)
- 1st Oct—Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements
- 2nd Oct—Boys B team vs Bovingdon
- 7th Oct—School Photographs (Individual)
- 14th Oct—School Photographs (Siblings)
- 22nd October—Parent Evening (Year 5 Jet only)
- 23rd Oct—Parent Evening (Whole School)
- 24th Oct—Parent Evening (Whole School, except Y5 Jet)
- **28th Oct — 1st Nov Half Term**

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another lovely week at Hammond. In my visits to classes this week I have continued to be amazed at the thirst for learning shown by our nursery and reception children and I have been pleased to see that some of the strategies I have been speaking to teachers about, such as making sure they are very clear in explaining new vocabulary to the children, have been taken on board in order to help the children make good progress in reading.

Staff have been talking to me about ways of getting parents more involved in the life of the school. I know that many of you work and are not able to come to school during the school day but it has been great to see a few parents volunteering with the Y4 swimming rota and to come to school next Thursday to share their home language as part of our celebration of European Day of Languages. Although just a few parents have volunteered, I hope these parents will spread the word about how they enjoyed helping in school and that this will encourage more of you to get involved if you can. In the meantime, if you are interested in volunteering some time to the school to hear children read, to help maintain our library or to share a skill, e.g. art, please do get in touch with your child's teacher or leave your details at the office.

I have a favour to ask of key stage 2 parents. Now that the bell is being rung to mark the start of the school day, it would be really helpful if you could say goodbye to your child and step away from their line when you hear the bell. This would help us to get the children inside quickly as we are finding that parents are sometimes standing in the line and the children behind the parents often don't realise that their class has started to go indoors. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Finally, many children were late for school yesterday because of a local traffic incident. Every child who managed to get to school yesterday has been marked 'present' for the whole of the morning session as I didn't think it would be fair to give children a late mark for a situation that was beyond the control of any of us.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Eileen Anderson
Interim Principal



Aspire News

It's been a busy week across the trust. Mrs Pollard (our parent partner) met with staff who carry out similar roles in the other academies to share ideas for supporting out most vulnerable children and their families. Mrs Hiles attended a meeting for literacy leaders where the focus of the meeting was to share strategies for improving attainment and progress in reading. Miss Anderson attended a meeting with Mrs Parsey and Mr Evans to talk about our school data and the plans that have been put in place to ensure every child makes as much progress as they can.

Learning Hero of the Week

To be presented in class as follows:

Thursday 26th September at 3.15pm

Y1 Jade: Maisie Year 1 Pearl: Trisha
Year 2 Emerald: Charlie Year 2 Diamond: Amara
Year 3 Sapphire: Lina Year 3 Moonstone: Faye
Year 4 Citrine: Marta Year 4 Jasper: Chloe Year 4 Quartz: Dougie
Year 5 Garnet: Vaishnavi Year 5 Jet: Hollie Year 5 Tigers Eye: Jordan
Year 6 Aquamarine: Aarya Year 6 Crystal: Owen Year 6 Turquoise: Zofia

Early Years

Presented in class today:

Nursery: Whole Class

Reception, Coral: Marta Reception, Sunstone: Brooklyn – Macy

Parent Consultations

This term our Parents' Evening will take place as follows:

- Tues 22nd October— Year 5 Jet only (3.40 – 5.30pm)
- Weds 23rd October—Wholes School (3.40—7pm)
- Thurs 24th October—Whole School except Y5 Jet, (3.40 – 5.30pm)

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 school use an online appointment booking system which allows you to choose your own appointment times with teachers. The link is as follows:

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

The booking system will go live from 7pm on Monday 23rd September and will close on Monday 14th October.

Once booked a confirmation email will be sent to you confirming details.

Should you wish to make any changes after this date please contact the school office.

Year 4 Resources

Can you please send your child in with a cardboard tube from a toilet/kitchen roll by next Monday (23rd Sept). Thank you in advance for your help.

Year 4 Class Teachers

Water Bottles

We encourage all children to bring a bottle of water to school each day. These bottles must contain water, **not juice**. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

Hemel Library

With the emphasis throughout the school currently on reading, we thought you may be interested to hear about the following:

Each session lasts about half an hour and there is no need to book:

WEDNESDAYS - ALL YEAR AROUND



11.15am Baby Rhyme Time - a lively activity for tiny babies to active toddlers.

THURSDAYS - TERM TIME ONLY



11.15am Something Loud! - a service provided by Hertfordshire Music Service, with singing and musical instruments for babies and toddlers.

FRIDAYS- ALL YEAR AROUND



11.15am Toddler Tales - for young children to enjoy listening to, and joining in with, stories and rhymes.

SATURDAY STORIES - THE FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH ALL YEAR ROUND

11.00am Stories and rhymes for children up to 8 years of age.

These activities are free but voluntary donations are welcomed.

Free lunch—Yes there is such a thing!

Have you taken advantage ??

A saving of up to £11.50 per child per week.....that is around £400 per child per year.

If your child is in **Year 3, 4, 5 or 6**, and you are in receipt of benefits, your child could be entitled to free school meals. It is quick and easy to apply,

either call 0300 123 4048 or visit

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx

If your child is in **Reception, Year 1 or 2**, school meals are **free** for **all** children and funded by the Governments Universal Free School Meals Grant. Even though the meals are free, we would encourage any family in receipt of benefits to apply for free school meals. This will enable the school to access additional funding for your child e.g. pupil premium. To apply simply follow the instructions above.

Flu Immunisations

Please ensure your Flu Vaccination forms are returned to the office by no later than Friday 11th October!

Congratulations



Congratulations to Mrs Radomska who is expecting a baby at the end of January. We will start the recruitment process soon to appoint a teacher for Y5 Jet and will keep parents informed.

Football Match

On Wednesday, Hammond Academy played at Bovingdon Academy. Hammond had a good game considering it was their first time together. There were some excellent quick passing moves and all players had a great attitude right up to the final whistle.

European Day of Languages Thursday 26 September

Many thanks to those who've already offered to come in to share some words of their home language with their child's class next Thursday for our European Day of Languages. If you're able to come in, please contact the office with your child's name and class, the language you speak and the times that you are available.

Merci beaucoup! Mrs Doegar

Piano Lessons



If your child is interested in having Piano lessons, we have a tutor who comes into school once a week who has availability.

For further details please contact Nama direct on 07900 265292.