

Hammond Academy



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Newsletter

Attendance

Well done to **Y2 Emerald** and **Y6 Turquoise** class who are this week's winners achieving **100%** attendance.

Forthcoming Dates:

- 1st Oct—Year 6 Height & Weight Measurements
- 7th Oct—Boys B team vs Bovingdon (Home)
- 7th Oct—School Photographs (Individual)
- 11th Oct—Deadline for Flu Vaccination forms
- 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**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to the parents who were able to come to school yesterday to share their languages with the children as part of our celebration of 'Day of European Languages'. I saw some lovely work going on in one of our Y3 classes where a mum was teaching the children some Spanish and I also heard a child teaching another child how to count in Romanian. My thanks also go to Mrs Doegar, our French teacher, and to all of the other staff who led such a wide range of language and cultural experiences for the children. I know there are other parents who were unable to visit yesterday but have arranged their visits for next week – thank you.

This week Mr Nanson visited most of the classes to observe maths teaching and to talk to the children about their experiences of maths at Hammond. In addition to being the Y6 Turquoise class teacher, Mr Nanson is a maths specialist who is our subject leader for maths and Aspire's Primary Lead Practitioner for maths – this means he is able to provide maths support and advice across all of the Aspire academies. I am very pleased to report that he was impressed by what he saw: teachers were explaining maths vocabulary very well and children were using the vocabulary when answering questions and talking to their partners (expanding the children's vocabulary is a priority for us this year), children were confidently using maths equipment to help solve problems and the children were showing positive attitudes to their maths learning. Mr Nanson is currently carrying out a maths survey amongst the teachers and will use the information from this and his observations from this week to put together an action plan of how we can develop maths teaching and learning even further.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Eileen Anderson
Interim Principal



Aspire News

On Tuesday Miss Anderson and the other Principals attended a meeting with Mrs Parsey, Mr Evans and Mrs Bishop from the Teaching School to discuss the priorities in our Academy Improvement Plans, our school data and the support the schools can provide for each other. Another area of discussion was the revised Ofsted inspection framework and the implications this has for all of our schools.

Learning Hero of the Week

As this week's presentations were postponed, parents of the children below are invited in as follows:

Thursday 3rd October 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: Doogey

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: Heath and Elsie

Reception, Coral: Sophia C Reception, Sunstone: David



Macmillan Coffee Morning

Staff at Hammond took part in Macmillan's Biggest Coffee morning today. The money is still coming in, but we have raised £150 so far!

Thank you to Year 3's Miss Rayment for this amazing creation which was raffled off!

Well done to Mrs Thompson the lucky winner!



Football A Team

On Tuesday Hammond A Team played Hobletts Manor. We went 2-0 down then came back to win 4-2. Prestyn scored twice, followed by a lovely header from Miami and cracking long shot by Freddie. Well done to Lewis and Brodie who were rocks at the back. Another great game— Well done boys!

By Prestyn, Y6



Football B Team

Wednesday was Hammond B Teams turn to take on Hobletts Manor. It was a good match and each team played well and had equal chances. Unfortunately some of our attacks were under pressure and missed. Work is needed on our defence to ensure the results go our way. That said, we played a better second half and managed to get a goal in! However, luck was on Hobletts side and we lost 2-1.

By Finley, Y6

Secondary School Open Evenings

It is now the time for Year 5 and Year 6 pupils and their families to start thinking about visiting secondary schools with a view for transition to year 7.

You need to visit the schools with your son/daughter to see which could potentially be your child's destination, compare their ethos and resources to decide which will be best for meeting your child's needs. View their website and ask questions on the open days/evenings.

The open evening dates for the main schools that Hammond feeds into are:

Adeyfield: 10th October

Astley Cooper: 3rd October

Hemel Hempstead: 5th October

JFK: 1st October

Longdean: 7th October

Laureate Academy: 26th September

St Georges: 4th October

Townsend: contact the school directly

Parent Consultations

The Parents' Evening booking system is now open. Please log on to book your appointment with the class teacher:

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

Morning Drop Off

Can we please remind parents/carers that children in Nursery to Year 4 need to be supervised on school grounds in the morning. It is not acceptable for the children to walk un-supervised from the school gate to the playground and/or be left in the care of an older sibling. We would also like to remind parents/carers NOT to park in the main entrance gate area to drop children off at ANY time. Thank you for your co-operation.

Head Lice

We have had recent cases of head lice in school and we are encouraging parents to inspect their child's hair regularly. It is good practice to check this once a week and where necessary treat immediately.

Thank you very much for your help.



Volunteers Required

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to come in and read with the children. If you have a current DBS and are available to help please contact the School office.

If you do not have a DBS but would like to help in school, please call into the School office for further information.

European Day of Languages

Thank you so much to those parents who came into school this Thursday to teach us another language. From Nursery to Year 6, it means so much to the children. They had great fun learning new words, playing games and hearing stories. So, obrigado, gracias, dziękuję, grazie, merci!

A huge well done also to all the children for telling us about other languages they speak, whether they are fluent or whether they only know a few words yet – it was wonderful to learn from you!



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School Direct Information Evening

Monday 7th October

Venue: Bovington Primary Academy

High Street, Bovington. HP3 0HL

Time: 4pm-5.30pm Cost: FREE

Advance Booking is required, please log onto:

<http://westhertsteachingschool.org.uk/WhatsOn/OurEvents>

Are you a graduate who has a passion for teaching? Or do you know someone who would like a career in teaching?

Join us at our Information Evening to meet the team and find out all you need to need know about School Direct teacher training with West Hertfordshire Teaching Schools Partnership.

School Direct is a fantastic opportunity for exceptional graduates who have a passion for teaching. Our programmes offer practical, 'hands on' training designed to nurture the talents of future generations of outstanding teachers. Training is structured on a blended learning model comprised of subject lectures, Masters Lectures and school placements (within our Alliance schools in Hertfordshire).

We offer two routes into teaching. We work with SAF ITT to offer School Direct unsalaried places leading to QTS and a PGCE. In addition we are working with the University of Hertfordshire to offer salaried places leading to QTS. The UCAS application portal will be opening soon.