



Weekly newsletter

Week commencing: 22.10.2021

A message from Mrs Hoare...

It's been another fantastic week at Diamond Hall! We have seen progress in pupils' attitudes and efforts to improve behaviour which is wonderful to see.

Thank you to all parents/carers who arranged parent consultations with your child's class teacher. It's so important for staff to get the opportunity to talk to you about your child's progress. I hope those parents who came for face-to-face consultations enjoyed seeing some of the changes we have made around school.

Today, our pupil well-being newsletter has gone out to all pupils and is available on Class Dojo and Panda. We hope they enjoy reading it and completing the activities set by Miss Jackson.

If you are not linked to Class Dojo, we ask that you speak to your child's class teacher or click the link below to do this. This is where we share key information about school for pupils and parents. Creative homework can also be shared through the app and you can contact your child's class teacher with ease. Class Dojo <https://www.classdojo.com/invite/?s=5e3ae78aaf67da703c038a5e>

I hope you all can join me in wishing Mr Woods the best of luck and a huge congratulations on his wedding this week! Congratulations to the happy couple.

Finally, on behalf of the staff, parents and pupils, I would like to say fond farewell to Mrs Brown after an astounding 28 years of service at Diamond Hall Junior Academy. She has been a valued member of the school and community and has left a lasting legacy amongst staff, parents and pupils. We all wish you the best of luck in your new adventure, Mrs Brown!

I hope you have a great half term with your families and we look forward to seeing children back at school on Monday 1st November.

Important Messages

Daylight Saving: On Sunday 31st October, the clocks go back which means the evenings become darker much earlier. Please ensure children are safe in the community after school. You may choose you collect your child from school; please contact the school office if you wish to do so.

Photo Consent: If you have not updated the photo consent for your child we will continue to use the information given to us last year. This includes taking photos of your child in school and on school trips and using images online, including on social media.

Free School Meals: If you are unsure whether your child is eligible for free school meals or the Pupil Premium funding the government offers schools, please contact the school office, Mrs Begum or Miss Paterson. We are happy to help you with the application.





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Dates for your Diary

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| Half term begins | Monday 25 th October – Friday 29 th October |
| Stat of next half term | Monday 1 st November |
| Swimming (4SW, 4NK/AH, 5LC) continuing after half term | Weekly, on Tuesdays |
| Flu Jab | Friday 12 th November |

School Attendance

We all know how important it is for children to attend school regularly and that they are on time. We aim for **97% attendance and no late sessions**. Here's how attendance is looking across school for this week:

Well done to **5LC** for being the attendance champions this week. You have won extra play time and the prestigious Attendance Trophy for 1 week!

Please can we remind parents to contact the office if your child is going to be absent from school. This should be done before 8:30 am.

If attendance becomes a concern, medical evidence will be asked for to support the absence.

| Class | Percentage attendance | Number of late sessions |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Mrs Laydon | 88% | 2 |
| Mrs Hubery | 90% | 0 |
| Mrs Crawford | 88% | 0 |
| Mr Woods | 96% | 0 |
| Mrs Edwards | 89% | 2 |
| Miss Inkster | 93% | 0 |
| Mr Cureton | 98% | 1 |
| Mrs Haydon | 91% | 2 |
| Miss Robinson | 93% | 1 |
| Mr Crowther | 97% | 3 |
| Mr Guthrie | 94% | 2 |
| Mrs Bendelow | 88% | 0 |

E-Safety

Keeping children child safe online is extremely important whether this be on a game, app or search engine. Please click the links below to access further guidance and support:

Please read the information relating to hazards surrounding Netflix's Squid Game for children: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/wakeupwednesday/squid-game-trending-across-platforms-what-parents-need-to-know>





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Celebrations!

Each Friday, we recognise and celebrate pupils' achievements in our Celebration Assembly.

**Value of the Week:
independence**

Reader of the Week: this award recognises pupils for their home reading. Pupils who have taken part in **Everybody, Every Night**, reading five times per week at home with an adult and having their reading diary signed get to read in their year group reading area with a friend for their choice for the following week!

Star Reader: this award recognises pupils' achievements on **Accelerated Reader**, our online reading platform.

Mathematician of the Week: this award recognises pupils' **mathematical reasoning** in lessons. Staff identify a member of their maths group who have shown excellent mathematical reasoning. Pupils are awarded with a 'Mathematics Award' sticker.

Diamond Squad: this award is highly-desired by pupils and comes with some fantastic privileges around school such as lunch at the magnificent '**Diamond Squad**' table with a chosen friend for the week and extra playtime! It is awarded to pupils who have showcased our school values this week.

See below the awards given in this week's Celebration Assembly:

| Teacher | Reader of the Week | Star Readers | Mathematician of the Week | Diamond Squad |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------|---------------------------|---------------|
| Mrs Laydon | Annie | Shay | Dexter | Poppy |
| Mrs Hubery | Charlie | Riley | Gracie | Izarra |
| Mrs Crawford | Aidan | Afrida | Maverick | Toni-Ann |
| Mr Woods | Marcus | Ekram | Sean | Leah |
| Mrs Edwards | Charlie | Logan | Rahnuma | Mena |
| Miss Inkster | Muhammed | Millie | Naomi | Khushi |
| Mr Cureton | Isaac | Aridunu | Matthew | Tia |
| Mrs Haydon | Joshua | Faye | Sumaiya | Matthew |
| Miss Robinson | Lille | Gracie | Faye | Adam |
| Mr Crowther | Grant | Aaron | Hashdeep | Leeson |
| Mr Guthrie | Ella C | Hashdeep | Savjola | Sofia |
| Mrs Bendelow | Zara | Savjola | Chloe | Umar |
| Mrs Taylor | | | Izarra | |
| Miss O'Connor | | | Eva | |
| Mr Calvert | | | Solomon | |

