



# Weekly newsletter

Week commencing: 11.10.2021

## A message from Mrs Hoare...

We have had a great week, full of celebration, at Diamond Hall!

This week, our newly assigned Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boys, Deputy Head Girls and Values Ambassadors began their roles in school. Also, our first ever Diamond Squad pupils enjoyed privileges around school, including a special lunch table where they were able to choose a friend to eat with throughout the week.

We had a huge recognition of commendable behaviour from a parent for four Year 6 pupils: Leon, Jake, Liam and Lewis. These pupils were able to showcase our school values in the wider community when walking home from school. A parent commented on their maturity saying they were '[a credit to Diamond Hall Junior Academy and their parents](#)'. Well done! We are incredibly proud of you.

Some pupils enjoyed the Primary Preview Event at the Festival of Light in Roker Park after winning free tickets to the exclusive event. We hope you and your families had fun!

Miss Robinson launched a History competition based on The Battle of Hastings across school. Pupils created posters to share key information on the historical event at home. The winners won a B&M Stores voucher to spend.

There is a great feeling around school, full of positivity and determination. Let's keep this up, Diamond Hall!

## Important Messages

**Parking outside of school:** We understand parents/carers are eager to get their chil(ren) to school on time and we appreciate that you support our efforts to improve school attendance however parking outside of school has become a safety concern. We would like to remind parents/carers to ensure they do not park illegally and to be extra mindful that pupils and their families need to be able to cross the road safely.

Our School Council will be writing to Sunderland City Council to identify parking concerns outside of school.

**Community Issue:** It has been brought to the attention of our Safeguarding Team that there have been numerous incidents in Pocket Park. We would suggest parents to speak to their children and advise them to stay out of the park for the time being, unless they are accompanied by an adult.

Please ensure you know where your children are and who they are with.

Our Anti-Bullying Team will be writing a letter to our local council about the situation and the police will be coming into school to speak to the children about staying safe outside of school.





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## Dates for your Diary

<b>Parent consultations</b>	Week beginning Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> October: <i>Please ensure you have returned the slip to your child's class teacher.</i>
<b>Half term begins</b>	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> October
<b>Stat of next half term</b>	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> November
<b>Swimming (4SW, 4NK/AH, 5LC) <i>continuing after half term</i></b>	Weekly, on Tuesdays
<b>Flu Jab</b>	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> 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 **5BH** 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
<b>Mrs Laydon</b>	92%	1
<b>Mrs Hubery</b>	95%	1
<b>Mrs Crawford</b>	95%	1
<b>Mr Woods</b>	95%	1
<b>Mrs Edwards</b>	93%	3
<b>Miss Inkster</b>	90%	0
<b>Mr Cureton</b>	94%	4
<b>Mrs Haydon</b>	97%	3
<b>Miss Robinson</b>	96%	1
<b>Mr Crowther</b>	93%	3
<b>Mr Guthrie</b>	94%	0
<b>Mrs Bendelow</b>	93%	1

## 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:

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>





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## Celebrations!

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

**Value of the Week:  
resilience**

**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 of 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	Fareed	Fareed	Rafi	Shay
Mrs Hubery	Charlie	Aidan	Sophie-Leigh	Joshua
Mrs Crawford	Kane	Firas	Kendee	Tia
Mr Woods	Katiejane	Luke	Saleh	Mason
Mrs Edwards	Charlie	Fariha	Oscar	Logan
Miss Inkster	Olivia-Mae	Naomi	Kaydin	Elise
Mr Cureton	Oba	Gabriella	Josh	Noah
Mrs Haydon	Abigail	Aidan	Tai	Dominic
Miss Robinson	Yaseen	Matthew	Aidan	Alaina
Mr Crowther	Grant	Theodora	Liam	Samantha
Mr Guthrie	Jaber	Jphn	Zara	Adam
Mrs Bendelow	Heidi	Zara	Leeson	Savjola
Mrs Taylor			Kibria	
Miss O'Connor			Brain-Lee	
Mr Calvert			Sophia	

