



NEWSLETTER

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Friday 23rd September 2022
Autumn 1, week 3

A message from Mrs Guthrie...

Hello everyone,

A quick update from Diamond Hall's resident book fanatic! I loved the latest book I read: 'The Night Bus Hero'. I was taken on an amazing adventure with Hector, who is the main character. That's the thing about books. They let you travel without moving your feet! Remember to try and read at home at least five times every week and remember to bring your reading record to school each day.

Keep reading!

Dates for your diary:

Monday 26th September 2022	European Day of Language
Friday 30th September 2022	Macmillan Coffee morning
Thursday 6th October 2022	World Smile Day—LAF workshops
Monday 10th October 2022	World Mental Health Day



Important messages:

Learning at home -

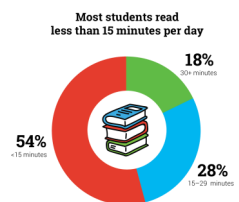
As Teachers we appreciate that learning at home isn't what all children want to do, we are not asking for you to spend hours upon hours, however, 'statics' show that children who spend time on educational apps and read at home are more likely to be working at age related expectations or exceeding them.

15 minutes seems to be the "magic number" at which students start seeing substantial positive gains in reading achievement; students who read just over a half-hour to an hour per day see the greatest gains of all.

Apps children are encourage to use at home -

- Freckle
- TTRock Stars
- Accelerated reader
- MYON
- Purple Mash

Any questions regarding logins for the above please just ask your child's class teacher.





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SEE WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO



It's all about
Year 4

Bonjour! Comment ça va? This week we spruced up our knowledge of French colours, numbers and popular phrases with a special visit from KidsLingo. With a little help from Bob the alien, Year 4 learned about parts of the body and played exciting games. What an out-of-this-world experience!





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School Attendance

It is imperative that pupils attend school regularly and that they are on time. We aim for **97% attendance and no late sessions**. The class with the highest attendance is awarded 10 minutes extra playtime! Here's how attendance looks across school this week – keep an eye out for our attendance winners in yellow!

Lower Key Stage 2

Class:	3AH	3HL	3KM	4AR	4SI	4KW
Attendance:	91.6%	97.4%	91.1%	92.7%	86.9%	91.1%
Lates:	0	1	1	0	0	0

Upper Key Stage 2:

Class:	5LT	5CE	5CC	6NKAH	6BH	6DG
Attendance:	90.7%	92.1%	97.6%	97.4%	94.8%	96.4%
Lates:	3	1	1	0	0	0

Attendance Reminders:

Parents/Carers must contact the school office if a pupil is going to be absent from school. This should be done before 8:30am. Office staff will contact you if your child is absent and no message has been left.

If attendance becomes a concern, medical evidence will be requested to support absences.

Start and finish times:

Year 3 and Year 6 start at 8:40am and finish at 3:10pm

Year 4 and Year 5 will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm

The school gate will be locked at 8:50am daily. After this time, pupils must go to the school office to be signed in.

100% ATTENDANCE

This week, 272 pupils achieved 100% attendance.





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Celebrations!

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

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 pupil's 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 Reader	Writer of the Week	Mathematician of the Week	Diamond Squad
Mrs Laydon	Maidah	Lesley	Zaint		Brooke
Mrs Hubery	Oliver		Kai		Mubarak
Miss MacDonald					Lexi-Mae
Mr Woods					Charlie
Miss Robinson		Maxwell			Adeena
Miss Inkster		Tosin			Kenya
Mr Crowther		Chizim			Niya
Miss Tallintire		Lily			Zoe
Ms Edwards		Zhy			Mason
Mrs Haydon		Aaliyah			Callum
Mr Cuthrie		Joshua			Joshua
Mrs Kendrick/Herron					Hannah

