



# Hammond Academy

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## Attendance

Well done to

**Y3 Moonstone** who are this week's winners with **98.9%** attendance.

**Target: 100%**

## Forthcoming Dates:

- 19th June: Shakespeare Week. 2.45 pm—Y3 & Y4 Quartz Shakespeare Performance
- 20th June, 2.45 pm: Y4 Jasper, Y5 & Y6 Shakespeare Performance
- 21st June: Y2 trip to Southend on Sea
- 26th June: Class photographs
- 27th June: Rec Sunstone Sharing Assembly
- 27th June: Animal Fun Run for the RSPCA
- 28th June: Y5 residential trip
- 28th June, 3pm: Y3 Sapphire class assembly
- 3rd July, 3.30 pm—4.30 pm: Talk For Writing Open Evening
- 5th July: Sports Day for KS1 and KS2
- 6th July: Sports Day for EYFS
- 7th July: Y4 Camping
- 12th July, 9 am to 10.45 am—Meet the Teacher Morning
- 12th July, 2.45 pm to 3.30 pm—Reception Play & Stay
- 16th July, Friends of Hammond Summer Fair
- 18th July, 9.15 am to 10.45—Y6 Leavers Performance
- 19th July 9am & 10.30am—Governors Prize Giving

Dear Parents and Carers

At long last we have some sunshine! Please can I remind you all that in the hot weather, the children can come to school minus their ties and with their collars open. Please can you also make sure they have the appropriate sun protection. For instance cream applied in the morning and a hat.

We are looking forward to our Shakespeare themed week next week and I know that Miss Simpson and all staff have planned some super activities for the children. I am looking forward to the workshops that we have in school on Monday and Tuesday. I know that you have been invited in to watch and were sent out information about this. I really hope you can join us!

I would like to congratulate Year 2 Onyx for a very successful sports competition against other Primary schools in Dacorum. We took part in the 'Mini Olympics' festival and came second. The children had a brilliant time and were a credit to the school. They really demonstrated our Hammond Values of Respect, Courage, Teamwork, Honesty and Perseverance. Well done Year 2 Onyx, I am very proud of you all.

At Hammond we take the safety and well being of children very seriously. It has come to my attention that some children are arriving on the playground before 8.40am and are therefore unsupervised. This should not be happening, please ensure that children are not dropped off too early. If you need to use our breakfast club in the morning please contact the school office. Unfortunately I have also seen that very young children or even our Hammond children are playing on the playground apparatus first thing in the morning or whilst adults wait for their children to come out of class. May we remind you that there should be no children on the playground apparatus unless they are supervised by a member of school or after school club staff. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

We continue to monitor attendance on a weekly basis at Hammond. May I remind you that children who have less than 90% attendance since the start of the academic year will be discussed with the Attendance Improvement Officer. You may also receive a letter from school with your child's attendance certificate outlining the concerns about attendance. Please do not hesitate to come and discuss with me if you have any worries or issues with regards to attendance. We are here to support our families and help ensure that children are in school every day. Well done to Year 3 Moonstone for being awarded the class attendance trophy for this week with 98.9%. Lets all aim for 100% next week.

I hope you have a great weekend of sunshine and plenty of family time.

Kind regards, **Denise Kennedy, Principal**

## Reception: Wendover Woods

On Tuesday Reception went on a visit to Wendover Woods. We started the day by exploring the woods on the Gruffalo trail, we followed the clues until we found the Gruffalo hiding in a secret location! On the way we saw a range of trees, plants and creatures too. We all enjoyed our yummy lunches in the sun and had a great time in the adventure playground!



## Our Chessington Trip by Year 6

*'On 15th June, Year 6 went to Chessington World of Adventure. We all had great fun. There were many rides such as the Vampire, Dragon Fury, Scorpion and the Rattle Snake. Vampire was one of my favourites! This is a roller coaster where your legs are dangling down. This went really fast in the air.'*

Kallie's Hope  
Charity Fun Day  
and Rugby Match



Sunday 18th  
June 2017  
8.00  
INFLATABLES & FUN  
FAIR RIDES  
CHARITY RUGBY  
MATCH  
TO BE HELD AT  
WATFORD RUGBY  
CLUB, RADLETT  
ROAD, WD24 4HJ

11 AM-4PM  
Wristbands £5.00, allows unlimited access to  
inflatables and rides

For more information go to  
[www.facebook.com/KalliesHope1](http://www.facebook.com/KalliesHope1)



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**Contacting After School Club** Our main office is staffed until 4pm, however if your child is attending our Monday – Thursday after school club and you need to contact us the number to use is 07542 867665.

## ★ Star of the Week

Nursery Ruby: Amelie Opal: Victoria Reception Sunstone: James-Dean & Olivia

Coral: Oscar Y1 Amber: Hazel-Beth Jade: Shanza Pearl: Daniel Y2 Diamond: Wiktor

Emerald: Adam Onyx: Clayton Y3 Amethyst: Bobby Moonstone: Matthew Sapphire: Aidon

Y4 Jasper: Daniel Quartz: Harry Y5 Garnet: Spike Tigers Eye: Molly Y6 Aquamarine: Jay

On Thursday, **Year 2 Onyx** took part in the **DSSN Multi Sports Festival** for KS1.

**Hammond came in 2<sup>nd</sup> place!**

*Well done Onyx!*

### Tolmers by Y6

*'Last week, Year 6 went to Tolmers. We all enjoyed the activities but a majority of us enjoyed the 'water day'. On this day, we made rafts and then tested if they floated; if they didn't, it would sink with us on top! We also went canoeing. This is where we sat on boats and paddled ourselves around the lake. We learned, that you have to sit with your legs apart so you won't tip. Besides 'water day', we did other activities; such as Wipe Out. This is where we peddled a bike; this depends how fast the wiper goes. There are other people who are jumping over the wiper. If you do not jump, you get wiped out! This was funny because when you fall, people laughed! One of the other things we did was rock climbing. This is where you are on a harness and you climb up different walls. Some were challenging, some were not.'*



### Please note the following message from Public Health England:

In recent weeks across the country there has been a significant increase in reported cases of mumps among adolescents and young adults. Mumps is a viral illness that is spread by coughs and sneezes or close contact with someone who already has the infection. Older children, teenagers and young adults who have never previously had MMR vaccine or have only had one dose of it, should contact their GP surgery to arrange to catch up with outstanding doses. Those who have already had one dose of MMR vaccine as a young child will only need one further dose, no matter how long ago a first dose was given. It is never too late to have the vaccine if you haven't had two doses. If you would like more information about MMR please visit

[www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx](http://www.nhs.uk/conditions/vaccinations/pages/mmr-vaccine.aspx)

If you are interested in **volunteering** for the Friends of Hammond Fun Day (16th July), please email:

[hammond.friends@hammondacademy.org.uk](mailto:hammond.friends@hammondacademy.org.uk)

We require help for set up, during the event (12-3pm) and/or tidy up after the event. Any help would be greatly appreciated.

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**SUNDAY FUNDAY**  
**16TH JULY**  
**12-3PM**

**PIMMS TENT WATFORD FC**  
**BOUNCY CASTLE**  
**STALLS DISPLAYS BBQ**  
**GAMES FACE PAINTS**  
**AND SO MUCH MORE!**

**ADULTS 50P ENTRY**  
**CHILDREN FREE**



### Raising Awareness: Type 1 Diabetes

Jake has been living with this chronic disease for seven years now. He wants to help others who also have Type 1 by raising funds and awareness — hopefully this will lead us closer to a cure.

As a family on Sunday at the St Albans Fun Run, we raised an amazing **£518!**

Kerrie (Jake's mum)

### NEXT WEEK Shakespeare Week

Next week we will be partaking in a Shakespeare Week across the school, where the children will learn about who William Shakespeare was and the incredible writing he produced. To bring this week to life, Key Stage 2 will be taking part in a Shakespeare workshop where they will be learning one of Shakespeare's plays and performing this.

We would like to invite you to see their final performance to celebrate their hard work. Please see the performance schedule below.

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2.45pm: all of year 3 and Year 4 Quartz

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2.45pm: Year 4 Jasper, Year 5 and Year 6

Please arrive in good time so that the performance can begin on time.

I look forward to seeing you there.

We are still collecting the **Sainsbury's Active Kid Vouchers** until the end of this month. If you do have any you would like to donate to Hammond, we would be very grateful to receive them. Every voucher counts!

Thank you.