



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

30 September 2022



Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand: It was super to celebrate European Day of Languages this week across our three schools, many thanks to Miss Church from Gillingham for organising such fun activities for us all to get involved in. We were pleased to welcome Mrs Litwiniuk (Liliana's mum), many thanks to them for sharing their knowledge with us so enthusiastically. I hope your children have shared with you something they learned!

Skylarks This week the children have been creating fact files about the Sahara Desert in Geography. In Art they have been drawing pictures of owls using black paper and white paints and chalks. In R.E. we have designed a bedroom for the baby Jesus and in Science we have been testing different paper samples to see which is best for different uses.

Mallards The children thoroughly enjoyed their languages day on Monday. We learned about the language and culture of Poland, Greece and The Netherlands. We also carried out our own research into how to say hello in as many European languages as possible.

This is the second week in a row where every child has read at home. Thank you so much for supporting your children with reading. In RE, we have looked at the story of Noah and God's promise to never send such a big flood to Earth again. The children have all written their own promises. I look forward to catching up with them to see how well they do at keeping them.

Swans This week we had a wonderful Monday afternoon in our house groups learning about European languages. We learnt all about Poland from one of our parents and polish sausage was a real hit with everyone. We learnt how to write our names in Greek and how to say hello in many languages including French, Spanish and German whilst munching on pretzels. We finished off the activities learning how to say 1-10 in Dutch, played Shuffleboard and devoured some mini Stroop waffles. It was a fun afternoon in key stage 2 and we were all exceptionally well behaved.

Attendance Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **89.68%**.

Languages Day by Mrs Church:

Dutch Sjoelen In Holland, they speak Dutch and during Languages Day we learnt how to say our numbers to 10. We then used our new knowledge to play a traditional Dutch game called Sjoelen. We had to slide pucks down the board to score points and we had to call these numbers out in Dutch.

European Lucky Dip Although there are 24 official languages in Europe, many countries have their own variations and some countries, such as Switzerland, speak more than one language. We played Lucky Dip, picking a country out of the bag at random. We used Google translate to learn how to say 'hello' in the language spoken in that country. We competed in House Teams to see who could find the most.

A Trip to Italy Skylarks packed their bags and went on a trip to Italy. We learnt how to say 'hello' in Italy and found it on a map of Europe. We thought about what we might eat on a trip to Italy and made some delicious pizzas. We created our own pizza and learnt some words in Italian that we would use for the toppings

Unfortunately, the pizzas seemed to have disappeared by the end of the afternoon – I wonder where they went?

Learning Polish Our KS2 children were so lucky to be visited by Mrs Litwiniuk who told us all about what it was like to live in Poland. We heard all about going to school in Poland and how children do not start school until the age of seven. Our guest taught us lots of Polish words including greetings and animals and we even tried to learn some tricky Polish tongue twisters - phew! We tried some Polish sausage which most of us thought was rather delicious

A Trip to Greece Did you know that our alphabet actually derives from the Greek alphabet? In fact, the first two letters of the Greek alphabet are alpha and beta. We learnt how to say and even sing the Greek alphabet. Did you know it has 24 letters? We used the Greek letters to write our own names. Do you like our designs?

Upcoming Dates

06/10: Y6 to Sir John Leman HS Arts Day.

06/10: Topsy Turvy Lunch Menu.

20/10: All years Flu Nasal Spray at school.

21/10: Reception Class in B&BJ Supplement.

31/10: Swan Class Level 1 & 2 Bikeability (4 days).

KINGFISHER READING WINGS



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Maths Monster

Swans

MATHS MONSTER



Who's who!

Name: Mrs Leanne Munro

Role: Head of School at Gillingham and History and Geography Lead at Gillingham and Ditchingham



Favourite School Subject: History and Music

Hobbies: I love American football and spend lots of time taking my children to tournaments all over the country. I also love going for long walks in the countryside.