

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

21 October 2022



Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand: Many thanks to all for such a super half term. I have been so impressed by just how much we have covered in 7 weeks. Thank you to all the children for working so hard and showing our school values every day. Thank you to all of our staff, governors and regular volunteers for their superb commitment and support to ensure that all of our children can shine. Thank you to all of our families for your fantastic support this half term. Have a wonderful half term all, see you on the 31st October.

Skylarks It's the last week of this half term but we have still been very busy in Skylarks. In P.E. we have been developing our bouncing and dribbling skills. In PSHE we have been talking about snails and how slowly they move (1 and half centimetres per minute in fact!) even though they move slowly they never give up. In Science we have begun

Mallards We have been so resilient this week. We have had a week of assessment tests, and they have worked their socks off. I am so proud of all of them.

We finished off our Geography Unit on Climate Zones this week. The children carried out their own research and produced some wonderful posters on Polar, Mediterranean and Tropical Climates. In music, they were composers, and composed their own music on glockenspiels. Have a well earned break at half term and see you all in a week's time.

Swans This week I'd like to celebrate all the successes in Swans this half term. In maths year 5 have secured their knowledge of larger numbers in place value and being able to add and subtract using formal written methods. Year 6 have cracked long multiplication and division. We have written fantastic quest stories and aced discussion texts based on World War 2. In science we have been able to investigate mirrors and shadows and retained all this knowledge in their sticky quiz. In art we have been looking at portrait artists. The children have been studying a number of different artists who have very different styles. They have produced wonderful portraits in these styles. In RE we have been deep thinkers about Christian's belief in God and used biblical texts to inform us about this. In French we have learnt the weather, directions and modes of transport. Finally, in PE we have developed our skills in volleyball and hockey. Success for everyone this half term. We are celebrating with a PE afternoon as the class have earned 71 euros this half term in their reward jar.

**** PE will be on a Tuesday and Thursday next half term ****

Upcoming Dates

31/10: *Return to school for Autumn Term 2!*

** From 31/10 we will be collecting for The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal.

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

02/11 & 03/11: Virtual Parents Evening.

03/11: Whizz Bang Sparkle Special Lunch Menu.

04/11: Friends Non-School Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate or hamper donations for the Christmas Hampers.

08/11: Musical Extravaganza Assembly with William Drew-Batty.

14/11: Y1 & Y2 Gymnastics Festival at Waveney Gymnastics Club.

15/11: Swan Class WW2 Taster Session.

18/11: Children in Need 'Spot'acular Day with non-school uniform and bake sale.

29/11: Y3 & Y4 Unihoc at Sir John Leman High School.

08/12: Skylarks Christmas Play.

09/12: Family Christmas Craft Session.

14/12: Y6 NCMP Weight & Height Screening.

14/12: Christmas Lunch.

15/12: Whole School to Pantomime.

16/12: Nelsons Journey Rudolph Run.

16/12: Christmas Carol Service at Geldeston Church.

16/12: *Last Day of Autumn Term 2!*

All dates can be viewed on our school calendar via the MYEd app or our website:

<http://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>

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Attendance Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **94.42%**.