



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

7 October 2022



Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand: This week I have been hugely impressed by all the work that has been shared with me from across the variety of curriculum subjects. I have been entertained by children singing or playing the recorders. I have enjoyed seeing just how much maths work is in children's books and hearing about the different challenges that they are working hard to solve. Well done everyone!

Do remember that next week is our harvest service in church, we very much look forward to sharing this with you all. Have a great weekend!

Skylarks This week we have continued our investigation into Materials. This week we looked at Fabric and tested different materials to decide which would be the best to make tree climbing trousers from. In computing we have been thinking about safe image searching and in Geography we have been designing knew Arctic and desert animals. Also Miss Dodd, a PGCE student, has joined our class this week and will be working alongside Miss Holland, Mrs White and myself in Skylarks.

Mallards Well done, Mallards. We had great fun testing the power of magnets in Science. In art, we have completed some stunning pieces of artwork based on the poem of the Hippo Griff.

We have learned so much grammar recently. Can you teach someone at home, how we use an apostrophe to contract words?

We look forward to seeing families in Geldeston Church next week for our Harvest Service.

Swans In PE this half term we have been learning how to play volleyball and improving our hockey skills. This week we were excited to play volleyball with our new net, which towers above many of us. The children were using their new skills in the dig, volley and spike to get the ball over. In hockey the children have been developing their dribbling and passing and are looking at what is needed to be a good member of a hockey team. They all agree it is crucial to play with positivity, communication, and trust in each other.

On Thursday all of year 6 went to Sir John Leman High School for an African themed arts day. They enjoyed the experience of being art, drama, media and music students and the opportunities on offer in year 7.

Attendance Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **94.44%**.

Waveney Foodbank are coming into school next week for an Assembly to talk to the children about how donations make a difference in our community.

We are collecting for Waveney Foodbank here at school, any donations gratefully received!



Upcoming Dates

- 12/10: Harvest Service at Geldeston Church
- 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).

Who's who!

Name: Mrs Sherwood

Role: Swan Class (Y5 & Y6) class teacher, and English Lead at Gillingham and Ditchingham

Favourite School Subject: Science

Hobbies: I really love long walks on the beach near my home. I like cross stitch and am very excited that Strictly Come Dancing is back on TV!



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