



## WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

# GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

11 November 2022



**Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand:** Many thanks to all in our school community for their thoughtfulness when reflecting about remembrance. With love and thoughts to all, both past and present who experience the impact of conflict.

### *A prayer for World peace*

*O God of the nations,  
as we look to that day when you will gather people  
from north and south, east and west,  
into the unity of your peaceable Kingdom,  
guide with your just and gentle wisdom all who take counsel  
for the nations of the world,  
that all your people may spend their days in security, freedom,  
and peace,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*



**SKYLARKS** This week we have been Dragons in P.E. finding different ways to move. In R.E. we have made advent wreaths and have had one of the Shepherds from the nativity come to answer the children's questions. In computing we have worked together to design illustrations for a class eBook and the most exciting new of all we have begun learning our lines for our Christmas nativity.

**MALLARDS** We have been really getting to grips with what makes good non-chronological report, and can use a range of sentence openers to make our writing more interest. The children have really been trying to become more fluent with recalling times table facts.

In DT we have been designing a Christmas decoration in preparation for our textiles unit. We look forward to learning how to sew. this week in music we have been learning how to read music, and will use this skill to play tunes on the glockenspiel.

**SWANS** This week we started our new science unit for the half term. This half term we are focusing on materials. This week we sorted a variety of materials into solids, liquids and gases. There were some that confused us such as golden syrup, bath bombs and shaving foam. We then investigated solids further carrying out our own hardness test on cheese strings, marshmallows, paper clips and tissues. The children used great scientific vocabulary. Next week we are looking in greater depth at liquids and metals.  
On Tuesday 15th November we are having a history themed day so we won't be doing PE.

### UPCOMING DATES

- 13/11: Service of Remembrance at St Michael's & All Angels Church, Geldeston.
- 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 (any donations from home gratefully received!)
- 21/11: Vaccination UK in school for anyone who missed the first appointment.

*All dates can be viewed on our school calendar via our website:*

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

### DONATIONS PLEASE



**We would love** any donations of wellie boots and waterproof coats for all ages. and underwear for Skylarks Class please!



**We would love** any pairs of headphones for our individual computing work, we currently have 7 sets and would love 25 for a whole class to use, any donations from home or businesses would be gratefully received!

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

*TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS – SKYLARKS CLASS  
KINGFISHER WINGS READING – MALLARDS CLASS*

**ATTENDANCE** Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **93.21%**.

### WHO'S WHO

**Name:** Mrs Pipe

**Role:** Teaching Assistant in Mallards Class and School Librarian

**Favourite School Subjects:** I love helping the children with their guided reading, PHSE lessons and Art.

**Hobbies:** I love reading, swimming, walking my dog Bumble and spending time with my family.

