



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

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 Diocese of Norwich
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Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand: This weekend marks the start of advent. Advent is the Christian season for the preparation of the advent of Christ at Christmas. In school at the moment that sense of preparation for Christmas is all around us, I'm sure you're also enjoying hearing the children practising some of their Christmas carols and songs. I'm really impressed that alongside these preparations, children are maintaining focus on their curriculum and producing excellent work, well done everyone! We look forward to welcoming you to be part of some of our school activities before the end of term to celebrate this time of year, please see the dates section for more details. Have a great weekend.

A prayer for advent:

Please let there be joy, love and peace everywhere during this advent time. Thank you for your special advent light that shines and brings joy and love to all. Help us to share that light with everyone we meet in our schools and in our homes. Amen.

SKYLARKS We have the stage up this week and play practise is continuing! Please check bags and book bags tonight for a letter with details about costumes and line to practise at home. Other than the play year reception and year 1 have been learning all about shapes in maths, they have used lolly pop sticks to count sides and printed with 3D shapes to print 2D shapes. In computing we have been editing our Little Red Riding hood pictures from the week before and in R.E. we have been learning about why Christians give presents at Christmas.

MALLARDS Well done Mallards. You are clearly all so keen to play your part when it comes to helping the environment. You have been learning all about the impact that deforestation has on our climate. Your ICT skills have been amazing this week. You have found out all about how the Salvation Army works around the world and have created posters full of information. You have added boarders and photographs to your work, and have even learned to use the snipping tool. In our afternoon reading sessions, we have continued to explore different types of bullying. Your ideas on the subject are compassionate and well informed. In DT your textile Christmas decorations are coming along beautifully. I can't wait to see the finished design.

SWANS This week in PE Swans were looking at their muscles and how to strengthen them. We completed exercises such as burpees, squats, press ups and star jumps and could name the muscles we were working. In football with the Ipswich Town coach we did shooting drills before playing 6 a-side matches.

Well done Year 6 on trying hard with another round of mock SATs this week!

UPCOMING DATES

- 29/11: Y3 & Y4 Unihoc at Sir John Leman High School.
- 08/12: Skylarks Christmas Play – arrive at 1.30pm.
- 09/12: 2pm Family Christmas Craft Session.
- 10/12: Friends Elf Trail & Christmas Fair at The Wherry Inn, Geldeston, 4-8pm.
- 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: 2pm Christmas Carol Service at Geldeston Church.
- 16/12: Last Day of Autumn Term 2!

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

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

CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

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



CELEBRATING THE CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

FRIDAY NOV. 25th
10 am - 12 noon
and 4.00 pm - 9.00 pm

SATURDAY NOV. 26th
9.30 am - 4.30 pm

SUNDAY NOV. 27th
12.30pm - 5.00 pm

HUNGATE CHURCH, BECCLES
Admission £2
Accompanied children free

ATTENDANCE

Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure was **91.58%**.

WHO'S WHO

Name: Mrs Clair Lowe

Role: Office Manager

Favourite School Subjects: Maths

Hobbies: I enjoy running and reading in my spare time. I have 3 boys who are all very active so spend lots of time outside watching rugby or football!

