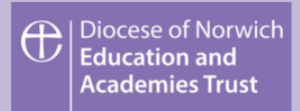




WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

GILLINGHAM PRIMARY ACADEMY

4 November 2022



Message from our Executive Head, Mrs. Brand: Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful half term. We have been really pleased by how well children got back in to routines this week, taking excellent responsibility for their learning. Thank you for your support with parent's evenings this week. Please do remember that if you ever need to speak to a member of staff from your child's class, you can catch someone on the gate at the start or end of the day, or make an appointment via the office.

Well done to the children who have taken on the job of raising money for charity by selling the Poppy Appeal items from the British Legion. I have been so proud of how respectful and responsible they have been about this important job.

SKYLARKS The countdown to Christmas begins! This week we have started learning some of the songs for this year's Christmas show, we are all very excited to get learning our lines and practising ready for December! It's been a crafty week in school, in R.E. we made beautiful Ukrainian spider webs as we learnt about Christmas traditions in other countries and on Thursday we made Remembrance Day pictures which will be up on display in Gillingham Church. **Finally, a quick reminder that our P.E. days are now Monday and Wednesday.**

MALLARDS Welcome back after the break. Here are a few of the exciting topics we will be looking at this half term: we will be learning all about Solids Liquids and Gasses in Science and conducting a range of experiments. In Geography, we are travelling to South America and learning about the Amazon River and its features. We will be meeting some of the people who live in the Amazon rainforest. We will be writing non-chronological reports in English and for DT we will be designing and creating Christmas decorations out of textiles. In maths, we will be consolidating our times table fluency.

The children all have their TTRS logins. [timestables.co.uk](https://www.timestables.co.uk) is another excellent website. https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=ttrs+rolling+numbers will take you to the TTRS rolling number songs. Thank you for supporting your children with learning their tables!

SWANS This week has all been about cycling. The children who have taken part have all been a credit to the school. They have made great progress in riding safely on the roads during the 4 days. They have all been keen to do their very best. Bikeability is a great scheme to help them stay safe when road cycling near to the school, overtaking cars and stopping at junctions. In maths this week year 5 have been learning all about multiples and factors. Year 6 have been solving problems and learning about the order of operations using BODMAS.

UPCOMING DATES

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

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.

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

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

A BIG THANK YOU FROM OUR FRIENDS FOR ALL THE FANTASTIC CHOCOLATE AND FOOD HAMPER DONATIONS FROM OUR NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM TODAY!!

WHO'S WHO

Name: Mrs Warnes

Role: Swan Class Teaching Assistant

Favourite School Subjects: I enjoy Maths, PHSE and Art.

Hobbies: I love having fun with my granddaughter, walking my dog Sadie and enjoying coffee and cake with friends and family.



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

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

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