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Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head Today we give thanks for love and friendship as we celebrate the life of Miss Clare Flack who was a teaching assistant here at school for many years. **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS This week we have been testing our sense of smell in science. Surprisingly basil was voted as the classes favourite smell! In P.E. we have been practising our throwing and catching and enjoyed an exciting game of dodgeball. In Computing we have been learning to drag things using a track pad and in PSHE we have thought about community and voted on what we would like to show parents at our learning cafe, thank-you to everyone who attending we all felt very proud to show you all the exciting things we have been doing! **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS We have written some amazing safety instructions this week in English. The children have given lots of good advice should anyone ever need to keep safe on an adventurous journey. In Maths, we have been working hard on using our times table knowledge to work out long multiplication and division problems.

In history this week, we evaluated lots of pieces of evidence to see if we could decide who really built the pyramids. We have continued to look at range of verbs in French. Everyone is becoming so confident in speaking and listening to instructions in French. Well done Mallards! **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week has been test week in Swans for both year 5 and 6 in English and Maths. I have been pleased with the effort all the children have put into testing and showing how much they are learning in school.

In science we have learnt about renewable and non-renewable energy and how electricity is made and gets to our home and school. In geography the children have researched earthquakes and produced mini reports for our classroom display. **Mrs Sherwood**

Learning Languages at Home for Mallards and Swans

Children now have online access at home to develop their knowledge of French. They can log onto the website Language Angels to play games linked to their learning in class. If your child would like to use this website at home, please find the login details below:

<http://www.languageangels.com/schools/>

* Click on Login

* Click Pupil Games

Mallards Username: Mallards

Swan Class Username: Swan

Password (for both classes): Gillingham

* Click Games

* Click French Flag (Red / White and Blue stripes)

* Click yellow box to go to choice of games



If you have any problems or questions, please speak to Miss Church or leave a message in the office. **Miss Church**



This week in school we have been celebrating National Story Telling week. Please scroll down to the YouTube link to enjoy this story together at home:

<https://wordsforlife.org.uk/activities/read-and-explore-were-going-on-a-lion-hunt/>

Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS - SKYLARKS
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - MALLARDS



ATTENDANCE Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **94.64%**.

With **Swans** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **96.2%**.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

February

- 7: Safer Internet Day.
- 7: Friends Meeting at 2.30pm here at school.
- 10: NSPCC Number Day.
- 10: **Last Day of Spring Term 1!**
- 20: **Return to School for Spring Term 2!**
- 20: Mallards Class to Norwich Castle.
- 22: Y5 Maths Team to Maths Challenge at Norwich School.
- 22: Parents Evening – In Person or Video Call.
- 23: ‘Rainbow Bright’ Lunch Menu.
- 24: Y6 Maths Team to Maths Challenge at Norwich School.

March

- 2: World Book Day ‘All Creatures Great & Small Theme’.
- 17: Red Nose Day.

All future dates can be viewed on our school calendar via our website: <http://www.gillingham.dneat.org/calendar/>