



24 March 2023

Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head Someone said this to me this week, 'March is exhausting because it's also a verb!' Whilst this made me laugh when thinking about our extensive grammar curriculum, it also made me reflect on just how much work the children have completed during the spring term. So many children are keen to show me the work in their books, both how it's improved but also, how much they've done and how many books they've filled so far this year.

I hope you are able to join us in school next week for some Easter crafts, whilst you're in, please take the time to look at displays and your child's books.

This term always feels like we pack so much into so few weeks, and I am hugely proud of how much progress the children have made in so many different areas of the curriculum. Well done everyone! **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS This week we have been measuring in Maths; length, height and now mass. It has linked nicely to our other units as in D.T. we have been thinking about designing our healthy recipes and in computing we have been watching online cooking shows to help us design and make our own. In R.E. we have learnt about reflection on Easter Saturday and made an Easter garden and in Science, we have learnt about the process of germination by using modelling clay to create the different stages. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS We have become really good at writing rhyming couplets this weeks and have composed poems entitled From a Lighthouse Window. These are written in the style of Robert Louis Stevenson's famous poem: From a Railway Carriage. In Science we have been look at the function of plant's stem. We have put chrysanthemums into a range of coloured waters. We came up with a range of predictions about what might happen. When we came in this morning, we could already see some changes in the flowers. Can the children explain what has happened at home? We were really pleased that Premier Sports came in on Monday and taught us fencing. It was really exciting and the children found out how to lunge and parry. The children have almost finished their Rama and Sita dances. They have worked so hard to learn a range of moves! **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week Swans have finished and published their games on Scratch. In Science they researched endangered animals and presented their findings to Mrs Money, hoping to persuade her to donate to their animal. In RE this week, we looked at Holy Communion as a way Christian's remember Jesus's Sacrifice. **Mrs Sherwood**

ATTENDANCE Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **91.43%**.



With **Mallards** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **93.33%**.

Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

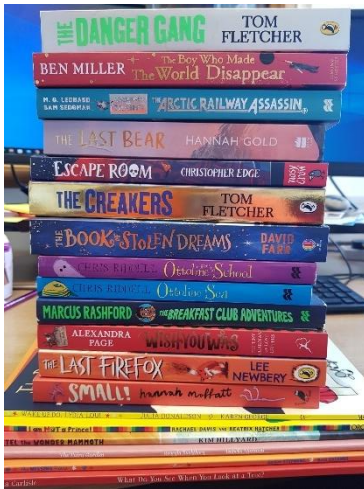
KINGFISHER WINGS READING – SKYLARKS

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - SWANS





NEWS FROM SCHOOL



***OUR WORLD BOOK DAY
BOOK SALE RAISED A
FANTASTIC £95 AND
WE HAVE REPLENISHED
OUR BOOKSHELVES
WITH THESE FAB BOOKS
....THANK YOU ALL
SO MUCH FOR YOUR
SUPPORT!!***



***So many happy colorful feet
here at school this week as
we Celebrate World Down
Syndrome Day!!***

***CRAZY HAIR FOR COMIC RELIEF'S RED NOSE DAY ...WE RAISED A
FANTASTIC £76 AND THE HAIRSTYLES WERE AMAZING – HERE ARE A
FEW 😊***



***Dear God, we thank you for all of the people who
make up our school, home and community family.
Help us all to be the signs of your love for the whole
world. Amen***

UPCOMING EASTER EVENTS

HERE AT SCHOOL:

A purple poster for 'Easter Family Bingo' at Gillingham St Michael's. The text is centered and surrounded by colorful, abstract Easter egg patterns. The main title is 'EASTER FAMILY BINGO' in large white letters, with 'Saturday 25th March' below it. The event is from 6-8pm at Gillingham School, with a £5 ticket including 6 bingo games. A special Golden Bingo is available for £1 per ticket. The poster states 'All welcome! Plenty of Prizes!!!' and that all proceeds go to Gillingham School. Tickets are available on ParentMail, and refreshments and a raffle will be available.

GILLINGHAM ST MICHAEL'S
**EASTER
FAMILY
BINGO**
**Saturday 25th
March**
6-8pm at Gillingham School
£5 per ticket, this includes 6
bingo games.
Special Golden Bingo available on the night £1 per
ticket.
All welcome! Plenty of Prizes!!!
Tickets available on
ParentMail. Limited
spaces so book soon to
avoid disappointment!
All proceeds to Gillingham School
Refreshments and a raffle will be available

EASTER CRAFTS WITH PARENTS

All parents are invited to join us for
Easter Crafts in our House Teams on
Wednesday 29 March at 2.30pm.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

March

- 24:** Peter Rabbit 2 Movie Night at School – *all proceeds to the Bishops Lent Appeal.*
- 25:** Easter Family Bingo 6-8pm in the School Hall.
- 28:** Skylarks Trip to Adventure Island.
- 29:** 2.30pm Easter Crafts with Parents here at school.
- 30:** Y5 & Y6 to SJHLS Music Concert.
- 31:** Friends Easter Egg Hunt for all the children.
- 31:** 2.30pm Easter Service at school – *all families welcome!*
- 31:** ***Last Day of Spring Term 2!***

April

- 18:** ***First Day of Summer Term 1!***
- 21:** Reception Road Safety in the classroom.
- 21:** Y2 Road Safety out of school.
- 27:** Reception NCMP, Vision & Hearing.

May:

- 1:** ***Bank Holiday.***
- 2:** Mallards Class Bikeability Level 1
- 8:** ***Bank Holiday for His Majesty's Coronation.***
- 23:** Y6 to Crucial Crew at The Space, Norwich.
- 26:** ***Last Day of Summer Term 1!***
- 31:** Horstead full payment deadline.

June:

- 5:** ***First Day of Summer Term 2!***
- 5&6:** Mallards on Ringsfield Residential.
- 14:** Y6 Safe Travel Transition Prep with Sarah.

July:

- 3-5:** Swan Class on Horstead Residential.
- 14:** Y6 Leavers to Pleasurewood Hills.
- 21:** ***Last Day of School Year!***

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