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# Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



**Message from our Executive Head** This weekend Christians celebrate ascension day. In our curriculum, we have a good focus on vocabulary, we help the children to understand new words by looking at word roots, and associated words. In this case we can think about things that 'ascend', in order to help us understand that Jesus went 'up' to Heaven.

In my discussions with children, I am always impressed by the increasing vocabulary they have, and how well they can explain what those words mean. **Mrs Brand**

**SKYLARKS** On Monday we all enjoyed some dance enrichment from Premier Education. The children enjoyed all the dancing games and activities involved! On Tuesday we thought about how Christian can show respect to our world. The children were very keen to help our planet by litter picking and making posters and instructions on how to look after the planet. In Geography we have been looking at Human and Physical Features and in Science spotting the signs of spring. Finally, the Year 2 children have completed the Year 2 SAT's this week and what a fabulous job they have done! It's so lovely to see how far they have all come since Reception and I am so proud of each and everyone! **Mrs Carroll**

**MALLARDS** This week in English we have been researching dangerous creatures so that we can write non-chronological reports. Hopefully the children will have lots of fascinating facts that they can share with the children at home. We have been shopping in Maths this week and have been finding totals and calculating change from £5 and £10.

We have continued to learn different rhythm patterns and beats in our Friday drumming sessions. Thankyou Jeff for teaching us. In Science, we searched the school grounds this week, looking for different seeds. It was amazing how many there were! In Geography, we have continued to look at the USA. Did you know they have a volcano in Washington called Mount St Helens? We have been looking at the devastation it caused when it erupted in 1980. **Mrs Munro**

**SWANS** This week in maths we have been translating and reflecting shapes alongside using coordinates. In geography this week we looked at how and why UK industry has changed so much in the last 100 years. We have been busy coding this week with Scratch and have been able to programme our sprite to do a variety of things if conditions are true or false. In PE this week we have improved our defensive play in handball and bowling skills in cricket. **Mrs Sherwood**

**ATTENDANCE** Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **96.23%**.

With **Skylarks** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **95.32%**.



## Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SWANS

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - SKYLARKS



Dear God,

on this Ascension Day we remember your loving actions in this world.

We recognise that we are never alone, for we are always surrounded by your love.

Help us to witness your presence in a world. Strengthen us with your Spirit and let your light shine through us.

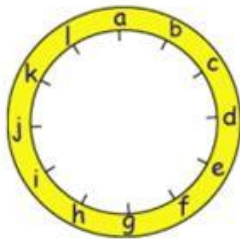
Amen

## MATHS CHALLENGE FROM MRS CHURCH:

Are you up to the Year 6 challenge... This morning some of our Year 6's completed this in approximately 10 minutes - Have a go and see how you get on....

There is a clock-face where the numbers have become all mixed up. Can you find out where all the numbers have got to from the ten statements below?

Here is a clock-face with letters to mark the position of the numbers so that the statements are easier to read and to follow.



1. No even number is between two odd numbers.
2. No consecutive numbers are next to each other.
3. The numbers on the vertical axis (a) and (g) add to 13.
4. The numbers on the horizontal axis (d) and (j) also add to 13.
5. The first set of 6 numbers [(a) - (f)] add to the same total as the second set of 6 numbers [(g) - (j)].
6. The number at position (f) is in the correct position on the clock-face.
7. The number at position (d) is double the number at position (h).
8. There is a difference of 6 between the number at position (g) and the number preceding it (f).
9. The number at position (i) is twice the top number (a), one third of the number at position (d) and half of the number at position (e).
10. The number at position (d) is 4 times one of the numbers adjacent (next) to it.

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

### May:

- 23: Y6 to Crucial Crew at The Space, Norwich.
- 26: Skylarks to Time & Tide Museum, GY.
- 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.
- 27: KS2 Play Performance.

### July:

- 3-5: Swan Class on Horstead Residential.
- 7: Y6 Leavers to Pleasurewood Hills.
- 14: Sports Day.
- 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/>