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Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head This week in collective worship we looked at Pentecost, we learned how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to be with the disciples, to guide and help them to share God's message of peace and light with others. It has been a wonderfully busy half term, where we have seen many moments of joy and wonder in school. We very much are looking forward to next half term where we hope to have lots of opportunities to celebrate. Look out in the newsletter for dates when we hope that you will join us. Have a super Bank holiday weekend and lovely half term, **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS It's the final week for lots of our topics! In Science we have been collecting our results for our recent experiments, we have concluded that a plant cannot survive on Cola alone and that grass needs sunlight to stay healthy. In Geography we have been using all our knowledge to convince people to visit our favourite continents. There were lots of votes for Antarctic as the children wanted to see the scientific weather stations. In R.E. we have been thinking about all we are thankful for and in PSHE we have learnt a little song to remind us our brains are always growing. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS What a busy half term we have had! Your PowerPoints about different states of the USA were absolutely amazing. You showed excellent research skills and found out so much. I was also impressed this week with the non-chronological reports that you have written. They are full of fantastic facts and amazing descriptions. Have an amazing half term everyone. See you on the 5th June all ready for Ringsfield. **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week we have been writing non-chronological reports on unicorns. We have been using scientific vocabulary to write about the appearance, habitat, behaviour, diet and enemies of various unicorns. We have all been really engaged and have impressed Mrs Sherwood with our sentence starters and creativity. In science we have now looked at the changes that occur in boys and girls during puberty. All the class have been mature and sensible during these sessions. We have completed our collage work and have shown a variety of techniques to produce some wonderful pieces. Just a reminder, PE will be on Tuesday and Friday next half term. **Mrs Sherwood**

Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

KINGFISHER WINGS READING - MALLARDS

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - MALLARDS



ATTENDANCE Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **93.04%**.

With **Mallards** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **96.57%**.





💙🙏 At the beginning of this year we very sadly lost our colleague, and friend, Clare to cancer. Clare (Miss Flack) was a TA in Skylarks here at our school and many of the children have fond memories of her 😊 Both Clare's children also attended our school when they were younger 💙 We've created this fundraising page to raise money to build a memorial area for the children here at school 💙 Please feel free to donate and share 🙏💙

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/clareflackgarden?utm_term=w6gBpkgpp&fbclid=IwAR3iONEvXcPpEiBHwUZiL2dTUS1yDxrVnDx7vDGf23wUvB3GI6dqrdiwUt4



*Dear God, thank you for giving us the gift of the Holy Spirit. Help us look for moments of celebration and awe in your wide, beautiful world.
Amen*



SKYLARKS: Mon & Thurs
MALLARDS: Tues & Thurs
SWANS: Tues & Fri

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

May:

- 31:** Horstead full payment deadline.
- 31:** Ringsfield full payment deadline.

June:

- 5:** ***First Day of Summer Term 2!***
- 5&6:** Mallards on Ringsfield Residential.
- 13:** Whole school trip to see Fishermans Tale by 4Front Theatre.
- 14:** Y6 Safe Travel Transition Prep with Sarah.
- 15:** Fathers Day messages in EADT.
- 19:** National School Sports Week.
- 23:** Non-Uniform Day for prizes.
- 27:** KS2 Play Performance (times tbc).
- 30:** Whole School Music Assembly (time tbc).

July:

- 3-5:** Swan Class on Horstead Residential.
- 7:** Y6 Leavers to Pleasurewood Hills.
- 9:** Friends Summer Fete.
- 12:** Transition Afternoon.
- 14:** Sports Day (time tbc).
- 17:** Reports week.
- 18:** Y6 Leavers Assembly (time tbc).
- 19:** Transition Morning.
- 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/>