



24 November 2023

Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head For the last two weeks in our staff training time, we have been looking at and thinking about the progress children are making across different areas of the curriculum and what we can put in place to support them. It is always a pleasure to be part of these conversations and hear about the care the staff put into planning learning, and the care that the children put in to demonstrating their learning. When we reach the halfway point of long, busy half terms, it is really positive to stop and reflect on this learning journey and be proud of all that has been achieved. Well done everyone, fantastic perseverance with your learning. **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS This week we have been finishing our addition and subtraction unit in Maths, the year 1's have been adding and subtraction 2 and the Year 2's have been adding and subtracting two-digit numbers from two-digit numbers! In History we have looked at war memorials and thinking about how people remember WW1. In science we have been thinking about the word 'Habitat' and talking about how zookeepers re-create habitats for the animals.

Thank you to everyone who has been helping their children learn their lines at home, we have been practicing a lot this week and it's really starting to take shape! Remember to come and see me if you would like me to sort out a costume, we have a very large box of outfits which we are happy to supply.

Mrs Carroll

MALLARDS A fantastic week for Mallards. We have been looking at poetry in English this week and exploring a range of different poems and styles. We are really getting to grips with our times tables. Don't forget to look at Hit the Button, TTRS and timestables.co.uk at home to help you improve your fluency.

Your night lights are really beginning to take shape in DT. We have continued to look at how light reflects in science. Keep up the hard work everyone. **Mrs Munro**

SWANS I have been super proud of all the children who have taken part in Bikeability this week. The instructors have commented on their exemplary behaviour and effort. This week we have enjoyed making our decorations for the Hungate Tree festival, please support us if you have time over the weekend. In French this week we role-played waiter and customer and enjoyed trying some French foods and paying with euros. **Mrs Sherwood**

The Year 6's have been investigating fractions this week. They were set a challenge using a set of rectangles to draw two lines onto the rectangles (either joining dots or corners) to see how many different fractions they could represent. The photo of the coloured rectangles below show some of the fractions that our students found. They created some really tricky fractions and decided on the one below to ask you (parents / family / friends) to solve - what fractions does this image represent? Answers to the office please - any correct solutions with an explanation will receive a special Maths certificate! **Mrs Church**

ATTENDANCE Many thanks for your support with attendance. This week our whole school attendance figure is **87.97%**.

With **Swans** winning our Attendance Teddy with their class attendance of **90.10%**.



Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:

KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SWANS

TIMES TABLE ROCKSTARS - MALLARDS



PARKING REMINDER: for children's safety please can we remind you not to park in the car park at drop off or pick up unless you have a blue disabled badge.



Thank you

WELL DONE EVERYONE, THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING A GREAT CAUSE!



COLD



**REMINDER:
IT IS GETTING
COLDER
OUTSIDE!
PLEASE
COULD
CHILDREN**

**BRING WARM CLOTHING TO
SCHOOL FOR BREAK TIMES.**

**REMINDER THE
CLOSING DATE FOR
ENTRIES IS 30.11.2023
- GOOD LUCK!!**

During November, we are taking part in a photography competition with the other schools in our Ogden Waveney Partnership. The theme is 'My Life, My Science' and children are invited to send in photos of any science they experience at home, whether it be melting ice or a hamster running on a wheel! Winning entries will be made into a calendar that will be displayed in classrooms across all 7 schools in the Ogden Waveney Partnership, so please ensure that photographs are non-identifying and that you are happy for them to be used for this purpose.

Entries can be sent to

gillinghamoffice@kingfisherpartnership.org



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL



**HUNGATE CHURCH
BECCLES**

★ NOV. 24th - 26th

**★ FRIDAY 10.00 am - 12 noon
4.00 pm - 9.00 pm
★ SATURDAY 9.30 am - 4.30 pm
SUNDAY 12.30 pm - 4.30 pm**

ENTRANCE £2

Free for accompanied children
Refreshments in The Stable Cafe





*Dear God,
Please help us to persevere even when task
seem long and hard. Help us to encourage
our friends to keep going. Help us to shine
in all that we do.
Amen*

**Christmas
at The Hub**
12, Broad St, Bungay NR35 1EE
Events suitable for children & families

Sunday 3 Dec + 10.30am - 3pm
Christmas Craft Drop-in
with refreshments
(suggested donations)

Sunday 10 Dec + 4 - 5.30pm
All-age fun Carol Singing by the Christmas Tree
favourite carols + children's Christmas songs
with refreshments

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND SUFFOLK
lightwavebungayandbeyond
edward.land@lightwave.community
lightwave

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

November

- 24, 25, 26:** Christmas Tree Festival at Hungate Church.
27: ***NEW DATE*** Christmas Card Post Box in Reception.
30: 'My Life, My Science' Photography Competition Deadline.

December

- 5:** Immunisation Team in for flu immunisation.
5: Skylarks Nativity Dress Rehearsal.
6: 2pm, Skylarks Nativity, parents welcome.
8: 'Friends' Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate.
8: 2.30pm Christmas Crafts, parents welcome.
12: Y6 & Reception NCMP.
13: Christmas Lunch.
15: Christmas Carol Service at 2.30pm, Geldeston Church, families welcome.
15: 'Friends' Christmas Raffle Deadline.
16: 'Friends' Christmas Fair with Elf Trail and Carol Singing, Geldeston Village Hall.
16: 'Friends' Christmas Raffle to be Drawn, 6pm.
18: ***NEW DATE*** Rudolph Run fundraising for Nelson's Journey. Everyone to school in Christmas clothing!
18: ***NEW DATE*** Christmas Cake Making.
19: ***NEW DATE*** Christmas Cake Making.
20: 'Friends' Whole school trip to Pantomime at Fisher Theatre, parents to collect.
20: ***Last Day of Autumn Term 2!***

January

- 4:** ***First Day of Spring Term 1!***
15: Deadline for Admission to Reception Class 2024 Closing Date.
18: The Happy Smiles Club.
31: Y6 Basketball at SJLHS.

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

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