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Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



Message from our Executive Head This week has been National Story Telling week. We have enjoyed celebrating all things reading, sharing books and coming up with short stories. We have also enjoyed welcoming in families to share aspects of learning with us, across our federation it has been good to hear about learning sessions from a variety of subjects such as science and computing. Many thanks for joining us. Have a great weekend when it gets here! **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS This week we have done two lessons of Gymnastics, practised balances and performing different sequences with our partners. We have been testing more fabric in Science, this week it was finding out which fabric is best for curtains. In Art we have begun making collagraph blocks ready for printing next week! Finally thank-you to all the parents who attended our Maths Learning Cafe, it was lovely to see you all and great to share some of the ways we teach maths in school in each year group. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS What an amazing day we had at the Norwich Museum on Monday. We learned all about how archaeologists try and make sense of the past by asking questions about the artefacts they dig up. We used drama to recreate an ancient Anglo-Saxon myth and met a Saxon trader who told us all about the value of everyday Saxon objects. We had great fun trying to work out which items were the most valuable. Can you believe that Salt was more valuable than gold in those times? We also made some Anglo-Saxon brooches to hold our capes on. We also buried a member of the class with precious objects ready to take to Valhalla in for the afterlife. I was really proud of everything the children could remember and lots of people commented on how well behaved they all were. Well done Mallards. **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week I Swans, Y6 took part in a basketball tournament at Sir John Leman High School. They were a credit to our school as they demonstrated great teamwork, good behaviour and positive attitudes. In PSHE, Y5 showed their family traditions and embraced their uniqueness of each of our own families, communities and countries. As it is National Story Telling Week, we have been writing our own 100 word stories, which has been tricky as we cannot go over 100 words!! **Mrs Sherwood**

Parent Governor Announcement:

Kingfisher Governors would like to announce that Matthew Oxley has been appointed as the new parent governor of Kingfisher LGB. We are very pleased with this appointment and look forward to working with Matthew as we help all our schools to 'Shine'.



ATTENDANCE

Many thanks for your support with attendance. Our year-to-date attendance figure is **92.9%**. With **Mallards** winning this weeks Attendance Teddy.



Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SWANS



Oh Father God

*You created our wonderful world
and everything in it.*

Teach us to look after it.

*You fill our happiness, fun and
learning.*

*Guide us to be the best we can be.
You put friends, family and teachers
around us.*

*Help us to be kind and caring
towards them.*

*You give us a light in our hearts and
our heads.*

Let it shine brightly for all to see.

Amen

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

February

- 13:** Y6 to Hobart HS to see 'Beauty and the Beast Junior' performance.
- 14:** Y3 to Kwik Cricket at SJLHS.
- 16:** NSPCC Number Day - our theme: 'Dress up for Digits'.
- 16:** ***Last Day of Spring Term 1!***
- 26:** ***First Day of Spring Term 2!***

March

- 1:** Y6 High School Offer Letters.
- 1:** Swan Class Cooking Italian Pizza's.
- 4:** Y1 & Y2 to Gymnastics Festival at Waveney Gymnastics.
- 7:** World Book Day – our theme: 'Fairy Tale'.
- 8:** Y6 to Hobart High Forensic Science Day.
- 8:** Mothers Day Messages in the Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 12:** Tempest Photography Class Photos.
- 15:** Comic Relief's Red Nose Day.
- 21:** World Down Syndrome Day - our theme: 'Shining bright'.
- 26:** Y3 & Y4 to Adventure Island.
- 27:** ***Last Day of Spring Term 2!***

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