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Gillingham St Michael's Church of England Primary Academy



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Message from our Executive Head Welcome back, all. I hope that you had a pleasant, restful half term. Many thanks to all who joined us this week for parent's consultations.

This half term we are focussing on the value of Justice in our collective worship sessions. There are a couple of awareness days coming up where some of our children have planned ways for us to consider others. I am always hugely proud of the importance our children place on looking after each other and giving people and causes a voice. Well done for making sure all can shine! **Mrs Brand**

SKYLARKS Welcome back Skylarks! We hope you had a great half term, it's nice to see all the children so excited to be back in school and we have been up to lots of exciting things already! In Science we turned into sculptors and used works like twist, bend, squash and stretch to create with clay. In Art we learnt about the artist Yayoi Kusama, we learnt some facts about her life and made our classroom (and ourselves) into a giant dot picture! In other foundation subjects we will be doing target practice and dance in PE, Digital pictograms in computing and having fun with improvisation in Music. **Mrs Carroll**

MALLARDS Welcome back Mallards. What a great start to the new term!
We are really enjoying delving into fractions in Maths. Year 4s have been looking at improper fractions and how to convert them.
Miss Church is looking forward to starting her new IT unit of creating podcasts. In art, the children have been looking at the artist Monet, and as we go through the term, the children will be creating their own artwork using his style for inspiration.
In science this week, we looked at the digestive system and what happens to the food once we eat it! **Mrs Munro**

SWANS This week in Swans we have started a persuasive unit of writing thinking about these topics: 'Fruit is fab, sweets are bad and sleep is essential'. In PE this half term we are playing Dodgeball and learning a Lion dance for Chinese New Year. In RE this week, we enjoyed hot seating Mother Theresa, and in computing we learnt how to create a simple Excel spreadsheet to represent data. **Mrs Sherwood**

ATTENDANCE

Many thanks for your support with attendance. Our year-to-date attendance figure is **93.5%**. With **Skylarks** winning this weeks Attendance Teddy.



Congratulations

TO THIS WEEKS WINNERS:
KINGFISHER WINGS READING - SKYLARKS



We have a busy week here at school next week – as well as trips and all our learning, on Thursday is our World Book Day, and Friday we are holding a Bake Sale to raise money for the YMCA ‘Sleep Easy’ campaign!! All cakes and cookies will be 50p each and any donations gratefully received ☺



Kingfisher Federation of

Shine
From the Inside Out

World Book Day 2024
Thursday 7th March
Our theme this year is

Once Upon a Time...

This year we will have a day of book themed activities for all the whole school, celebrating the **World of Fairy Tales**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite fairy tale or book character.

SLEEP EASY

Help us to raise money for the Sleep Easy Programme so homeless people have a place to sleep for a night by buying a CAKE! or bun for 50p each!

CAKE SALE!

WHAT IS SLEEP EASY?

Sleep easy is a charity by YMCA helping homeless people have somewhere to sleep.

WHEN IS

?? Sleep Easy?
Friday 8th March!

Mother's DAY

Read the wonderful messages our students have written

on Friday 8th March in the **Beccles & Bungay JOURNAL**



*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:

March

- 4:** Y1 & Y2 to Gymnastics Festival at Waveney Gymnastics.
- 7:** World Book Day – our theme: ‘Once Upon a Time.....’.
- 6:** Swan Class Cooking Italian Pizza’s.
- 8:** ~~*POSTPONED* Y6 to Hobart High Forensic Science Day.~~
- 8:** Bake Sale for the YMCA ‘Sleep Easy Programme’.
- 8:** Mothers Day Messages in the Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 12:** Tempest Photography Class Photos.
- 15:** Comic Relief’s Red Nose Day.
- 15:** World Book Day Photos in Beccles & Bungay Journal.
- 21:** World Down Syndrome Day - our theme: ‘Shining Bright’.
- 22:** Easter Service at 2.30pm, Geldeston Church, families welcome.
- 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/>