

KS2 News

We have had an exciting start to the new year as the staff and children 'flew' to America, with Mrs Clark becoming the Senior Flight Attendant and the Key Stage 2 teachers becoming Cabin Crew. So far this half-term, Year 3 have continued enjoying their swimming lessons and having Ms Jones develop their performance skills, through their weekly singing lessons. Year 4 have also enjoyed their first experience of Samba drumming. Children in Year 5 have participated in a workshop delivered by local PCSOs to develop their knowledge of online safety. Finally, Year 6 have loved viewing their comments on their recent blogs, seeing their writing being read in over 16 different American states! The whole of the Key Stage are busy preparing for our 'North American Expedition' and lots of children are already talking about 'Gillibrand's Great American Bake-Off'.

Lateness

Please can I remind everyone that school starts at **9:00 am**.

We have had a large number of children this term arriving at school after the bell rings.

The doors are open from 8:50 am and I would appreciate your support in ensuring that your children are in school by 9 o' clock. Not only is this important for a child's attendance, but it also minimises disruption in class. Thank you for your support.

KS1 News



Pioneering Pilots

To launch our exciting, new topic about Amelia Earhart and Amy Johnson, the children of Y1 and Y2 stepped into a 'Gillibrand Airlines' aeroplane and headed off around the world, discovering exciting new adventures.

Amazing Aeroplanes

The children of KS1 have been working across the classes to test existing home made aeroplanes to determine what would be the best material to make their own aeroplanes from. The children had great fun and are now excitedly planning and designing their own plane ready for the making process.

Totally Tolerant

To reinforce our school values, we had a visitor, Raesa Patel from the Prevent Team, in school who spoke to the children in KS1 all about the value of tolerance and acceptance and how the wonderful differences we all have should be valued and celebrated.

EYFS News

Reception Class have returned to school with enthusiasm and have started a brand new topic: People Who Help Us. They have been thinking about the people who work at our school and have been visiting parts of the school and people in the school to find out who works here and what their roles are.

We have also spent the past two weeks learning about China and the customs and traditions surrounding the Chinese New Year celebrations. The children have played in their own Chinese restaurant role play area, learned the story of the Chinese zodiac, choreographed their own simple Lion Dance and tried out some delicious Chinese food using chopsticks.

Please also see our class blog at: www.gillibrandblogs.net/oak2019 for our latest learning videos and to read Humphrey Bear's blog. Please like and comment on as many videos and posts as you can. The children love taking Humphrey home and sharing their blog post with the class.



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Another busy half term has flown by! The children in KS2 are all looking forward to the first ever Great American Bake Off that is being held on Tuesday. Please don't forget that we are a nut free school!

Please ensure you check the school website, Twitter account and the class Twitter accounts regularly for photos of what the children have been up to and also have a read of the class blogs.

There's some very impressive writing on there! If you can, we'd love to see even more parents writing comments. The children love seeing parents comment on their writing!

Thank you for your support.

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Spring Term Diary Dates

Tuesday 4th February-KS2 North America Exhibition @ 9 am and 5 pm

Friday 7th February-Reception Parents Learning Morning @ 9.10-10.10am

Friday 7th February-Year 1 & Year 1 Orienteering Challenge

W/C Monday 10th February-Aspirations Week

Tuesday 11th February-Safer Internet Day

Thursday 13th February- Valentine Disco

Thursday 13th February-Finish for half term

Friday 14th February-INSET Day-**school closed**

Monday 24th February-school opens

