

## KS1 News



The first two full weeks in October were dedicated to outdoor learning. The weather was kind to us and we were able to incorporate our fabulous outdoor environment at school into our learning. We walked story maps, mapped our school grounds, measured natural materials and went on scavenger hunts. We even collected natural materials and utilised our art skills to create pieces for our art exhibition. The art was exhibited outside on the Friday afternoon and parents and carers were invited to view and celebrate our work. Our first pre-learning mornings took place on 18th and 19th October. Parents, carers and family members were able to join us on class to partake in learning in advance of our new topic – 'The Great Fire of London'. Everybody had a great time and lots of learning was taking place using a variety of media (and we think the grownups learned a thing or two also)!

## Class Blogs **BLOG**

Most of the children have now started their blogging journey and have been so excited by all the comments they have received from not only people in this country, but around the world too.

Please support them by visiting the Gillibrand Blog site. It would be great to see you leave comments and share their work with others. Thanks for your support.

<https://gillibrandblogs.net/>

## KS2 News



Key Stage Two have had a fantastic start to the new half term. All classes have started their history topics on the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings. A big thank you to all the parents who came to our pre-learning afternoon and supported the children over the half term with their pre-learning homework. We have had some children starting the topic with an amazing knowledge already! There will be lots of exciting lessons ahead and a workshop is arranged for all Key Stage Two children in the next few weeks.

Year 5 and Year 6 have also started their judo lessons in PE on a Tuesday afternoon which has gone down well. The instructor has been very impressed with the children's attitudes and willingness to 'have a go'.

## EYFS News



In our first half term the children have enjoyed two weeks of outdoor learning, they also spent time preparing for the Harvest celebration and making soup as part of our themes of Harvest and being healthy. The children all helped to prepare the soup and the majority of the class tried the soup and really liked it! Mrs Clayton tried it too and declared it to be delicious! We have been thinking about how eating a balanced diet can help us to be healthy.

Thank you so much to all parents who were able to attend our Reading meeting at the beginning of October and thank you for all your support at home with your child's reading. The children are really enjoying learning how to read and write the letters of the alphabet.

Please see our class blog on the website for photos of some of the fun and interesting things we have been learning. Our Take Home Teddy- Harley Bear also has his very own blog at Gillibrandblogs.net, which you can follow to catch up on his adventures.

# Gillibrand Primary School

## October Newsletter 2018



Last half term flew by, and it was definitely a busy half term. We have continued to welcome a range of visitors into school, and again I have to say how everyone who comes to Gillibrand comments on the excellent behaviour and attitude of all our children.

Our Harvest service at Trinity Methodist Church was unfortunately cancelled due to the weather. However it was held in school and was a lovely service and the singing was amazing. The choir sang at a concert on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October at Holy Cross and both myself and Miss Holt were extremely proud of how well they sang. I definitely think we do have some very good singers in school! Please remember to keep visiting the school website and Twitter page for updates.

[https://twitter.com/Gillibrand\\_Sch](https://twitter.com/Gillibrand_Sch)

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### Important Dates

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Choir at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-day Saints

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Nov – Anglo Saxon Workshop (KS2)

Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov-Parent's Evening & Maths Shop

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Nov – Great Fire of London Workshop (KS1)

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Nov – EYFS pre-learning morning

Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Nov – EYFS pre-learning morning

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> Nov – Nasal Flu Vaccinations

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Nov – Puss in Boots performance at school