



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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## News from the Classrooms

With the new term racing along, it certainly seems to have been a busy fortnight in school. Year 5 and 6 enjoyed a visit to the Cambridge Science Centre as part of their 'Space Explorers' Project. The children had the opportunity to control a robotic arm to pick up objects and tested materials for absorbency in order to select the most suitable product for designing a spacesuit nappy!



Year 3 and 4 have been enjoying reading the 'The Iron Man,' a novel by Ted Hughes. After reading the opening chapters, the children had the chance to write their own version part of the story. This extract was written by Anouk in Rowan class "Perilously close to the edge of the cliff, another violent gust of wind pressed against the Iron Man's great back, causing him to rock back and forwards. Dangerously, the Iron Man lifted up his enormous right foot: up, up and out into nothingness."



As part of their project 'From A to B' the children in Year 1 and 2 have been learning about different forms of transport. Here is the impressive train produced by three children in Oak class using recycled materials and lots of good teamwork! Meanwhile, in Ash class, the children have been making clay animals using natural resources found in the forest area, and exploring the dens during 'Forest Fridays'.

## Ongoing School Improvement

During the past few weeks, the teaching staff have benefited from a targeted practical training session from a P.E. specialist. As well as working alongside teachers in classrooms, the Primary Improvement Advisor also joining me in undertaking a book scrutiny with a focus on more able writers. It was very pleasing so see the high quality journeys of learning evident in books, and many examples of effective

marking moving learning forwards, with pupils responding well to teacher comments. The Early Years Advisor has also been in school in the past fortnight to analyse data trends and to visit the classroom to ensure that the indoor and outdoor environments enable the children to access all areas of learning.

## E-Safety Information for Parents

I would like to invite all parents to attend our e-safety information session which we will be holding on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 9am, and again at 6.30pm. We anticipate the presentation will last around 45 minutes. A separate letter will be coming home shortly, providing more detailed information about the subjects we will be addressing, but in summary we will be providing information about how we teach the children to stay safe online here at school, and how parents can reinforce these messages at home. Between 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> February, we will be focusing on internet safety with the children, in conjunction with national Safer Internet Day on 9<sup>th</sup> February. During the e-safety information evening, we will also share with parents some of the materials we will be using in class with the children to promote internet safety.

## And finally...

I wanted to make all families aware of a local initiative supporting the Syrian refugee crisis. Bobtails have been organising a collection of shoes, boots, wellies, socks, warm clothing (fleeces, jumpers etc.), coats, hats, gloves and scarves, rucksacks and baby carriers. Donations can be dropped off at Bobtails on Thursday morning between 9:30-11:30am, or here at school this week. We will be collecting items throughout the week, with the final day of collection being this Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup> of January.

I also wanted to give advance notice of our 'Book Week,' between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> May, which will include a 'dress as a book character day' on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May. This is in conjunction with National Children's book week, as 'Science Week' is happening in school on World Book Day this year.

And finally, we seem to have had an increase of children coming to the office to sign in after a late arrival. Arriving on time really helps the children get off to the best start in the mornings and minimises disruption to others' learning.  
*Mrs Helen Scrivner*

**Girton Glebe's new Breakfast, After school and Holiday club**  
**Breakfast club open from 7:30am**  
**After school club now open until 6:00pm. Holidays 8:00am to 6:00pm**  
 A variety of breakfast, snacks and fruit are on offer for the children.  
 For more information, to register and to book our holiday play schemes Visit  
[www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk](http://www.smartkidzplayandlearn.co.uk)  
 Like our Facebook page and keep up to date with what's going on at Smartkidz  
 Play and Learn!  
**All Staff hold an enhanced CRB**  
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## Week 1

**Week commencing**  
 31/08/16, 21/09/16, 12/10/16, 09/11/16,  
 30/11/16, 04/01/16, 25/01/16

**50% fruit** Meals with this symbol contain 50% fruit

**a fresh approach**

### Monday

- ✓ Mega cheese & tomato pizza
- Shortbread biscuit with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Cheese & tomato pizza



Jacket potato with cheese & beans



Feathered lemon sponge with custard



Roast pork, stuffing & vegetables



Fish fingers

### Tuesday

- Beef Bolognese with pasta twists
- ✓ Jacket potato with cheese & baked beans
- ✗ Oaty fruit crunch with custard
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

- Chicken in tomato & basil sauce with rice
- ✓ Macaroni cheese with granary bread
- Feathered lemon sponge with custard
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

- Roast pork with apple sauce, stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Golden topped Quorn shepherd's pie with gravy
- Chocolate cracknell with fresh milk
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Crispy vegetable fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✗ Eve's pudding with custard
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

## Week 2

**Week commencing**  
 07/09/16, 28/09/16, 19/10/16, 16/11/16,  
 07/12/16, 11/01/16, 01/02/16

### Monday

- Award winning baked pork sausages with gravy & mashed potatoes
- ✓ Quorn sausage with gravy & mashed potatoes
- ✗ Fruit pie with custard
- Yeo valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Pork sausages with mash



Chicken Korma with rice



Fresh fruit and milk



Fruit and yogurt granola pot



Vegetable pasty

### Tuesday

- Creamy chicken korma with rice
- ✓ Pasta Neapolitan with French bread
- ✗ Pear & chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

- Beef lasagne with granary bread
- ✓ Mega cheese & tomato pizza
- Apple & cinnamon pancakes with ice cream
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

- Roast chicken breast fillet and stuffing with gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Vegetable pasty with gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- Chocolate oateake biscuit with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers or salmon fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Bean & vegetable bake with chips
- Steamed jam sponge with custard
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

## Week 3

**Week commencing**  
 14/09/16, 05/10/16, 02/11/16, 23/11/16,  
 14/12/16, 18/01/16, 08/02/16

### Monday

- Golden breaded chicken burger in a bun
- ✓ Cauliflower & broccoli bake with French bread
- Flapjack with fresh milk
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink



Breaded chicken burger



Sweet and sour vegetables with noodles



Fruit cobbler with custard



Roast turkey with roast potatoes



Fruit crumble with ice cream

### Tuesday

- Golden topped shepherd's pie with gravy
- ✓ Sweet & sour vegetables with noodles
- Fudge tart with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Wednesday

- Organic pork meatballs in tomato & basil sauce with penne pasta
- ✓ Quorn balls in tomato & basil sauce with penne pasta
- ✗ Fruit cobbler with custard
- ✗ Fruit & yogurt granola pot
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Thursday

- Roast turkey breast fillet with stuffing, gravy & crispy roast potatoes
- ✓ Cheese whirl with crispy roast potatoes
- Steamed chocolate sponge with chocolate sauce
- Yeo Valley organic yogurt
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink

### Friday

- Birds Eye fish fingers with tomato sauce & chips
- ✓ Leek & potato bake with tomato bread
- ✗ Fruit crumble with ice cream
- Fruit iced smoothie
- Cheddar cheese & biscuits
- Fresh fruit & a drink