



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 10

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The last fortnight has been an incredibly exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School and the classrooms have been their usual hive of activity. We are very fortunate at Girton Glebe that, not only do our children experience such an engaging curriculum within the classrooms, but they are also exposed to an exciting array of educational trips and visitors that support topic work. Please read on for a round-up of our recent highlights...

## Young Voices at the O2 Arena

On Tuesday 7 February our Year 5 & 6 pupils travelled to the O2 Arena in London accompanied by an army of dedicated staff and volunteers to take part in the Young Voices school choir concert.

The concert was the culmination of months of practise and our pupils joined 7,000 children from other schools across the south of England to perform in front of a packed house of parents and friends.

The Young Voices events are recognised as the largest school choir concerts in the world and children from all over the UK have been taking part in performances in January and February at venues in London, Manchester, Sheffield and Birmingham.

The Girton Glebe choir sang magnificently well and were fabulous ambassadors for the school. It was an incredibly long day, with coaches arriving back at school at 11.30pm and I must extend enormous thanks to Mrs Whitworth and all staff and volunteers involved in accompanying the children on the day. It was a mammoth task but the children had such an amazing time - I am sure that they will remember this experience for a long, long time!



## Bright Energy UK

Children in Maple, Cherry and Birch have been working on writing 'Balanced Arguments' in their English lessons recently. As luck would have it, a rather contentious issue arose locally as Bright Energy UK announced the siting of a new wind-farm on the recreation ground in Girton.

Whilst the children supported the green initiative in principle, many were horrified to think that they were about to lose their recreation ground to the new 12-turbine project. The chief executive of Bright Energy UK, along with a member of the parish council and local residents, kindly agreed to speak to the children about their plans and opposition to the scheme.

As you can imagine, the writing produced has been highly charged and it has been interesting to read their thoughts on both the pros and cons of the scheme.

(We can, of course, now announce that the proposed wind farm will **NOT** be going ahead!)



## Conkery and Gongga

Under the guidance of Miss Street, our Year 3 & 4 pupils have just begun taking part in an Artscapers project led by Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination.

The project is aimed at helping pupils relate to how their city is growing through art, and encourages children to help others to think creatively about these changes.

Our pupils spent the day at the Artscapers site in North-West Cambridge where they completed a range of drawing, scaling, leaf rubbing and texturing activities in a project entitled *Conkery and Gongga*. The children had a fabulous time and were suitably shattered on their return after walking the 4 mile round trip! Many thanks to all staff and volunteers who supported our pupils on this trip!

A link to the children's work can be found below:

<http://www.cambridgecandi.org.uk/projects/reimagine/artscapers#conkery-and-gonga>

The team from Cambridge Curiosity and Imagination will be returning to Girton Glebe Primary School after the half-term break to continue this work with our children.

## FOGG – Guided Reading Support

Many thanks to FOGG for the very generous donation of funds to purchase new Guided Reading material.

In Guided Reading sessions, the class teacher will typically work with a group of up to six children, reading together and asking questions around the text that is being investigated. To support this, each child in the group will have a copy of the book which they can read during the session.

Guided Reading can involve works of fiction or non-fiction and we are pleased to be able to say we have bought a selection of both including works by more famous authors such as Michael Morpurgo together with a variety of non-fiction books.

Thank you again for your generous support of events run by FOGG which greatly add to the experiences of our children here at Girton Glebe.

## School Orchestra

Just a note to inform you that rehearsals for the school orchestra will begin after the half-term break on Friday 24 February.

## SingFest

During the first week of February, Ash, Oak and Willow were treated to a singing session led by a specialist music teacher from Cambridgeshire Music.

This lesson was part of the SingFest programme which is a vocal project designed to help, support and develop singing in schools. Our children sang a range of songs, including one about finding and catching a buzzy bee which they found very funny. The children had lots of fun developing their singing voices and were very eager to continue learning more songs!

## Anti-Bullying Week & E-Safety

During the first week of next half term, Girton Glebe Primary School will be holding an anti-bullying week which will sit alongside the work that teachers are already doing in PSHCE lessons, supporting children in understanding what bullying is, what it looks like and who they can talk to if they feel that they have concerns.

We will have visitors in school during the week who will be working with our Key Stage Two pupils to lead workshops with a specific focus on cyber bullying which supplements the work covered during E-Safety lessons.

Cyber bullying and E-Safety are two parallel concerns and, along with this newsletter, I have also provided you with some advice and guidelines that you can use to support your children at home. Further to this, I will also be running an E-Safety workshop for parents during the summer term, the date for which will be confirmed next half-term.

## Diary Dates

**Half Term:** Mon 13 – Fri 17 Feb

**School Reopens:** Mon 20 Feb

**Anti-Bullying Week:** Mon 20 – Fri 24 Feb

**Artscapers Project in School:** Tues 21 Feb

**Girton Musical Theatre Assembly:** Weds 22 Feb

**Lime Class Cake Sale:** Fri 24 Feb

**French Breakfast Meeting:** Fri 3 March

**Y6 France Trip:** Mon 13 – Fri 17 March

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher

# LUNCH MENU



## WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 29<sup>th</sup> Aug • 19<sup>th</sup> Sept • 10<sup>th</sup> Oct • 7<sup>th</sup> Nov • 28<sup>th</sup> Nov • 19<sup>th</sup> Dec • 16<sup>th</sup> Jan • 6<sup>th</sup> Feb • 6<sup>th</sup> Mar • 27<sup>th</sup> Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Award winning pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Organic beef chili with mixed rice	Chicken pasta bake with garlic and herb focaccia	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
	Quorn sausage with gravy and mashed potatoes ✓	Macaroni cheese and wholemeal bread ✓	Cheesy parsnip bake with garlic and herb focaccia ✓	Roasted pepper flan with roast potatoes ✓	Quorn dippers with BBQ sauce and chips ✓
	Salmon salad wrap	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Ham Ploughman's	Jacket potato with tuna and sweetcorn	Egg and cress on an open bun ✓
DESSERTS	Chocolate surprise cake and organic milk	Apple and banana crisp with custard 50p	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Peach pudding with vanilla sauce	Mini chocolate oat biscuit and fruit 50p
	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50p	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt

50p  
Contains 50% fruit

## WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 5<sup>th</sup> Sept • 26<sup>th</sup> Sept • 17<sup>th</sup> Oct • 14<sup>th</sup> Nov • 5<sup>th</sup> Dec • 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan • 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan • 20<sup>th</sup> Feb • 13<sup>th</sup> Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Local pork and apple grill in a bun	Leek and ham pasta bake with French bread	Organic minced beef pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Salmon bites or cod goujons with chips
	Quorn grill in a bun ✓	Bean and vegetable bake with diced potatoes ✓	Falafels in a wrap with winter slow ✓	Quorn fillet, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes ✓	Vegetable enchilada with mixed rice ✓
	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Tuna and cucumber roll	Ham salad baguette	Cheese salad wrap ✓	Jacket potato with cheese and winter slow ✓
DESSERTS	Fudge tart with chocolate sauce	Sticky toffee apple sponge with custard 50p	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Strawberry whip and a mini shortbread biscuit	Mini gingerbread and fruit 50p
	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50p	Organic yogurt	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt

## WEEK 3

Weeks commencing: 12<sup>th</sup> Sept • 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct • 31<sup>st</sup> Oct • 21<sup>st</sup> Nov • 12<sup>th</sup> Dec • 9<sup>th</sup> Jan • 30<sup>th</sup> Jan • 27<sup>th</sup> Feb • 20<sup>th</sup> Mar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Organic beef lasagne with garlic bread	Chicken and sweetcorn pie with gravy and mashed potatoes	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers and chips
	Sweet potato and chickpea curry with mixed rice ✓	Neapolitan pasta with garlic and herb focaccia ✓	Mega cheese and tomato pizza ✓	Vegetable samosas with rice and yogurt and mint dip ✓	Spanish fritata and chips ✓
DESSERTS	Egg and cress baguette ✓	Jacket potato with baked beans ✓	Jacket potato with tuna mayonnaise	Ham salad baguette	Sausages under wraps
	Rice pudding with mandarin oranges	Cappuccino cake with organic milk	Wicked fruity Wednesday	Apple pie with custard 50p	Mini flapjack and fruit 50p
	Frozen yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Organic yogurt	Fruit and yogurt granola pot 50p

### AVAILABLE DAILY!

- Seasonal vegetables
- Freshly baked bread
- Salad bar
- Fresh water

### ALTERNATIVE DESSERTS

- Cheese & biscuits
- or
- Fresh fruit with a drink



Salad bar available subject to the style of service. Some menus or items on the menu are subject to change. All vegetables are seasonal with the exception of peas, sweetcorn and baked beans.

