



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 13

Friday 31 March 2017

Over the final fortnight of the Spring Term, Girton Glebe Primary School has hosted a range of amazing activities. Please read on to see what our pupils and staff have been doing...

Science Week

March 20 - 24 saw our children enjoy a wonderful array of tasks and activities to celebrate Girton Glebe's 2017 Science Week. We hosted a number of workshops led by *Cambridge Science Centre* and *Mad Science* and our pupils took part in a range of assemblies, demonstrations and classroom activities designed to support all areas of the science curriculum.



Amongst other things, our Key stage 2 pupils took part in an assembly on the digestive system, made chains of amino acids and created their own slimy putty. Our Key Stage 1 pupils took part in dinosaur digs and filled one of our classrooms with fog (see below).



One of our *Mad Science* visitors also presented some of our children with certificates for correctly answering the science question of the week.

The question asked was, 'What do you think will happen to a snowman if you put a coat on it?' The correct answer is that it would prevent it from melting as quickly as a snowman without a coat, as the coat would act as an insulator, trapping the cold and preventing the heat from getting in. Well done to all who answered this correctly!



Science Week was a huge success and it was wonderful to hear our pupils talk with so much enthusiasm about the activities that they had been involved in. Many thanks to our visitors for providing such wonderful experiences for our children and an enormous thank you should be extended to Girton Town Charity whose generous donations paid for these workshops.

Special thanks must also go to Mrs Storer for all of her hard work in putting together the Science Week timetable, organising visitors and collating the week's activities into one video for the assembly at the end of the week – she has certainly earned her Easter break!

School Development

Over the last two weeks we have had a number of visitors in school as we continue to raise standards at Girton Glebe Primary School. We had our termly visit from Lisa Murphy, our Primary Advisor and the EYFS team were visited by Diane Small, the Early Years advisor from the local authority.

One of our staff meetings was led by the literacy advisor, Katie Morlidge, who worked with us to develop editing and drafting in writing and we have a packed schedule for the forthcoming Inset day on April 18. The day will include training by the Specialist Teaching Team on behaviour management, a session on E-safety and work on Forest Schools and outdoor learning.

Parent Questionnaire

Many thanks to all parents and carers who completed the questionnaire that was signposted on the last two newsletters.

Your views and opinions are greatly appreciated and we aim to use your feedback to improve procedures around school. A more detailed response to your comments will follow in the summer term from myself and the governing body.

Wrist Bands

After Easter we will be replacing the 'Bumped Head' stickers with red wrist bands. These bands, which are far less likely to fall off during the day, will be accompanied by the accident slip you will already be familiar with.



If your child takes a dislike to these bands in the way that some children have an aversion to stickers or plasters, a member of staff will make contact with you either by telephone or on the playground to inform you of the accident.

Litter Pick

On Saturday 29 April at 12pm, Sustainable Girton will be holding a litter pick on Girton recreation ground and are looking for as many volunteers as possible to support them with this event. I know that any time you can offer will be greatly appreciated.

Red Nose Day

Red Nose Day 2017 was a huge success; thank you so much for all of your support! Through the sale of over 400 red noses, the cake sale, the donations made during 'Dress Funny for Money' and the additional contributions made to our 'cycling bucket', Girton Glebe managed to raise almost £700! Many thanks to Mr Smart for co-ordinating this event!

Thanks to all parents and pupils for embracing the red noses and fancy dress and to our staff who spent the day cycling like fury for charity! The pedals began spinning at 7.30am and were in constant motion until 3pm!



Year 6 in France

On March 13 our Year 6 children left Girton for a week in France accompanied by Mrs Whitworth, Miss Pyle, Mrs Boorman and Mrs Sebley.

Pupils and staff travelled by coach to Château de Chantereine in Criel-sur-Mer which they used as a base for five days as they explored the history and culture of the region.

During their visit, the children took the opportunity to make croissants, visit WW1 battlefields, watch biscuits being made in the locally-renowned Biscuiterie D'Hardelot and visit an apple farm. They also paid a visit to the National Sea-life Centre, took a guided tour of Rouen and went to the disco during one of their evenings!

The children arrived home at 4pm on the Friday having had a wonderful time and looking like they needed a solid weekend's rest! Many thanks to staff for making this journey with the children and extra thanks to Mrs Whitworth for all of her hard work in organising the itinerary and logistics of the trip!

Willow Cake Sale

Many thanks to all parents, carers and pupils who bought cakes at the recent Willow Class Cake Sale. £175 was raised at this event, all of which will go straight back to Willow Class for the benefit of its children.

Many thanks to FOGG for organising and running this event - your hard work and support is always greatly appreciated!

Diary Dates

A few dates for your diary which lead us in to the Summer term:

Inset Day: Tues 18 April

School Re-opens: Weds 19 April

Big Pedal Mountain Bike Demo: Thurs 20 April

Y1 Phonics Meeting: Thurs 20 April 1530 in Oak

Y2 SATs Meeting: Thurs 20 April 1600 in Oak

Growth Mindset Learning Meeting for Parents: Mon 8 May 1800 in the school hall

Thank you for your continued support, have a lovely Easter!

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher

LUNCH MENU



50%
Contains
50% fruit



WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 17th Apr • 8th May • 5th June • 26th June • 17th July • 18th Sept • 9th Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	East Anglian pork sausages with gravy and mashed potatoes	Chicken pasta bake with garlic bread	Yorkshire pudding with beef strips and herby diced potatoes	Roast pork, stuffing, apple sauce and gravy with roast potatoes	Oven baked battered cod fillet with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Fruit flapjack with a slice of fresh fruit ^{50%}	Apple and cinnamon crumble with custard ^{50%}	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Strawberry mousse and a fresh fruit slice ^{50%}	Fruit muffin with fresh milk
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt

WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 24th Apr • 15th May • 12th June • 3rd July • 4th Sept • 25th Sept • 16th Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Local pork grill in a bun	Beef Bolognese with penne pasta	Barbeque chicken with rice	Roast turkey, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers or salmon bites with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit ^{50%}	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Vanilla cheesecake	Cappuccino cake with fresh milk
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt

WEEK 3

Weeks commencing: 1st May • 22nd May • 19th June • 10th July • 11th Sept • 2nd Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAINS	Pork meatballs with tomato and basil sauce and spaghetti	Beef shepherd's pie and gravy	Mega ham and tomato pizza	Roast chicken, stuffing and gravy with roast potatoes	Fish fingers with tomato sauce and chips
DESSERTS	Waffle and ice cream	Carrot cake and fruit slice with fresh milk ^{50%}	Wicked fruity Wednesday ^{100%}	Fruit jelly with ice cream	Oat and raisin biscuit with a slice of fresh fruit ^{50%}
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot ^{50%}

AVAILABLE DAILY!

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

A vegetarian option is available each day if required.

ALTERNATIVE DESSERT

- 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.