



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Last week we welcomed our pupils back for the beginning of the Summer Term and already the school has been a hive of activity. As you will have seen on the list of dates which I circulated last week, the Summer Term is an incredibly busy time of year, and here is a round-up of the last fortnight's activities at Girton Glebe Primary School...

## The Big Pedal

As you know, our pupils took to the roads and pavements again in March, in support of The Big Pedal 2017, a nationwide initiative supporting and encouraging children to cycle and scoot to school.

With 1693 schools and over half a million children taking part, we achieved an excellent result: 81<sup>st</sup> in the country, with 52% of our pupils making their journey by bike or scooter, and 12<sup>th</sup> regionally in East Anglia.

Within the school, Oak Class scooped gold, closely followed by Willow and Maple in silver and bronze positions respectively.

In celebration of this, we were rewarded with a special visit from 4x European Mountain Bike Trials Champion, Danny Butler. Danny now runs the Extreme Mountain Bike Show and arrived on the school playground in his van loaded with a plethora of obstacles that he would later jump over or on to!

The whole school spent almost an hour outside with Danny as he showed us some of the skills which made him a European Champion; balancing his bike on narrow bars, bunny-hopping 4ft into the air and even jumping off the roof of his van! Miss Street was also incredibly brave and 'volunteered' to allow Danny to hop his bike over her, on one wheel, landing his tyre close to her arms, legs and head!



Thank you to all of our pupils, parents and carers who supported the Big Pedal and thank you to Mrs Watkinson for organising this event!

## Science and BrainArt

This week in science, Maple and Birch class have been investigating reversible and irreversible changes and separating mixtures. They have carried out a number of mini investigations such as filtering muddy water, heating salt water, mixing Cola with Bicarbonate of Soda and trying to separate rice, peas and flour. The aim of these investigations was to find out whether a chemical change takes place if we mix different materials and if these changes are reversible or irreversible. The children also made detailed observations about each investigation before and after they mixed the materials.



This week our KS2 children were also fortunate enough to have a visit from Dr. Dervila Glynn from the University of Cambridge. She gave a special assembly about the brain and Neuroscience as an introduction to BRAINFest, a free festival of Brain Science, which will be taking place on the weekend of 23-25 June at the Cambridge Corn Exchange.

The children have been invited to produce their own piece of BRAINArt work inspired by, and relating to the brain which may be picked and exhibited at the festival. Over the next few weeks the children will be working on producing some exciting pieces of work which can be submitted to this competition.

## Information Evenings

I would just like to draw your attention to two dates that were published on last week's Summer Term itinerary and extend a further invitation for you to join us during these information sessions.

### **Growth Mindset Information Evening: May 8, 6pm**

Since September we have been using the research of Prof Carol Dweck to develop growth mindset learning throughout school. We have used this research to develop a range of strategies designed to instil resilience and self-motivation in our pupils and on May 8 I will share some of these practices with you and discuss things that you can do to support your children at home with this.

### **E-Safety Information Evening: May 15, 6pm**

At this session I will share resources and information about how we can ensure that our children stay safe online and manage their use of the internet responsibly.

Both of these events will take place in the school hall and I look forward to welcoming you at these sessions.

## School Development

During our Inset day on April 18 we received training from two members of the Specialist Teaching Team on behaviour management strategies and spent some time during the afternoon exploring Forest Schools provision with Mr Smart.

During staff meetings we have worked on developing a broader range of assessment strategies for use during lessons based on the work of Dylan Wiliam and have spent time on E-safety provision.

## Legislation on Term Time Holidays

This has been a high-profile feature in the media recently, following the Isle of Wight court case and I just wanted to clarify DfE guidance sent to schools since the completion of this trial.

Guidance now states that, if a child is (unauthorised) absent from school for more than 6 consecutive sessions (3.5 school days) on two occasions over a three year period then parents will be issued with a fixed penalty notice. This penalty will be charged at £60 per pupil, per parent if paid within the first 21 days. Between 21 and 28 days this figure will rise to £120.

If you have any concerns regarding this matter then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

## Bikeability Plus

We are pleased to announce that we will be working with Outspoken Training in partnership with Cambridgeshire County Council to offer a new cycling programme called Bikeability Plus which is being trialled in a few areas across the country.

The free programme, which will run for 5 weeks beginning in June, is an exciting and active range of cycling activities designed to ensure that children and families are given the opportunities, skills, support and guidance they need to make cycling to school part of their everyday life. This means that pupils will have the opportunity to learn new skills such as:

- **Cycle Try Out Show** for all pupils during school / pupils and families after school on 7th June
- **Balance Bike** training for pupils in Ash Class on 4 Wednesday mornings from 14th June
- **Learn to Ride Training** for selected pupils
- **Bike Maintenance Club** for pupils in Y6
- Lots of **fun activities and prizes** to reward pupils for cycling to school.

At the launch event on Wednesday 7th June, children in all classes will have a chance to try out a range of different bikes including recumbent and balance bikes. Helmets will be provided.

Bikeability Learn to Ride sessions are for those children who are unable to cycle, including those children who are ready to make the move to riding and older children who are struggling to master the skill. Priority will be given to children in Years 3-5 for a one hour lesson - the children will need their own bike and helmet. See the attached leaflet to decide if you would like to sign up for Bike Maintenance Club or Learn to Ride Training sessions.

## Diary Dates

**Sustainable Girton litter pick, Girton Recreation Ground:**  
Sat 29 April, 12pm

**Art & Environment group:** Sat 6 May, morning

**Growth Mindset Meeting:** Mon 8 May 6pm

**KS2 SATs Week:** 8 – 11 May

**FOGG family ceilidh:** Sat 13 May, 6.30pm--9.30pm

**Ash Class cake sale:** Fri 26th May, 3.15pm

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher

# LUNCH MENU



## WEEK 1

Weeks commencing: 17<sup>th</sup> Apr + 8<sup>th</sup> May + 5<sup>th</sup> June + 26<sup>th</sup> June + 17<sup>th</sup> July + 13<sup>th</sup> Sept + 9<sup>th</sup> Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAINS</b>	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
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Fruit flapjack with a slice of fresh fruit <sup>50%</sup>	Apple and cinnamon crumble with custard <sup>50%</sup>	Wicked fruity Wednesday <sup>100%</sup>	Strawberry mousse and a fresh fruit slice <sup>50%</sup>	Fruit muffin with fresh milk
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot <sup>50%</sup>	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt

## WEEK 2

Weeks commencing: 24<sup>th</sup> Apr + 15<sup>th</sup> May + 12<sup>th</sup> June + 3<sup>rd</sup> July + 4<sup>th</sup> Sept + 29<sup>th</sup> Sept + 16<sup>th</sup> Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAINS</b>	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
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Mini chocolate brownie with fresh fruit <sup>50%</sup>	American pancake and ice cream with raspberry sauce	Wicked fruity Wednesday <sup>100%</sup>	Vanilla cheesecake	Cappuccino cake with fresh milk
	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot <sup>50%</sup>	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt

## WEEK 3

Weeks commencing: 1<sup>st</sup> May + 22<sup>nd</sup> May + 19<sup>th</sup> June + 10<sup>th</sup> July + 11<sup>th</sup> Sept + 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>MAINS</b>	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
<b>DESSERTS</b>	Waffle and ice cream	Carrot cake and fruit slice with fresh milk <sup>50%</sup>	Wicked fruity Wednesday <sup>100%</sup>	Fruit jelly with ice cream	Oat and raisin biscuit with a slice of fresh fruit <sup>50%</sup>
	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit yoghurt	Iced fruit smoothie	Fruit yoghurt	Fruit and yoghurt granola pot <sup>50%</sup>

### 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.