



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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We have had an incredibly busy fortnight at Girton Glebe Primary School, with our pupils involved in a range of exciting activities. Please read on for a round-up of recent events...

Y5 Visit Walnut Tree Manor

On May 3, our Year 5 pupils travelled to Stowmarket for a three-day residential trip at Walnut Tree Manor. The children left school early on Wednesday morning, arrived back in Girton at 3pm on Friday and, in between, took part in a range of amazing outdoor activities.



The children displayed excellent teamwork skills as they completed kayaking challenges, scaled climbing walls and took part in 'nightline' activities designed to develop communication. They also enjoyed archery, abseiling, riding quadbikes and raft building during their stay – great fun was had by all!



Many thanks to Mr Kohler, Miss Pyle, Mr Smart and Ms Mansfield for accompanying the children on this trip and well done to our pupils for being such fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary School!

Fish Cakes!

On Thursday 4 May, a group of Year 3 pupils, armed with ingredients, travelled from Girton Glebe to Impington Village College to take part in a cookery workshop led by IVC staff.

The children spent time in the school's kitchens and, over the course of the afternoon, followed a recipe in order to rustle up their own fish cakes.

Throughout the summer term, all of our Year 3 and Year 4 pupils will get the opportunity to travel to IVC to take part in similar events, producing a range of different foods. Thank you to Miss Street for organising these events!

Information Evenings & Downloads

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended the Growth Mindset information evening on Monday. It was a pleasure to share the strategies we are using in school with such an enthusiastic audience.

Following this, I have produced an information pack which outlines what we are doing in school, the research behind this and what parents and carers can do at home to support their children in becoming independent, resilient learners. This pack is available to download on the school website if you click on 'Curriculum' and follow the 'Growth Mindset Learning' link.

On Monday 15 May I will be delivering an E-safety information evening at 6pm in the school hall. There is now an E-Safety section on the school website under 'Parent Information' which provides a range of links and documents that you can use to support your children at home.

With regard to E-safety, this week I have dealt with a number of cases of children discussing some rather worrying content that they have viewed whilst browsing **YouTube** outside of school and ask parents and carers to be mindful of what children are able to access on this site.

YouTube can be an amazing tool and, although some of the content is age-restricted, it can be very easy for children to be exposed to inappropriate videos if adequate filters are not put in place.

Although YouTube carries a 13+ age restriction it does allow parents to put age-restricted blocks on videos, however, this filter is not completely infallible. For more information please see the NSPCC guidance on YouTube:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/youtube>

Pool Painting (and more!)

A generous group of parents kindly gave up their time on Friday and Saturday last week to help paint the swimming pool, as the contractors who were scheduled to paint cancelled on Bank Holiday Monday!

The finished pool looks fantastic and we can't wait to start swimming in it after half-term. Information on joining the Family Swim Club for after-school and weekend swimming will be sent out shortly. The Parent Date for your diaries: the resus sessions for parents will run on Wednesday 7 June at 9.15am and 6.15pm.

The group also gave a fresh lick of paint to the benches by the pool and in the playground, and also spruced up the school maypole – many thanks to all who helped! Your support is greatly appreciated! See the following before and after shots of the pool:



I would also like to offer a belated thank you to FOGG for funding the Extreme Mountain Bike Show, which was mentioned in the last newsletter.

School Development

This week we were fortunate enough to host specialist autism training led by the senior leadership team from Gretton and were joined by colleagues from Histon Infants, Histon Juniors and Hatton Park primaries.

Over the last two weeks, staff meetings have been focussed on developing the progression of writing skills over the course of a unit of work and coverage of foundation subject skills within long-term planning.

Cambridgeshire Catering Survey

Cambridgeshire Catering Service are keen to gauge your views regarding the menus that are served within schools and have issued the following request:

Cambridgeshire Catering Service would like to support schools and encourage pupils to make informed choices about the foods they eat every day. Eating habits are formed in childhood, and as adults, these long-held habits can be very hard to break. Therefore, to start children on the right track and to reflect Public Health England Healthy Eating Guidelines, we would like your views on healthy food options and the continued provision of sweet puddings every day.

If you would like to help shape future school meal provision, please complete the questionnaire by following the link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/HQW5J5C>.

Litter Pick

Sustainable Girton would like to thank all pupils, parents and carers who turned out to support their litter pick event on 29 April. Your support makes a huge difference and I know that it was greatly appreciated!

Lunchtime Supervisors

We are currently recruiting for lunchtime supervisors, please see details at www.girtonglebe.com/jobs.

Ms Collison

As you will be aware from Issue 11 of the school newsletter, Ms Collison will soon be leaving us after 9 years of service at Girton Glebe Primary School. Some parents and carers have expressed an interest in making donations towards Gill's leaving present and, if you would like to do so, please leave these with the school office. We will be putting all collections towards gardening vouchers. Thank you in advance for your support!

Fantastic Mr Fox

On Thursday 11 May, our Key Stage 1 pupils travelled to Cambridge to spend the morning enjoying over two hours of live theatre to support the topic work that they have been covering in English.

The children visited the Cambridge Arts Theatre to see an adaptation of Roald Dahl's Fantastic Mr Fox and, following the performance, had a picnic on the green before catching the bus back to school.

Many thanks to Ms Edwards and Mrs Tate for organising this, and a big thank you to all staff and parent volunteers who accompanied the children on this trip!



Pet Morning

On Monday 8 May, our Key Stage 1 and EYFS pupils enjoyed a morning of talks and demonstrations about how to look after pets from a range of expert visitors!

The children were taught about when, and how, to approach dogs and now know how to pat dogs safely. They practised this on a life-sized stuffed dog called Woody!

Key Stage 2 SATs

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils on completing a gruelling week of SATs tests! Between Monday and Thursday, the children completed 6 tests and I would like to say a special thank you to Mrs Whitworth and the dedicated staff working with Year 6 for preparing the children so well for this week!

I would also like to say a big thank you to all parents and carers who supplied food for the SATs Breakfast sessions that we ran in the school hall from 8.30am. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Year 6 celebrated the end of SATs with a party on Thursday afternoon and are now focussed on a range of projects and productions which will take them through to the end of the summer term. Well done, Year 6, we are very proud of you!

Visitors in School

A reminder that, as a parent, if you wish to visit the school then you must sign in via the office. If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher at the beginning or end of the day then they will be available on the playground. Visitors are not permitted to be in school corridors, including dropping off children, collecting bags or visiting children's trays etc, unless they have signed in at the office. Thank you for your understanding regarding this matter.

Diary Dates

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

E-Safety Information Evening: Mon 15 May, 6pm

E-Safety Week: Mon 15 – Fri 19 May

Year 3/4 Visit IVC (Cookery Session): Tues 23 May (pm)

Class Photos: Weds 24 May

Sports Day: Thurs 25 May (pm)

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

Half Term: Mon 29 May – Fri 2 June

Inset Day: Mon 5 June

School Reopens: Tues 6 June

Pool Resus Training for Parents/Carers: Weds 7 June, 9.15am and 6.15pm

Reserve Sports Day: Thurs 8 June (pm)

Year 3/4 Trip to West Stow: Mon 12 June

Year 3/4 Visit IVC (Cookery Session): Tues 13 June (pm)

Thank you for your continued support.

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.