



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 2

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We have had an exciting couple of weeks at Girton Glebe Primary School and the children are now settled into their new classes and fully immersed in their project work. Please read on for a flavour of what has been going on around school...

## Birch Visit IVC

Children in Year 6 attended an Impington Village College taster session on Tuesday. They started with a short assembly in the school hall given by the Principle and then left to attend two regular secondary school lessons

Our children took part in either a maths lesson - where they worked out how to use number systems in different languages - or a science lesson, where they tested the strengths of different strawberry strings! Following a break, they then took part in a PE lesson where they either developed their basketball or dodgeball skills in the sports hall.

It was a fabulous opportunity for the children to feel what life in a secondary school is all about. Many thanks to our volunteer helpers Ms Rennie and Mrs Bowler for accompanying the class on the day.

## SonicPi, Keyboards and Recorders

Over the last week our Year 4 and Year 6 pupils have been taking part in SonicPi and keyboard lessons led by peripatetic music teachers alongside their class teachers.

On Monday afternoons, for the next 10 weeks, Year 4 children will be working with Pete Ord to develop their coding skills. This week they learnt how to code different pitches and some children were even able to play *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star*.



Our Year 6 pupils are working with Mr Wright on Friday afternoons, and last week learnt about the position of notes on the keyboard and performed the classic hits *Get Back* and *Lean on Me*.

This Monday, our Year 3 pupils began learning the recorder with Mrs Christie and are working towards performing a piece called *Spooky Spinney*. They spent time playing games designed to develop their tempo skills and have begun reading standard notation.

## Science & Stick Insects

This week in science, Lime and Maple have been learning that sounds are made when objects vibrate. They made string telephones and used tuning forks and bowls of water to investigate vibrations. In Cherry and Birch, the children carried out research using laptops to find out lots of facts about the solar system.

In other science related news, the Science Question is back and is waiting to be answered; you'll find it on the school website and on the science notice board in the main corridor.

The stick insects have arrived and the three lovely ladies are waiting to be named. There is a competition for the most original and fitting names; please write your suggestions on a piece of paper and post them in the box in the entrance hall, remembering to include your own name and class. The winning names will be announced next week.

## School Development

Over the last fortnight we have covered a range of items during the September Inset and subsequent staff meetings. We continue to develop formative assessment strategies and build on our Growth Mindset culture using the academic research of Dylan Wiliam and Gordon Stobart and have also spent time embedding our practice in maths 'mastery'.

Part of the September Inset was spent revisiting e-safety and we have also been adapting our approach to handwriting across the school – further information on cursive handwriting will soon be coming your way.

## Twitter

Thanks to all parents and carers who have joined us on Twitter to share Girton Glebe related updates. We will continue to post curriculum celebrations, news and reminders and will keep you informed about trips and events, starting with the Cherry/Birch outing taking place next Friday.

If you haven't already done so, you can follow us at @GirtonGlebePS

## Foundation Stage Forest Schools

Our new Foundation Stage pupils have had an action-packed start to the term and are settling in well at Girton Glebe Primary School. There is a real buzz around the classroom and it is wonderful to see the children getting on so well together.

The children have been busy in the forest making magic sticks with Mr Smart and made excellent use of last week's windy weather by using a piece of tarpaulin to create waves!



The children have also spent lots of time developing their number skills and have been out in the garden measuring our giant sunflowers!



The EYFS classroom and corridor now looks incredibly vibrant with all of the children's artwork on display – well done, children, a fantastic job!

## Birch Class Assembly

Well done to all of our Year 6 children for such an entertaining class assembly this morning! Parents, family members and pupils were treated to the medley of all medleys as Year 6 performed World War 2 songs, a scene from Macbeth and shared an itinerary of all the wonderful things they will be doing in their final year at Girton Glebe Primary. Three weeks in to the school year, it was such an impressive performance and enormous thanks go to Mr Kohler and his wonderful Year 6 class!

## Birmingham Marathon

I would like to say an enormous thank you to all parents and carers who have shown support for my Birmingham Marathon challenge, either via sponsorship or words of encouragement. It really is hugely appreciated and makes such a difference!

With four weeks to go, training is going well and I have a 21-miler ahead of me this Sunday before I start to ease off ahead of the event on October 22. As you know, the charity I am running for is very close to my heart and I am very grateful to all who have helped me surpass my target of raising £500, with the current total standing at £760. Thank you!

## Diary Dates

**Rising 5s Open Morning:** Saturday 23 September (1000 – 1200)

**EYFS New Parent Meeting:** Tuesday 26 September (1800 – 1900)

**FOGG Autumn Jumble Sale:** Saturday 30 September

**Y6 IVC Invasion Games Festival:** Thursday 5 October (0900 – 1200)

**Y6 SATs Information Meeting:** Wednesday 11 October (1800 – 1830)

**Harvest Festival:** Thursday 12 October (0900 – New EYFS parents invited)

**Y3 IVC Invasion Games Festival:** Friday 13 October (0900 – 1200)

### Parent Consultations:

Wednesday 18 October (1530 – 1900)

Thursday 19 October (1530 – 1800)

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 • 18<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
- Solid bar
- Fresh water

A vegetarian option is available each day if required.

### ALTERNATIVE DESSERT

- Fresh fruit with a drink



Solid 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.