



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 3

Friday 6 October 2017

What a busy fortnight we have had at Girton Glebe! There have been so many exciting things happening around the school and I would like to share with you a summary of some of these events...

Staffing Update

I am delighted to announce that this week we appointed Miss Alex Browne to join our teaching team in January. Miss Browne will be teaching Maple Class in the New Year and will be spending lots of time in school in the lead up to the end of term so she can get to know the children and our team.

Duxford Evacuation!

Over the last fortnight, children from Birch, Cherry, Maple and Lime spent a day at The Imperial War Museum at Duxford, learning about life in Britain during the Second World War and in particular, about the Battle of Britain.

The children came dressed as evacuees and visited the many hangars at Duxford, learning about the planes of the Royal Air Force and the key events which happened during the war.



Thank you to all the parent volunteers who supported the trip and for helping the children dress in period costumes. Our picture shows children in Birch class who were lucky enough to be able to visit a Spitfire before it took off for a test flight.

Thing 1, Thing 2 and Thing 3...

The winning names for the stick insects have now been revealed with the winners being chosen from almost 300 entries! Our three beasts are now known as Shadow, Orion and Neutron and their names were chosen by Neve and Kirsty (Shadow) John (Neutron) and Skye (Orion). Well done also to the runners-up and everyone who took part, there were some wonderful suggestions in the box!



This week, Science Certificates were presented to the following pupils for their answers to the sound question which was posted on the science board and school website. Congratulations to: Jessie, Lauren, Milo and Merryn.



Shakespeare Schools Festival

Birch Class continue to learn their lines and parts for their version of Macbeth which will form part of the Shakespeare Schools Festival in November at the Mumford Theatre.

This week the children visited the venue and took part in an acting masterclass, thinking in particular about how they will deliver their lines and ensure that the audience at the back of the theatre will be able to hear and see everything that they do.

Tickets for the performance will be available soon.



Harvest Festival

On Thursday 12 October, we will be holding our harvest festival assembly in the school hall. The assembly will begin at 0900 and we would like to extend a warm welcome to parents of children in Ash Class to join us for this event.

This year we will be supporting Jimmy's Cambridge, a charity set up to assist the homeless community within the city. Any donations of dried food or tins would be greatly appreciated. Please send these in with your child on the morning of the harvest festival.

School Development

Staff meetings over the last fortnight have been focussed on developing extended writing, spelling and phonics and we have spent time using Scratch software to develop coding skills both within Computing and across topic work.

During Monday's Inset session, we will revisit our approaches to planning foundation subjects based on a clear progression of key skills.

Lost & Found

A dark red micro-scooter (youth size) was found by the pool during the summer holidays – please ask at the School Office if you would like to check to see if this belongs to your child.

Unauthorised Absences

I would like to draw your attention to a recent change in government policy in regard to extended periods of unauthorised absence which are being enforced by the Local Authority and the Education Welfare Officers.

Penalty notices may now be issued for single event absences of three or more consecutive school days where these absences are unauthorised because they are neither exceptional nor unavoidable.

The fully-updated Attendance Policy can be found on the school website but if you would like to discuss this matter further then please do not hesitate to contact me in school.

Huge Thanks!

I would like to say an enormous thank you to our ever-wonderful FOGG team for all of their hard work in organising last Saturday's jumble sale in the school hall. They managed to raise a staggering £1200 for Girton Glebe Primary, all of which will go back to supporting opportunities for our children! Thank you also to everybody who came out to support this event!

I must also say a huge thank you to all staff, children and parents who came to support us during the Rising 5s Open Morning on Saturday 23 September. The EYFS classroom was packed with prospective parents and it was wonderful to have so many people on hand to share their experiences of Girton Glebe with preschool parents. Thank you all so much!

Diary Dates

Inset – School Closed: Monday 9 October

Y6 SATs Information Meeting: Wednesday 11 October (1800 – 1830) in Birch Class

Harvest Festival: Thursday 12 October (0900 – 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: 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.