



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 5

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The second half of the autumn term is now in full swing and there have been many exciting things happening at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Mr Smart and his partner, Ellie, who are now proud parents for the second time. Adam, Ellie and Jack welcomed baby Isla into the family during the half-term; mother and child are both well and Mr Smart will be returning to Girton Glebe on Monday after a fortnight's paternity leave.

We also extend our congratulations to Mrs Fitch who has announced that she is expecting her second child which is due in March 2018. Mrs Fitch will remain with us until the spring half-term and we will soon be advertising for a teacher to share the role in Willow with Mrs Knowler.

## Mini First Aid

Many thanks to Ruth Wilson of Mini First Aid and our EYFS, Y1 and Y2 pupils for all of their hard work on Friday 3 November. The pupils took part in workshops throughout the day which were designed to give them confidence in basic life-saving care in case of an emergency.

The children worked incredibly hard practising their new skills and received a certificate for the nationally-accredited course at the end of the workshop – well done all!



## Girton Glebe Open Day

Many thanks to all who came out to share our open day sessions with us this week. It was a wonderful atmosphere in school and the classrooms and corridors looked lovely – well done to all staff for their hard work and dedication in preparing for this event!

We were joined by a nice mixture of both present and prospective parents and, during the evening session, were also given a short presentation by Ryan Kelsall, Principal of IVC.

Well done to all of our Year 6 ambassadors who did an exceptional job of showing prospective parents around the school; your enthusiasm and impeccable manners made a great impression! We are very proud of you all! Many thanks to FOGG for providing refreshments during both sessions; it is always a pleasure to see you in school!

## New Hall Projector

Over the half-term break we had a new projector and screen installed in the school hall which was funded by South Cambs District Council and money we received from John Lewis. The screen makes a massive difference during assemblies and lessons which are taught in the hall. Here it is pictured showing the winning house of last half-term (well done, Churchill!).



## Shadow, Neutron and Orion

On a Thursday lunch time, the children are given the opportunity to help clean out the stick insects. If your child would like to help out, please let Mrs Storer know.

If you would also like to take the stick insects home for a weekend (no work involved!), please let Mrs Storer know in writing and arrangements can be made for you to collect them.

## Year 5 & 6 Polar Explorers Programme

Our Upper Key Stage 2 pupils are currently involved in the Polar Explorers Programme being led by Mrs Storer and a STEM ambassador. This week they have been taking part in the Antarctica Day flags initiative by designing flags to be flown across the Antarctic continent. The five best flags will be entered into a competition to celebrate Antarctica Day on December 1. The flags will then be sent to the Antarctic with polar scientists and engineers from all over the world.

A picture of their flags will then be taken as proof that they have made the journey down south. The children will then receive a certificate to say where their flag was displayed, and who their flag carrier was.

## Parent Volunteers

We are incredibly fortunate to have such wonderfully supportive parents and carers at Girton Glebe and always appreciate your support when offers are made to help out around school or on trips.

If you would like to offer some of your time to support us, then please see your child's class teacher or one of our members of staff in the school office. DBS clearance is not essential in order to accompany us on school visits.

## Visitors in School

As you are aware, it is one of our key safeguarding duties to ensure that school staff know which visiting adults are on site at any one time and this is the reason why visitors to assemblies etc are asked to sign in at the school office. With this in mind, I appreciate that at the beginning and end of the day this is slightly more challenging, especially if you simply need to pop in to collect an item from your child's tray or peg.

I would like to ensure that all parents and carers feel welcome in school at any time but, in consideration of our safeguarding duty, I request that you please ask your child's class teacher or teaching assistant before entering the building so that all adults and children can be accounted for

if, for example, there were to be a fire alarm at these peak times. Thank you in advance for your understanding of this matter.

## Remembrance Day

Thank you to all children, parents and carers who have supported us in raising money for the Poppy Appeal. Our Year 6 children have done a fabulous job of selling poppies around school this week and were magnificent ambassadors for Girton Glebe as they attended the war memorial on Friday 10 to read aloud their poetry and observe a minute's silence. It has been lovely to see so many children wearing poppies around school in support of this cause – well done all!

## School Admissions Consultation

The School Admissions Code 2014 require the Local Authority to consult each year on the admission arrangements for schools for which they are responsible. Part of this consultation is to seek the views of parents. The link below will take you to the online survey and will also allow you to view relevant documents explaining the arrangements for school admissions:

<https://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/residents/children-and-families/schools-&-learning/apply-for-a-school-place/annual-consultation-of-admission-arrangements>

## Diary Dates

**Shakespeare Schools Festival Performance:** Tuesday 14 November, Mumford Theatre (1900 - 2200)

**Lime Class Assembly:** Friday 17 November (0900)

**Children in Need Events:** Friday 17 November (0950 – 1100)

**Maple Class Assembly:** Friday 24 November (0900)

**FOGG Christmas Fair:** Saturday 25 November

**Y4 – Y6 Cross Country Competition:** Thursday 28 November (am)

**Year 3 Bikeability:** Friday 1 December (please ensure bikes, locks and helmets are brought to school for this event)

**KS1 Performance:** Friday 8 December (am & pm – times TBC)

**EYFS Nativity:** Friday 15 December (0900 – 1000)

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson,*

Headteacher