



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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There have been many exciting things happening at Girton Glebe Primary School. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

Shakespeare Schools Festival

On Tuesday 14 November our Year 6 pupils took part in their final performance of *Macbeth* as part of the annual Shakespeare Schools Festival. This year there were over 1000 schools taking part in the festival in 136 theatres across the UK and, over the course of the evening, our children shared the stage with pupils from two other schools, each performing separate plays.

After many months of rehearsals, our children did themselves proud in front of a packed audience at the Mumford Theatre, Cambridge, taking on all the roles required to stage such a show. In performing such a professional and engaging production, our pupils assumed the roles of the cast, technicians, stage managers and marketing assistants and received both well-deserved applause from the audience and an incredibly positive appraisal by the Shakespeare Schools leader at the end of the show.

Huge thanks must be extended to Mr Kohler for directing the performance and to Miss Pyle and volunteers for accompanying the children to the theatre. Many thanks also to all of the parents involved for making time for rehearsals and organising costumes and props!

Pocket Opera

On Monday 20 November, our pupils were treated to a special assembly led by the English Pocket Opera group in conjunction with the SingFest programme.

Over the course of an hour, the children were given an introduction to singing by two professional opera singers and a pianist using excerpts from over 20 operas. They also took part in a sing-a-long version of an opera where they became the main characters and were part of an unscripted 15-minute opera improvised using the children's suggestions.

Great fun was had by all – well done to all of our children for taking part with such enthusiasm!

Children in Need Event

On Friday 17 November our pupils and staff took to the sports field, for the first time together, in support of Children in Need and were cheered on by an enthusiastic audience of family members and friends.



The first event of the morning was a running challenge around two tracks marked out on the school field. The children ran in their Houses and were given fabulous support by the crowds on the sidelines, raising money for Children in Need with each lap they completed. We will soon be announcing prizes for the greatest number of laps completed in each year group and we will reveal the grand total of our fundraising once the deadline for returning sponsorship has passed (Friday 1 December).



Once the running events were completed, our school football team took to the pitch wearing their new kit to take on an elite team made up of staff from Girton Glebe Primary. The match was eagerly contested and the scoring was opened with a stunning headed goal by the Headteacher (into his own net). The school team played magnificently, stringing together some excellent passes and, despite conceding a late penalty, thoroughly deserved their 4-3 victory over the staff team.

Congratulations to all pupils and staff who took part in the morning's events and many thanks to all who came out to support us in celebrating the opening of the new field.

FOGG Christmas Fair

A reminder that this Saturday, November 25 is the FOGG Christmas Fair. The event will be held in the school hall between 2pm and 4pm and you are all warmly invited to spend the afternoon with us for much festive merriment and fundraising.

There will be gift stalls, a Santa's grotto, a café, tombola and stalls run by staff with all proceeds going to Girton Glebe Primary.

Many thanks in advance for your support and special thanks to FOGG for organising such a wonderful event!

Parenting Evening

Just a note to say that the Sibling Rivalry workshop being led by our family support worker, Cathrin Przywara, has been postponed.

The event was due to be held at Girton Glebe on Thursday 30 November between 7pm and 8.30pm but will be rescheduled due to booking numbers.

If you would like to talk to Cathrin about any issues which are concerning you then please do not hesitate to contact her at cprzywara@impington.cambs.sch.uk

Alternatively, Cathrin is in school on Thursday afternoons between 1pm and 4pm if you would like to drop in and see her.

School Development

Over the last fortnight, our staff meeting sessions have been focused on numerous key aspects of teaching and learning. This week we spent time exploring new strategies for teaching and extending learning in the understanding of fractions and last week we received first aid training covering asthma and anaphylaxis. Next week we will be completing

whole-school writing moderation activities to validate teacher judgements in the lead up to the end of term.

Year 6 Choir

Congratulations to our Year 6 choir who have been on a mini tour of Girton this week, performing songs at both Abbeyfield and Midfield Lodge.

The performances were incredibly well-received and our children were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary School. Many thanks to all volunteers who accompanied the children on their tour, your support is greatly appreciated!

E-Safety

A reminder that the E-Safety section of the school website (in 'Parent Information') provides a wealth of information and links for you to supplement the work we do in school in order to support children in being safe online.



The advice on the Childnet website and the NSPCC's Netaware page is invaluable if you haven't already seen it. Both of these pages are continuously updated as their experts research new and trending apps and sites that are popular with younger audiences.

Diary Dates

FOGG Christmas Fair: Saturday 25 November (1400-1600)

Y4-Y6 Cross Country Competition: Tues 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 (0900- 1000 and 1400 - 1500)

Y5/6 choir Christmas Concert: Thursday 14 December (1900 – 2030)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 15 December (0900 – 1000)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson, Headteacher