



Girton Glebe Newsletter

Issue 7

Friday 8 December 2017

As the autumn term draws itself to a close, Girton Glebe Primary has been its usual hive of activity with many exciting things happening in and around school. Please read on for a round-up of our latest news...

Welcome!

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Mrs Jenny Leung who has joined us this week as our new clubs co-ordinator.

Jenny is incredibly experienced in this area and runs extra-curricular provision outside of term time for schools in Cambourne. Jenny will be with us Monday – Thursday between 1245 and 1700. I am sure that you will see her around before the end of term so please do make her feel welcome.

FOGG Christmas Fair



This year's Friends of Girton Glebe (FOGG) Christmas Fair was an amazing success, with the hall and classrooms filled with festive stalls and activities to raise money for the school.

Amongst our stalls we had Santa's grotto, a mystery tombola, mulled wine and mince pies, festive games and an array of beautiful homemade arts and crafts to purchase.

The event was incredibly well attended and visitors were treated to two wonderful carol performances by the Girton Community Choir and the school choir which was led by Mrs Whitworth.

I must extend our gratitude to FOGG who raised an astonishing £1743 for the school at this event. Girton Glebe is so incredibly fortunate to have such a supportive parent body and the work that FOGG do is an invaluable support to the provision we offer in our classrooms.

During the Christmas Fair, FOGG and Cottontails were presented with a cheque for £3,152 from Paul and the management at The Co-op from their Local Community Fund; our thanks once again for the continued support from our local store.



Huge thanks to all staff, pupils, parents, carers and members of the community who came out in support of this event; we could not have done it without you.

Key Stage 1 Performance

Congratulations to our children in Years 1 & 2 who performed their Christmas production, *Born in a Barn*, on Friday 8 December to two packed audiences.

The performance saw our pupils telling the Christmas story from the animals' perspective when they realised there was a baby in the barn. As visitors arrive, the animals begin to understand what a privilege it is to share their home with such an important baby.

Our children worked so hard to learn their lines and rehearse the range of wonderful songs that they sang. They performed brilliantly over the two shows and did themselves proud! Well done to all of our children and many thanks to our KS1 staff for their hard work in putting the story together.

Wimpole Cross-Country Run

On Tuesday 28 November, children from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Cambridgeshire Cross-Country Competition at Wimpole Hall where our pupils competed against children from other schools within their respective year groups.

The weather was kind to our runners who completed the mile-long course in spectacular surroundings, taking to the trails in front of Wimpole Hall.

Congratulations to Ella in Y4 who finished 2nd in the girls' race and to Ruth in Y4 who came away with a Spirit of the Games certificate for the determination she showed throughout the morning.



Many thanks to all staff and parent volunteers for accompanying the children at this event and congratulations to all of our runners; you were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary School.

IVC Swimming Gala

On Tuesday 5 December, some of our Year 5 & 6 children took part in a swimming gala at Impington Village College and spent the morning competing against other schools in a range of disciplines.

The children took part in breast stroke, freestyle, t-shirt and float races and ended the morning finishing second overall, just behind Histon Juniors who took first place.

Congratulations to all who took part and many thanks, as always, to the wonderful team of volunteers who came out to support our swimmers.

Miss Browne Meet & Greet

A reminder that on Wednesday 13 of December, Miss Browne will be available in the Maple classroom for an informal meet & greet ahead of her official start in the New Year. If you would like to pop along and say hello between 1530 and 1615, please sign in at the school office before visiting the classroom.

Child Protection Training for Volunteers

Further to last week's ParentMail, a reminder that I will be running a Basic Child Protection training session for anyone who currently volunteers in school or is thinking of offering their time to support us on trips or in classrooms.

The session is designed to inform you of safeguarding procedures and provide you with advice on safer working practice to support you in your role in school. The training will run from 0900 – 1030 on Wednesday 10 January.

If you would like to attend this session, then please inform the office by Friday 5 January so that I have an idea of numbers ahead of the training.

Year 3 Bikeability

Congratulations to all of our Year 3 pupils who took part in Bikeability Level 1 training on Friday 1 December.

The children took to the playground for the morning and, alongside staff from the Bikeability team, learnt the rudiments of road safety and basic bike control. Well done all!

Diary Dates

Mrs Whitworth's Leaving Celebration: Thursday 14 December (all welcome in Cherry Class, 1600 – 1700)

Christmas Concert (Ticket only): Thursday 14 December (1900 – 2030)

EYFS Nativity: Friday 15 December (0900 – 1000)

Carol Concert (all welcome): Tuesday 19 December (0900 – 1000)

End of term: Tuesday 19 December

Inset: Wednesday 3 January

School reopens: Thursday 4 January

FOGG Tree Shredding Event: Sunday 7 January

Christmas Wishes

This will be the final issue of the school newsletter before the end of term so I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very merry Christmas on behalf of everyone at Girton Glebe Primary School and thank you for the continued support you have shown this term.

Best wishes,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher