

Girton Glebe Newsletter

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The last fortnight has been an incredibly exciting time at Girton Glebe Primary School and the classrooms have been their usual hive of activity. Please read on for a round-up of our recent highlights...

Golden Mile Success

In the short time that our pupils have been taking part in The Golden Mile, they have covered an astonishing 1100 miles around our school playground and, over the last week, we have been handing out our first certificates for children who have run over 10 miles.



Well done to all pupils who have received certificates – we will be handing out more at the beginning of next half term and I look forward to seeing our runners take to the track after the break!

Year 3 Fun-Triton

On Thursday 1 February, our Year 3 pupils were visited by an ambassador from Premier Sport who spent an hour with the children, completing activities from their Fun-Triton programme.

The aim of Fun-Triton is to inspire children, parents and teachers to make healthy lifestyle choices through a range of cross-curricular tasks.

The children spent time in the school hall completing challenges designed to make them think about the principles of keeping healthy – eating well, drinking well, moving well and sleeping well.



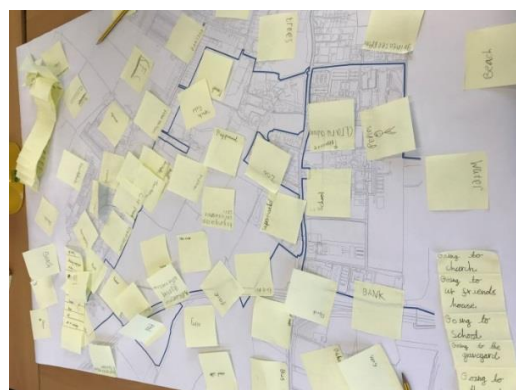
The pupils worked collaboratively on all the tasks and came up with some incredibly thought-provoking ideas during the morning's session. Well done to all of our Year 3 pupils who took part!

North West Cambridge Development

On Monday 29 January, Girton Glebe Primary School welcomed experts from the North West Cambridge Development and Cambridge Archaeological Unit to learn about town planning.

During a whole-school assembly, the pupils were introduced the principles of town planning and were shown how the site's archaeology had evolved.

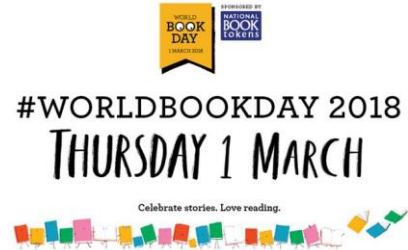
Two workshops were then held for Year 5 and 6 which allowed the children to think about what they wanted to see in a new town and to consider the infrastructure needed to move about. The pupils also handled archaeological finds from the site including pottery and a skull!





At this week's staff meeting we looked at additional provision for outdoor learning in order to utilise the wonderful spaces we have around our grounds, and also covered procedures and planning for educational visits.

World Book Day 2018



Vision Express

Staff from Vision Express visited Year 6 this week to talk about the importance of maintaining good eye health.

The children watched a presentation on how the eye works and how they could better look after their eyes.



They were also shown what it is like having to live with cataracts, and wore special glasses to demonstrate what a difficult condition this is to live with. Wearing the glasses, the children then had to sort different coloured sweets into bowls. This proved rather difficult!

Thanks to Deepali Modha from Vision Express for coming to visit us.

School Development

Last week's staff meeting was led by Sarah Batchelor, English Adviser from the local authority, who came to deliver work on the teaching of spelling and phonics. We also spent time last week planning ahead for our E-Safety week which begins on Monday 3 March.

This year, in celebration of World Book Day, we are inviting the children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

Get your thinking caps on and let's see if we can fill our classrooms with your favourites!

Diary Dates

Spring Term Class Assemblies – Fridays (0900 - 0930)

Oak: 9 March

Ash: 23 March

University of Hertfordshire School of Physics & Astronomy

Visit: Tuesday 20 February (all children will spend a session in the inflatable planetarium in the school hall)

World Book Day: Thursday 1 March (Dress up as your favourite book character)

French Breakfast Information Session for Year 6 Parents: Friday 2 March (0900)

E-Safety Week: Monday 5 – Friday 9 March

Year 6 Trip to France: Monday 12 – Friday 16 March

Science Week: Monday 19 – Friday 23 March

Parent Consultations (EYFS – Y5): Tuesday 20 March (1530 – 1900), Thursday 22 March (1530 – 1800)

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher