



Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Over the final fortnight of the Spring Term, Girton Glebe Primary School has hosted a range of amazing activities. Please read on to see what our pupils and staff have been doing...

Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that, on Monday 26 March we appointed Miss Rachael Evans to the role of Key Stage 2 class teacher, a position which will begin in September 2018. Unfortunately, due to family commitments, Ms Christie will be leaving us at the end of the summer term. Ms Christie has worked at Girton Glebe since October 2016 and has been a valuable part of our teaching team. We will, of course, be giving her a Girton Glebe send-off at the end of the summer term.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to Miss Davidson for the incredible work that she has done teaching our Year 6 pupils over the last half-term! It has been a real pleasure having her on our teaching team and we wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Following the Easter break, Mr Tom Austin will join us as Year 6 class teacher and Assistant Headteacher.

Ash Class Go Green!

On Thursday 22 March, our EYFS pupils spent the day off-site visiting Cambridge Botanic Gardens.



The children had a fabulous time exploring the gardens and the trip was designed to support the topic work they had been doing on 'Growing' in school. Throughout the day, the children got to apply their maths and measuring skills as they visited the gardens and greenhouses with magnifying glasses and tape measures. They also bought some British bluebells which they have planted in our forest area.

Well done to Foundation Stage for being such wonderful ambassadors for Girton Glebe Primary whilst visiting the Botanic Gardens!



School Survey

Your feedback and opinions are always valued by us in order for us to provide the best experience for pupils and parents at Girton Glebe Primary School. Therefore, I would ask that you please take a few minutes to complete our online survey and share your views with us.

You can complete the survey between now and Friday 20 April via the following link or QR code:

https://esurv.org/?u=Girton_Glebe_Parent_Questionnaire_2018



Science Week

March 19 - 23 saw our children enjoy a wonderful array of tasks and activities to celebrate Girton Glebe's 2018 Science Week. Throughout the week, we hosted a number of exciting workshops and assemblies, much of which was linked to the STEM Polar Explorer Programme that our pupils are involved with.

Science Week was a huge success and it was wonderful to hear our pupils talk with so much enthusiasm about the activities that they had been involved in. Many thanks to our visitors for providing such wonderful experiences for our children.

Special thanks must also go to Mrs Storer for all of her hard work in putting together the Science Week timetable, organising visitors and ensuring that there was a wealth of engaging work taking place around school!

Sport Relief

Thanks to all for supporting our Sport Relief events during the week of March 19. The healthy selfies that children brought in are incredible and are all on display on our Team GG board in the corridor near Willow class – if you still have one of these photos at home, we would love to see it. Keep them coming!

An enormous thank you to all for your dedication in coming to school in fancy dress on Friday 23! It was lovely to see classrooms and corridors filled with sports stars – you all looked wonderful!



School Development

This week teachers have spent time together planning topic work for the next term and, during the Inset on Monday 16 April, all Girton Glebe staff will be completing Step On training led by the Specialist Teaching Team. Step On training provides foundation knowledge in understanding and responding to behaviour within schools.

Library Book Amnesty

There are a number of overdue library books, so please check and return items either to the blue trolley in the library or via the class teacher. *Harry Potter* and *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* are popular as ever - all copies of these are currently out - so returning overdue copies helps others enjoy them too!

School Uniform

Ahead of summer term, a reminder that open-toe shoes and sandals are not suitable for school and are not part of our uniform. For a reminder on uniform, visit <https://girtonglebe.com/school-uniform>

Year 4 Singfest Workshop

On Wednesday 21 March, our Year 4 pupils took part in the Singfest local cluster workshop where they travelled to Orchard Park to spend the morning alongside three other schools. Throughout the morning, our pupils performed 'On Top of the World' by Imagine Dragons and took part in a number of singing games and activities. Our pupils will sing this song again in June during the Singfest celebration and will soon be receiving three one-hour training sessions which will prepare them for this performance.

Lost Property

There is a significant amount of Lost Property accumulating in cloakrooms and around school. Please ensure all items of school-wear are named, including PE kit and shoes, to help us reduce lost property and improve tidiness in cloakrooms.

Diary Dates

End of term: Thursday 29 March

Inset Day: Monday 16 April

School reopens: Tuesday 17 April

BMX Assembly & Workshops: Tuesday 17 April

Big Pedal Begins: Monday 23 April – Friday 4 May

Year 5 Maths Challenge: Thursday 3 May

KS2 SATs: Monday 14 – Thursday 17 May

Have a lovely Easter break!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher