

Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Spring has finally sprung and the sun has been shining in and around Girton Glebe Primary School! Our pupils are hard at work and there have been a wealth of exciting activities taking place around school, from fundraisers to educational visits. Please read on for a round-up of the last fortnight's news and events...

Jumble Sale Success

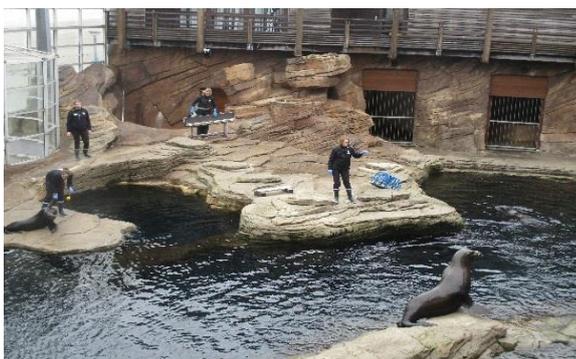
On Saturday 10 March FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) hosted the spring jumble sale in the school hall, selling clothing, toys and games, books, bric-a-brac and cakes and refreshments.

Thank you to all FOGG members and school staff who helped organise this event. Your dedication is hugely appreciated and you helped to raise over £1000 for Girton Glebe Primary School – an amazing achievement!

Thanks also to parents, carers and members of the local community who came out to support this event by purchasing items from the jumble sale, funds from which will help us to provide further opportunities for the children attending our school. The jumble sale was incredibly well attended and it was lovely to see so many people out in support of Girton Glebe Primary School. Thank you!

Our Year 6 Pupils Head to France

On March 12, our Year 6 children departed for a week in France led by four hugely-dedicated members of staff. The coach left school at 8.15am, with pupils and parents waving a fond farewell before the children made the journey to Criel-sur-Mer. Here they spent the week staying in the gorgeous Château de Chantereine.



The itinerary for the week included a visit to WWI battlefields, a guided tour of Rouen, croissant making, a trip to Nausicaa (the National Sea Centre) and a tour of a farm. During their tour of the farm, the children had a lot of fun visiting the goats, seeing how cheese is made and were fortunate enough to see a cow give birth!

Whilst buying crepes in Rouen, the shop owner was so impressed by our children's manners and French that she gave the entire group free churros!



Daily updates were sent by Miss Pyle via ParentMail and information was shared throughout the day on the school's Twitter feed @GirtonGlebePS



Huge thanks to Miss Pyle, Mrs Tate, Mrs Sebley and Miss Davidson for accompanying the children on this trip! The pupils were fabulous ambassadors for Girton Glebe whilst they were in France and, during their stay, we received glowing feedback from Kingswood about the visit – well done, children!

A Very Generous Donation

In the last edition of the newsletter I thanked Streets Chartered Accountants for their kind donation towards the installation of our new fire doors in the school hall.

This week, Atkins have informed me that, through a cake sale and a quiz in their office they have raised over £100 which they will be donating to the school to go towards covering the cost of this maintenance work. We are incredibly grateful for this offer and are very privileged to receive the support that we do from the local community.

Sport Relief

Just a reminder that next week is Sport Relief and we have set two challenges for our pupils.

Throughout the week we are encouraging pupils to bring in healthy selfies showing them enjoying their favourite sport – these will then be put on display in the corridor as Team GG where we hope to create our own Olympic team of Girton Glebe superstars.

On Friday, the children have been invited to come to school dressed as their favourite sports stars and we can't wait to see which legends and heroes will be turning up on the day! In conjunction with this, the children are asked to bring a donation for wearing fancy dress with all proceeds going to Sport Relief.

Polar Explorer Programme

You may remember that five of our pupils were fortunate enough to have flags, which they had designed in celebration of Antarctica Day, taken to Desolation Island to be displayed alongside those created by other children from across the globe. Last week, we received a number of photos of these flags – proof that they had reached their destination! We also received certificates for the children who designed the flags and these were presented in assembly by Mrs Storer.



Congratulations to Amy and Callum in Year 6 and to Felix, Henry and William in Year 5 for their designs!

On Wednesday 14 March, our Year 5 pupils and those Year 6 pupils who didn't travel to France hopped on the bus to Cambridge to spend time at the Scott Polar Museum.

The children had a fabulous time visiting the lecture theatre, completing tasks around the museum and finding out about pink penguin poo (it can be seen from space, apparently).

The children asked some very thoughtful questions and were great ambassadors for Girton Glebe – well done all, and many thanks to Mrs Storer for organising this event!



School Development

Last week's staff meeting focussed on further strategies for delivering fluency in maths and mental maths activities and this week, staff spent time preparing assessment data for their classes.

With parent consultations taking place next week, there will be no staff meeting but the Wednesday of the final week will be an opportunity for staff to plan topic work together ahead of the summer term.

Healthy Schools Initiative

A reminder that next week we will be launching our Healthy School initiative, as previously communicated, and we will be rewarding children for bringing healthy snacks and making balanced choices at lunchtime. Please see the Snack Guidance letters for further clarification.

Diary Dates

Science Week: Monday 19 – Friday 23 March

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

End of term: Thursday 29 March

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Andrew Simpson

Headteacher