



# Girton Glebe Newsletter

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Last week we welcomed our pupils back for the beginning of the Summer Term and already the school has been a hive of activity. As you will have seen on the list of dates which I circulated last week, the Summer Term is an incredibly busy time of year, and here is a round-up of the last fortnight's activities at Girton Glebe Primary School...

## Staffing Update

I am pleased to announce that, on March 31, Mrs Fitch gave birth to Jenson Jamie Fitch. Jenson weighed in at 9lbs 7oz – mother and child are doing incredibly well and we wish the family all the very best in this next chapter of their lives.

## FOGG Easter Event

Many thanks to FOGG (Friends of Girton Glebe) who did a fabulous job in organising and running the Easter Event which took place at the very end of the Spring Term. Through Easter games, a café and a tombola, FOGG raised over £400 for the school!

## Mike Mullen: BMX Academy

On Tuesday 17 April we welcomed Mike Mullen from BMX Academy to Girton Glebe to deliver an assembly and series of engaging workshops based around Growth Mindset learning.

Mike is a former BMX world champion and he shared stories of his achievements with our pupils, describing how his failures led to his success. We were also introduced to a new word – flearning (learning through failure).



Following his whole-school assembly, where he discussed his influences and setbacks, Mike put on a 10-minute skills demonstration on the playground, where he showed us some of the tricks which made him a world champion, before he jumped over a line of seven members of school staff!

Mike then worked with our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils, taking them out on to the playground and pushing them outside of their comfort zones as they learnt BMX tricks. He then spent 90 minutes with our staff after school leading a training session on growth mindset and mindfulness.

Growth Mindset forms a key part of our learning philosophy at Girton Glebe and if you would like to know more about how we support our children with developing resilience, please see the information we have on our school website at <https://girtonglebe.com/growth-mindset-learning>.

If you would like to find out more about Mike and the work he does through his BMX Academy, please visit <http://www.bmxacademy.com>.



It is wonderful to hear the positive way in which pupils at Girton Glebe discuss their approaches to learning and failure within lessons and we now have a 'Flearning' display on the main corridor where staff will be writing down comments which they overhear our children using during lessons. Their positivity is hugely inspiring and I think these lovely gems of resilience ought to be shared across the school!



## The Big Pedal

Many thanks to all parents, carers and pupils who have taken to bikes and scooters this week in support of The Big Pedal 2018!

The bike sheds and bike & scooter pods have been bursting at the seams and, as our daily totals are entered on to The Big Pedal database, we currently stand in 60<sup>th</sup> position out of more than 300 schools nationally.



We still have one more week of pedalling and scooting left, so there's time to dig out those wheels yet!

## Outdoor Learning Resources

Our staff have been working very hard to find wider opportunities to use our extensive outdoor spaces in day-to-day learning and we are grateful to Mr Smart for having created some wonderful outdoor learning resources with the children in Foundation Stage.



Pictured above are a number of chalk boards, a chess board and a comfort zones block drying in the sun.

It has been wonderful to see our pupils making use of the forest, field and millennium garden during lesson times and break times; the entire site has been a hive of learning and discussion! Well done all!

## School Development

During the Inset on Monday 16 April, all Girton Glebe staff completed Step On training led by the Specialist Teaching Team. Step On training provides foundation knowledge in understanding and responding to behaviour within schools.

In staff meetings this week we have been reviewing our own systems in response to this training and have also spent time analysing pupil data and progress.

## School Survey 2018

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.

A reminder that there is still time to complete the 2018 survey and we would greatly appreciate you sharing your views and experiences with us.

[https://esurv.org/?u=Girton\\_Glebe\\_Parent\\_Questionnaire\\_2018](https://esurv.org/?u=Girton_Glebe_Parent_Questionnaire_2018)



## Diary Dates

**May Day Bank Holiday:** Monday 7 May

**Half term:** Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June

**Inset:** Monday 4 June

**Final day of term:** Tuesday 24 July

**Big Pedal:** Monday 23 April – Friday 4 May

**Oak Class Cake Sale:** Friday 11 May

**Year 5 Grafham Residential:** Monday 14 – Wednesday 16 May

**Year 6 SATs Week:** Monday 14 – Thursday 17 May

**Year 2 SATs:** Completed during the week of May 21

**Year 4 Team Building Activity:** Monday 14 May

**Class Photos:** Monday 21 May

**Pool Resus Training for Parents:** Wednesday 6 June (0900 & 1800)

Thank you for your continued support,

*Mr Andrew Simpson*

Headteacher